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BJP's 'Double Engine' Are CBI & ED; After First Engine (CBI) Couldn't Achieve Anything, Second Engine (ED) Has Issued Fresh Summons, Says National Gen Secy Abhishek Banerjee

"NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE DAY PANCHAYAT POLLS ARE ANNOUNCED, I RECEIVE SUMMONS FROM ED"

"BJP LEADERS ARE RATTLED SEEING THE SUCCESS OF '*TRINAMOOLE NABO JOWAR*'. HENCE, WE ARE SEEING THESE MULTIPLE SUMMONS ISSUED AGAINST ME & MY WIFE WITH THE SHEER OBJECTIVE OF HARASSMENT"

"READY TO ATTEND ANY SUMMON AFTER JULY 8, NOT BEFORE THAT. AS NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY OF AITC, I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES; CANNOT WASTE 10 HOURS OF MY TIME BY GOING TO ED OFFICE"

"CONFIDENT THAT PEOPLE OF BENGAL WILL GIVE BJP A BEFITTING REPLY IN PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS"

"ANY BJP LEADER UNABLE FILE NOMINATIONS CAN REACH OUT TO US ON '*EK DAAKE ABHISHEK*' AND '*SORASORI MUKHYOMANTRI*'. WE WILL ENSURE EVERYONE FILES THEIR NOMINATIONS ON TIME"

"BJP DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH CANDIDATES TO FILE NOMINATIONS, HENCE RESORTING TO DELAYING TACTICS"

"TOMORROW, WE WILL HOLD OUR LAST ADHIVESHAN IN KALYANI. *GRAM BANGLAR MOTAMOT* WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AFTER TOMORROW, BUT *JONO SANJOG YATRA* WILL CONTINUE TILL KAKDWIP"

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- Today evening, I got to know that I have received a summon from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for June 13. I haven't received the physical copy yet, as I am around 200 km away from Kolkata in Nadia's Kaliganj
- The ED notice was served to me around 4.30 pm, just as my wife had left the ED office after her summoning. A month back, I had received a CBI summon and was present for questioning in Kolkata on May 20. At that time, I had appeared before the agency despite being given less than a day's notice
- I have always said that I am ready for interrogation at all times. **However, investigative agencies are aware that our *Jono Sanjog Yatra* has been underway since April 25, and it will not be possible for me to leave the yatra midway and reach ED office**
- I am not blaming the ED or CBI officials for issuing the notice against me. I have no anger, or any negative feeling towards them. **The officers are doing their duties and I am aware, they, too, have compulsions**
- However, in the last ten days, when the *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar* has gained so much support and love from people and is at its peak, we are seeing multiple instances of harassment by the central agencies, not just against me, but also my wife

- There are also times, when my nine-year-old daughter is harassed. The BJP government is trying its best to stop me and *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar*, by any means possible. **It is a pity that all their effort is falling flat, because these summons only makes my resolve stronger**
- I have mentioned this before, if the agencies have any proof against me, they better bring it into the public eye. **Just three days back, my wife was stopped at the airport and a summon was served against her at the airport.** The rules state that a person should be served the summon at home, but when have rules ever bothered this government
- She was served a summon on June 5, asking her to be present for interrogation on June 8. Nonetheless, my wife cooperated with the agencies, and went to the ED office today
- However, despite numerous hours of interrogation, they are unable to get anything concrete. **These notices are nothing but BJP's endeavour to harass me and my family, and to stop *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar* by hook, or by crook**
- **It is no coincidence that on the day when the Panchayat Elections are announced, I get a summon from ED on the very same day**
- If they need any documents, I will be happy to send them across to the agency. However, they are aware that *Jono Sanjog Yatra* is underway till June 16, where at Kakdwip, AITC Chairperson Mamata Banerjee will join the yatra. **Since the yatra is underway, I have not even a minute to spare and cannot be away for 10 hours for the investigation, since the result of the probe, like the previous instance, will be net-zero**
- **ED officials are free to call me for questioning any day after July 8, once the Panchayat polls are over. But until then, since I am the National General Secretary of AITC, I have responsibilities, which I have to fulfil, and cannot waste my time**
- Until the end of Panchayat polls, my only focus is to reach out to as many people and solve their problems. During the entire yatra, I have not taken a single day's break. Each day, we have spent at least 10 to 12 hours among the people and have tried to solve their issues
- Post the end of our *Jono Sanjog Yatra*, I will be busy with the campaigning for the Panchayat Elections. **For all these reasons, I cannot afford to waste 10 hours unnecessarily by attending the questioning on June 13**
- I always say maintained that CBI and ED are the two engines of this BJP government. Since the Central Bureau of Investigation, i.e., the 'single engine' failed last time, they have applied their second engine, i.e., Enforcement Directorate to serve me the notice
- One needs to understand the timing. My wife was summoned today after a year. **All this while, they didn't feel the need to call her for questioning, but the moment the BJP leaders saw the success of the *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar* campaign, they sprang into action and have, over the past month, issued three summons to me and my wife**
- BJP leaders are disturbed and rattled witnessing the huge support and love of the people for the *Trinamoole Nabo Jowar* campaign, and are trying their best to stop our yatra
- **These summons prove that the BJP is unable to counter me politically. Since they can't fight me politically, they are making ED and CBI confront me and my family**

members. They know they can't do anything against me, so they are targeting my wife and children. This is a pre-planned strategy

