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## **Hon'ble Chairperson Mamata Banerjee Sounds The Poll Bugle: "Brigader Gorjon, BJP'r Bisorjon"**

"BENGAL WILL DECIDE HOW THE COUNTRY WILL RUN AND SHOW THE WAY FORWARD"

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- The first thing I will talk about here is that **an Election Commissioner resigned yesterday. News reports showed how they have tried taking over forceful control of Bengal and he [the Election Commissioner] didn't accept this. We salute him from this meeting for not succumbing to the pressure. This proves that they [Centre] are misusing the Election Commission. They are a blot on the election and are working under the directives of the BJP government**
- What guarantee are they giving? There is no value in their guarantee, which led to an increase in LPG cooking gas cylinders. Ahead of elections, they reduce prices by Rs 100 and then after polls, increase it by Rs 1,000. They have earned Rs 70,000 crore through an increase in cooking gas prices. Didn't they think about the poor? Where was this guarantee then?
- Even the MGNREGA guarantee is a constitutional right. **We spent Rs 72,000 crore and created more than 3 crore mandays.** They are angry because we were first in MGNREGA implementation generating a record number of mandays. They have sent over 455 central teams and talk about the misappropriation of funds but I demand them to give an account. When they haven't released the funds for the past three financial years, how can they be misappropriated?
- **Earlier, we thought that only 21 lakh MGNREGA workers were not paid their wages. But following a field survey done by us, we learned that 59 lakh workers were not given their wages even after working for 2 years. Our government gave these workers their money**
- They said they gave Rs 43,000 crore to Bengal for the Awas Yojana but we siphoned it off. Modi babu, if your officers have given you these facts, verify and cross-check them. We have created houses along with giving our share of the funds. I will now tell what happened three years ago, Centre had given Rs 29,000 crore and we had given Rs 20,000 crore. We also gave the land. But after that, they did not give any funds for the houses for 2 years now
- **Despite scrutinising over 11 lakh names, the funds for their houses have not been released. If they don't give money for 11.36 lakh eligible Awas beneficiaries by May 1, the State Government will make the houses for these beneficiaries**
- Bengal will become self-reliant if people give us the mandate. All metro projects were assigned during my tenure and now he is just cutting the ribbon for inauguration. **BJP won 18 MPs but did nothing for the state.** They have stopped everything and began their torture

- The state developed 22,000 roads under its Pathasree scheme Even before that, 1 lakh roads were developed and we will keep doing it. **We will do Gangasagar Setu and Ghatal Master Plan among others**
- Be it people from Rajbanshi, Nepali, Gorkha, Tapasili, Adivasi, Brahmin, Kayastha, Sikh, Christian, Jain, or any other community, the people of North Bengal should know I'm there for them. We are with the people of the hills and the Rajbanshis. We are with every community.
- **Matua brothers, they tried to cancel your Aadhaar cards. But after they saw my *gorjon*, they stopped their plan. Ahead of elections, BJP talks about CAA. But after the polls are over, they backtrack on their claims. They will snatch everything you have and force you to go to the other side, but I will not allow anyone to go to the detention camp and provide shelter. I will not allow NRC or CAA here**
- We have named our employment scheme as Karmasree. If we can provide 45 days of work, we can provide 50 days of employment in a year. But we can only do this if people stand by us, give us strength, and engage in *gorjon* in every village and district
- **We will have to walk with all communities together. However, they call a Sikh officer a Khalistani. Muslim brothers are called Pakistani. Dalits and Tapasilis are tortured. Teams are dispatched to Bengal even when there is no issue. But when women were paraded naked in Manipur, what did BJP do to stop it? How many teams were sent to Manipur?**
- Our minority brothers were recently kicked by a cop in Delhi. They even stopped coverage of the incident. Same with the Khalistani case as the media was instructed not to cover it. **They are trying to loot the elections. This was proved by the Election Commissioner's resignation yesterday**
- ED will try to raid again. Do not be afraid and ask for proper documents if they want to raid your house. I appeal to the judiciary to not follow BJP's directives when people go to them for justice
- **I am not attacking someone individually but talking about the system as a whole. Somebody who was sitting on the chair until recently let go of his mask and is now touching the feet of others and kissing their hands. He has taken away the jobs of people and now the people will deliver justice to them**
- We should unanimously say this – *Brigader Gorjon, BJPir Bisorjon; Gram Banglay Gorjon, BJPir Bisorjon*
- We have tried to give candidates as per a lot of considerations. Those who didn't get the tickets this time will contest the Assembly polls or will be given organisational responsibilities
- **It is Trinamool vs BJP in Bengal and we will fight alone here again. Our party will contest in Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Meghalaya too. We have had a dialogue with Akhilesh on this**
- **In the coming days, Bengal will give direction to the country and show the way forward**

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