



10th Legislative Assembly Election-2012

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The Manipur Pradesh Trinamool Congress is contesting 47 seats in the 60 Assembly Constituencies of Manipur. The party places before the electorate a five-year programme and for its implementation. We appeal the electorates to constitute a new Government in Manipur led by the Trinamool Congress.

The 10th State Assembly Election in Manipur is being held in the backdrop of an unprecedented chaos, uncertainties and anarchy. There is untold story of the devastating psychological and social consequences, in addition to the physical trauma. The need of the hour is that, both the Centre and State Governments must have the will power to solve and reach an early settlement of this aggravated issue. An all-inclusive, sustained and result oriented structured dialogue is what we require. We pledge to facilitate the efforts being made to rejuvenate the sagging peace and developmental process in the state.

The myriad problems facing the state need concret attention. The Trinamool Congress is determined to address this issues and bring about amicable solution to the prevailing man-made sufferings of our people. With the support of the people, the Trinamool Congress with firm determination assure a change. Thus we offer:

SOCIO-POLITICAL CONCERNS :

1) **Effective and Transparent Governance.**

The scourge of corruption with all its manifestations has touched such a high level that people have lost faith in the administration and the government. Nepotism, favouritism, malpractices, embezzlements have become order of the day. The Party will work for effective and transparent governance.

2) **Unity and Peaceful Co-existence.**

Today Love, respect and understanding is missing among us and hence integrity is threatened. Manipur Pradesh Trinamool Congress will take up all possible steps so that we live united with love and mutual respect.

3) **Protection and Development of Lifelines.**

4) **Implementation of Inner-line permit system(ILP) as done in other North Eastern States.**

5) **Protected Area permit will be removed totally.**

6) **Amicable Political solution of insurgency problems.**

7) **Youths, An Agent of Change.**

Youth are confronted with the phantom of unemployment in its most severe form due to the bankrupt policies and corruption pursued by successive governments. Growing unemployment affects both urban and rural masses in the state as never before. The youth who constituted the majority of electorate in the previous elections have been grossly cheated by the successive governments on the issue of employment throughout their tenures. Even those who are apparently employed in the name of ad-hoc, contractual, seasonal, casual labour and daily wage-basis are in severe distress. The party will work for an employment policy of the state. A comprehensive

policy have to be evolved which includes creation of a credible and transparent mechanism for government jobs. Meanwhile, immediate measures will be taken to provide unemployment allowance for our educated youth. The party will also work for the employment opportunity.

8) Women Empowerment

64 years of Independent India could not offer a unique opportunity for genuine socio-economic development and advancement of women of the state. Today women of the state face burden of class, ethnic, gender and conflict. They are engaged in the most serious, most difficult and most decisive battle of destiny, survival and empowerment. The party believe that special provisions in favour of this segment of society alone can help in their empowerment. We pledge to fight for upholding the rights of women, including reservation for them in the elected bodies. This will go a long way in their empowerment and overall development. We also pledge to struggle for enactment of a law against the trafficking of women and children, to bring in special measures to provide financial support to victims of crime, domestic violence and HIV/AIDS, to enact a law to deal with sexual assault and child sexual abuse to enact a law for joint matrimonial property rights for women, to enact legislation to punish those guilty of crime against women and children, to ensure that all departments effectively implement a gender budgeting policy with one third allocations of resources for women. Also for increasing allocation for social welfare schemes, for ensuring pension schemes for all widows and the aged and maternity benefits to all eligible women. We will also work for treating SHGs as a priority and provide them with loans at 4 % per annum and ensuring adequate training and marketing support for their products. The party will also support the 33 % women's reservation bill.

9) Human Rights

Focus will be on the withdrawal of all the draconian laws. The disproportionate presence of the security forces in Manipur is a main anger for the common man. The party will strive for gradual reduction of the security forces in the state.

10) We will ensure Formation of State Legislative Council for representation of smaller ethnic groups

11) Human Resource Development:

The present system of education is defective. It produces a large number of youth without chances of suitable employment. The Party will endeavour to reform the system; and make it respond to the requirements of the modern age and local situation. Right to Education Act, 2009 must be implemented to strengthen democracy in the state. The intake capacity of universities and colleges, including professional ones, should be increased so that the students of the poor families are not deprived of the opportunity for higher studies. The party will work for "education for all," and "employment for all."

ECONOMIC CONCERNS :

1. India's Look East Policy :

Manipur has not been suffering from lack of natural resources, but the attitude of the Centre and State has virtually undermined the sentiments of the people. Owing to the absence of proper infrastructure, the full potential of the state could not be tapped. Infrastructure development is a fundamental prerequisite for a meaningful involvement of the state in India's Look East Policy and Globalization process. All these will require huge investment; and, therefore it is imperative that adequate fund flow for public investment needs to be assured. The party will work to formulate a comprehensive strategy for the speedy development of the state.

The infrastructure projects should be taken up on war footing without disturbing the social and cultural identities of the various ethnic groups of the state.

