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CBI's Motive Is To Stall 'Trinamoole Nabo Jowar' At Any Cost; I Dare The CBI To Arrest Me If There's An Iota Of Proof Of Corruption, Says AITC National Gen Secy Abhishek Banerjee

"BJP UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT '*TRINAMOOLE NABO JOWAR*' HAS RECEIVED IMMENSE POPULARITY & SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE OF BENGAL. '*JONO SANJOG YATRA*' IS GIVING BJP LEADERS SLEEPLESS NIGHTS"

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- My colleagues suggested that I stop our '*Jono Sanjog Yatra*' owing to the weather conditions, but I differed from their stance. **I believe that even if a handful of people wait for me at Sonamukhi, I am dutybound to continue this yatra**
- I have not come here to ask for your votes. Instead, **I am here to ask you to choose the most eligible candidate to represent in the Panchayat.** This is the best way to strengthen the hands of the people, as our '*Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*' campaign is aimed at constituting a 'people's panchayat'
- **Today is the 25th day of our yatra**, which began from Dinhata on April 25. **19th of May holds significance in our lives as it was on this day in 2016, that the Bengal Assembly Election results were declared and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee returned to power** with a thumping majority
- I was supposed to address a public meeting at Patrasayer today and then meet the bereaved family members of the victims of a lightning strike, which occurred in Indas recently. I was also supposed to meet the family members of one of our party workers, who died 15 days back
- Keeping you all as witnesses, I am admitting that I will bow my head in front of the people, but not in front of those sitting in Delhi. **We have been taught in our childhood that one should bow their head in front of God, their parents and elders in life, and in front of the people in a democracy**
- I had mentioned earlier that ours was a 60-day outreach programme, and that I would be on the road for the entire duration without stepping foot in Kolkata until the '*Jono Sanjog Yatra*' is complete
- However, as you all know that **BJP is unable to accept the fact that '*Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*' has received immense popularity and support from the people of Bengal.** They have seen pictures of the sea of crowd that have gathered at various places
- **Our programme has made BJP leaders lose their sleep. Trinamool Congress is giving BJP leaders sleepless nights.** Even though BJP leaders claim that the ruling party

is corrupt, not a single person on the streets of Bengal has spoken ill about AITC. Rather, the people are with us and that is why we are undertaking this *'Trinamool Nabo Jowar'*

- An RSS worker reached out to me to look into the issue of streetlights in his area. **The RSS worker claimed that he didn't have faith in BJP's 'Double-Engine' government, but rather in Mamata Banerjee's 'Single-Engine' government.** Whatever issues I have received so far, we have tried to resolve them
- Today, I received a call from my home around 2:30 pm, claiming that **CBI has tendered me a notice to appear before them tomorrow. It is their prerogative to summon me, but I believed that I should be given at least two days' notice**, so that I can meet those people who are waiting for me on the streets of Bengal
- In order to reach Kolkata from Bankura, I need at least five hours travel. Yet, the CBI has asked to me to reach their office at 11 am on Saturday. I consulted with my legal team, where my lawyers suggested me not to abandon the programme, which I have started for the benefit of the people. However, I said that I will return and appear before them as **CBI's motive is to stall 'Trinamoole Nabo Jowar' at any cost**
- I promise the people of Bankura that I will be appear before CBI tomorrow, and I keep a day extra in hand before returning to Bankura on May 22 with 10 times more vigour. **I challenge CBI to stop our outreach programme if they can**
- Earlier we used to believe that climate is the most powerful element, but now I say that people are the strongest, as they are pouring in numbers to attend our programme, braving the harsh weather conditions. I can only see a sea of crowd as far as my sight goes
- We are not containing ourselves to the concept of "cast your own vote", instead we are going a step ahead and asking people to select their own candidates for the upcoming Panchayat Elections. **We are giving the choice to people to select their own candidate, which is not going well with the BJP as they cannot fight us politically**
- I will bow my head in front of my parents, my party leader and in front of the people, but not before the 'outsiders' from Delhi. CBI should mark my words that the people of Bengal will fight with their heads held high
- The agencies have tried to implicate me in the Saradha Scam, Narada Sting Case, Coal Scam, Cattle Smuggling Case and now the SSC Scam. **I dare the CBI to arrest me if there is proof of any corruption against me**
- We have witnessed para-military forces on earlier occasions, and have also seen how a section of the judiciary is conspiring against us
- **The downfall of BJP must start from Bankura.** The people of this region have the option to select two MPs, I would suggest they cast their votes keeping their rights in mind. Earlier, the people had voted on the issues of religion, and while you can see the Ram Mandir being constructed, the roof over your head is still not being built as the Centre has withheld dues of the Awas Yojana and 100 Days' Work Scheme

- I had a meeting in Indas today, where over 25,000 people were waiting for me. I spoke to my leader Mamata Banerjee, who assured me that she would address the people of Indas. **The folly of BJP is such that they thought they would halt Abhishek Banerjee's event, but now Mamata Banerjee would address the meeting**
- I urge the people to fight for their rights, instead of mine. Cast your votes in the upcoming Panchayat Elections on the basis of your legitimate rights, so that the pending dues for the 100 Days' Work Scheme is cleared. **Do not cast your vote on hearsay, but on the basis of what you see in reality**
- Yesterday, I'd said that I would appear whenever I am summoned. However, CBI is not summoning those who are seen taking money on camera. Instead, **I am being summoned in a case where ED has forced the accused to name Abhishek Banerjee in the case**
- All those related to me, including my wife, my lawyer and even those working in my office, have faced ED-CBI summons. **I am challenging the CBI that if I am a culprit, then arrest me and hang me**
- I ask the agencies about the status of investigation in the case of Rabindranath Tagore's Nobel theft, which is going on for the past 15 years. Even the Saradha scam is being investigated for 10 years?
- **People generally go to jail for theft, but a new trend has emerged that people who steal money, join the BJP seeking immunity. Is the law different for those who are with BJP and different for me?**
- I am humbly telling the BJP leaders that their party would not exist after a year. However, ED and CBI will be there, the Constitution and the democracy of India will remain strong
- **Just like CPI(M)'s downfall began from Bankura, BJP's future, too, will meet the same fate.** We need to ensure that BJP leaders cannot be seen even through magnifying glass. The leaders who won from here with the help of people's vote are appeasing those in Delhi and asking them not to release the legitimate funds of the people of Bengal

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