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'BJP Is Murdering Democracy'

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- We will seek another appointment with the Election Commission in a couple of days following proper protocol. The evidence shared by us – from the visitor's log book to the lease agreement of SP's house – is extremely serious. If the poll panel still fails to take any action, we will announce our next course of action
- **We are not only accusing the NIA SP but also the NIA Director without whose permission his subordinate could not have met a political functionary at his house, especially while the MCC is in place**
- When the BJP raised accusations against the West Bengal DG, the commission changed DG twice in 48 hours. Why aren't they changing the NIA director? NIA is not being handled by the Union Home Ministry as the Election Commission has taken charge. The poll commission cannot shirk off its responsibilities. We hope that the partisan attitude of the election commission is checked
- **The biggest festival of democracy is the elections. The EC and the BJP are trying to murder democracy using the polls. This is very disappointing.** People who will be going to vote or those in charge of elections – such as the booth presidents – are being sent notices, interrogated, or arrested. The central agencies are reaching their houses and throwing the women out while dragging them by their hair
- **They have even manhandled women in front of the Election Commission office in Delhi and put them inside police vans. This is even more barbaric than the medieval days. This will be remembered as a black day in history**
- When we narrated these issues in front of the Governor yesterday, he too was on the same page with us. He agreed that our demands are legitimate. We will continue this fight till the Election Commission takes concrete steps against this and engages in course correction. **Once**

we meet the Governor – be it today or the day after – we will declare our political programme

- Those who are saying that the meeting between the BJP leader and the NIA SP did not take place, should know that the BJP leader was wearing a white shirt and had a packet in his hand. When the BJP leader came out of his home, there was no packet in his hand. We will submit high-quality footage of the same to the Supreme Court
- **BJP is scared and is not able to keep the faith in the people. BJP is doing these things as it is scared of people. Otherwise, why would they murder democracy in the biggest festival of democracy? They are trying their best to make sure that the people cannot exercise their rights in the elections**
- They are selectively targeting the Opposition candidates and even the *anchal* presidents. Just because a sitting Chief Minister did not bow down to them, he was arrested. Every citizen in the country should try and understand the story of the two Hemants in India – one is Hemant Soren and the other is Himanta Biswa Sarma
- One Himanta has taken refuge with the BJP. He was named in the Sarada scam but since he's with the BJP now, he didn't even get any summons from ED or CBI let alone get arrested for his involvement. The other is Hemant Soren, who didn't bow down to the BJP. This is why just two months before the elections, despite being a sitting CM, he was arrested by ED-CBI. The people of the nation will now do justice
- The ones who do not give importance to the power of the people in a democracy and consider themselves to be the all-powerful, think that it will go their way or the highway, the people will always show them their real place. **The outcome that the BJP is going to face on June 4 this year is going to be much worse than what they faced in Bengal in 2021**
- *If BJP will cross the 200 mark this year:* If the reporters are asking this question, it means that they do not believe it themselves. BJP was claiming '*Abki baar 400 paar*'. This shows that the target that BJP has set for its own party workers is also a Jumla. Whether they cross the 200-mark or not will be decided by the people. The BJP has no faith in whether the people will elect them or not and that is why they are engaging in such unconstitutional activities
- **BJP is so insecure about the elections that it is trying to do away with the entire opposition. They want to play on an empty field and are using the central agencies to achieve the same.** They do not want to give an alternative option to the people. This means only one thing - they are trying to destroy democracy. The BJP does not want a level playing field. They do not want peaceful, fair, and democratic elections to be held
- **The PM is saying that his fight is against corruption. I request he start this fight by taking action against Himanta Biswa Sarma, Ajit Pawar, and Suvendu Adhikari. If you combine these three, then the level of the scam is almost Rs 1.5-2 lakh crores. The BJP is not taking action against its own leaders yet they want everyone to believe that their fight is against corruption**
- **We want BJP to fight against corruption but the problem is that they are engaging in pick and choose method. The ones who are seeking refuge with BJP are suddenly becoming clean.** And for the ones who are refusing to bow down to you, you are sending ED-CBI to their homes. I firmly believe that the country is safe because the judiciary still exists
- **I am hopeful that people will not accept these kinds of people or politics. People do not support this kind of rule and governance. We have seen people rejecting this brand of politics repeatedly. Take the example of CPI(M). Did they ever think that they won't be in power in Bengal? Today they stand at zero. Just wait and see what happens to the BJP**