2. Retail Trade :

The Party will not allow the entry of FDI in the retail trade in Manipur. It will adopt measures to safeguard the interests of small and tiny retail traders and vendors.

3. Promotion of the Dignity of Labourers, Farmers, Fishermen and un-organised sectors *such as rickshaw pullers, street vendors etc. etc.*

4. Agriculture/Horticulture Sector:

Agriculture despite being the primary sector of our economy continues to be victim of the criminal neglect. The benefits of modern methods of cultivation do not reach the marginal peasant or fruit grower.. We even don't have a single cold-storage facility. We are committed to struggle for evolving a comprehensive, **farmer friendly agricultural policy** with emphasis on the following: a) More public investment should be made in irrigation, power, infrastructure facilities, and science and technology in agriculture to ensure sustained growth in agricultural production and protect the interests of the majority of the peasantry. b) Production and use of safe and improved varieties of seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and use of modern techniques in agricultural production should be encouraged, c) Special credit allocation with credit card facility should be made available for serving the interests of rural artisans and peasants. The interest rate for institutional credit in agriculture and associated sub-sectors should be reduced. d) Cooperatives should be encouraged and their structure and functioning should be democratised. e) A comprehensive and subsidised crop insurance scheme at minimum premium rate for all crops should be

implemented. f) Steps should be taken to promote the growth of agro based and food processing industries to ensure better prices for farm produce and to encourage rural employment. g) Serious efforts need to be taken to promote poultry, sericulture, floriculture, fish rearing and dairy farming. Sheep rearing and animal husbandry, which have remained neglected, need to be provided all possible support so that the production of meat, milk and wool increases. These areas play an important role in rural life, substantially supplementing the income of rural households.

5. Public Distribution System (PDS):

The successive governments have virtually destroyed and dismantled the public distribution system in the state. The targeted PDS has proved an abject failure. Hence there must be universalisation of the public distribution system. All essential commodities with adequate quantity of food grains should be distributed through the PDS, which must be equipped with a well-knitted and expanded network of fair price shops. A well plan policy will be framed so as to provide the most deserving citizens.

6. Promotion of Tourism Sector:

Though Manipur has huge Tourism resources, this sector is hit hard by the lack of concern of the SPF concern. Our party will focus on 'eco-tourism' and 'cultural tourism' which can guarantee non-interference in our environment, besides promising thousands of jobs to our unemployed youth. While further developing the existing tourist places, cultural centres and health resorts, the new tourist resorts would have to be identified and developed properly. We will work for a new tourism policy.

7. To initiate Equitable Development for Hills (Tribals), Minorities, and remote areas of the state. For so long they have been neglected and denied of developmental benefits.

OTHERS IN THE SOCIAL DIMENSION

3. Health Care System :

The public health system in Manipur is in disarray. The party will strive to improve the health care system for all. The Drug Control Act will be vigorously implemented to check price rise and assure the supply of quality drugs. We will ask for special outlays for preventive medicine and eradication of diseases like malaria, tuberculosis, cancer and AIDS. Health insurance and mediclaim policies on subsidised premium for the employees and people below poverty line has to be pursued vigorously.

4. Basic Civic Amenities:

To launch a Unique plan for generation of sufficient Power supply to meet the present crisis of electricity. Improvement of Dilapidated roads and to provide adequate Pure drinking water. The party will strive for providing these basic facilities on priority.

5. Environment:

Political instability in this region has affected the environment and water resources to the hilt. It is distressing to see our prized possessions, like forest wealth and water bodies became victims of criminal negligence. The Party will formulate an environment policy which will be integrated with the needs of rapid and sustainable development.

6. Employees Welfare:

The impediment in implementation of sixth pay commission recommendations create uncertainty and unrest among the employees in the state. We will strive for the implementation of the sixth pay commission recommendations in the state. We will also work for the regularisation of the services of ad hoc, consolidated and contractual employees. We will also strive for increase in minimum wages for the daily wagers.

7. Welfare of Journalists:

The party will voice the demand for their overall welfare which includes establishing of press clubs at the district level. Given the problems they face in delivering their professional duties in this conflict ridden zone, setting up of residential colonies for them in Manipur is the need of the hour. Moreover, there should be an independent "wage board" for the working journalists at par with the centre so that they get reasonable wages for their work.

8. Promotion of Tribal Dialects to promote composite culture.

9. Building cordial relationship with neighbouring states.

10. Acceleration of Railway works for better Transport and Communication.

To keep peace, tranquillity and democratic atmosphere in Manipur, to have unity and peaceful co-existence of the state by defeating the forces of anarchy, terror, communalism and fundamentalism; to defend the rights of the common people of the state; to carry on pro-people policies; to ensure calm, peaceful and healthy atmosphere and, *To keep the State of Manipur at the forefront against anti-people policies of Congress, defeat the Congress and isolate communal forces and ensure the Trinamool Congress nominated candidates' victory to the 10th Manipur Legislative Assembly Election.* The success of the Party candidates will bring us closer to a democratic and egalitarian society. This is the time to choose your Government.

Change we want
&
Change we can.

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