- **I am confident that the people of Bengal will give BJP a befitting reply in Panchayat Elections.** Coming July 8, the fight is in front of the people, let us see who the people select
- The Opposition parties have no work, apart from questioning our motives. They are claiming that the SEC didn't consult them before announcing the dates for the polls. I want to ask them, when the Assembly Elections were held in eight phases back in 2021, how many political parties were consulted?
- This is nothing, but a grave conspiracy. I was in Bankura, when I summoned by CBI and was not even given a day's time. **Despite a Supreme Court order stating that there won't be any hindrance on my family's travels, my wife was stopped at the airport the other day. I will move a contempt of court case against the ED**
- **I am not BJP's servant or slave that I will be there whenever its agencies ask me to be. I would ask them not to mistake my humbleness for my weakness. I have attended various summons, but now that the Panchayat Elections have been announced, I being the National General Secretary of AITC will not be able to waste my time till July 8**
- You might put all the agencies in India against me, but yet you won't succeed. How will you stop the love and spontaneity of the people? **I believe that the conspiracy of conducting elections in 8 phases in 2021 will be answered by the people on July 8**
- What is the parameter to judge mass following? These can only happen through voting. The only way to find out who the people want can only be measured through votes. **Let the elections take place on July 8. Why are they so afraid and already in the back-foot? Is it because they rely on agencies and the central forces to fight elections?**
- The Opposition parties are again cribbing about central forces. Don't they remember 2021, when central forces were used for the polls. Yet what happened? They ended up with mere 77 seats. Were there no central forces in 2016 and 2014 elections?
- **They want central forces because they want to create situations like Sitalkuchi. When there were no candidates in almost 90% of seats in Tripura, how many leaders had raised the demand for central forces?**
- We have been on the road interacting with the people for the past 45 days, but has anyone seen BJP leaders doing anything in the last two months? **In all those places where CPIM has been in power, they have infused the tradition of violence, be it Kerala or Tripura. The irony is that now these leaders are trying to teach us how to conduct peaceful polls**
- We want to conduct peaceful elections. But they don't want that. How many delegations from CPIM and Congress went to meet BJP leaders regarding the non-payment of 100 days' work money? How many times did they speak to BJP leaders regarding the non-payment of Awas Yojana funds? Our first priority after the elections is to make sure that the money for the 100 Days' Work Scheme is released to the people of Bengal

- **If needed, we will be going to Delhi by the end of July or the beginning of August and fight for the rights of the people of Bengal and get back our rightful share**
- Why is the BJP so afraid now that Panchayat Elections are announced? If they really want to participate in the elections or are ready for it, then let the polls take place peacefully. They should file 100% nominations
- **If any BJP leader is unable to file nominations, they can reach out to us on 'Ek Daake Abhishek' and 'Sorasori Mukhyomantri' that was launched today. I will ensure everyone files their nominations**
- However, if you don't have candidates, then how will you file nominations? **There are almost 60,000 - 62000 candidates in the Gram Sabha, and BJP has no candidates. Hence, they are somehow trying to postpone the elections**
- **They have ED, CBI, central forces, money, Modi ji's kavach, tainted leaders, a section of the judiciary, yet they are afraid of conducting the elections**
- What I had said in the coal case, I am saying it in the SSC scam. If the agencies have proof against me, they don't have to arrest me, just show me the gallows, I will walk towards it
- **The biggest beneficiaries of these scams are roaming around and giving big lectures today. I am sending letters to ED and the information is reaching BJP leaders. I am giving information to the CBI over e-mail, and LoP Suwendu Adhikari is showing that letter at a press conference. I will proceed to the court regarding this in future**
- If ED and CBI conducted the investigation in a fair manner, would it take so much time? **What is the result of the Saradha and Narada case, despite 10 years of investigation? What about the investigation into the Gyaneshwari Express accident, or the Nobel Prize theft investigation?** If someone bows down or joins BJP, they become a saint. However, if someone refuses to bow, then ED and CBI are used against them
- **BJP winning the Panchayat Elections is a distant dream, they won't even be able to find candidates.** Once they aren't able to field candidates, as they don't have any members, they will again start targeting AITC
- **I am asking Suwendu Adhikari, Dilip Ghosh and Sukanta Majumdar in advance that if they face any problems, they can call up Chief Minister on her helpline number, or even me on 'Ek Daake Abhishek', and it will be my duty to help them file nominations for their candidates**
- Brij Bhushan Singh is wearing BJP's kavach. Those who fights for the people continue to be harassed. They have put Pegasus software in my phone to snoop on my activities. **What will happen after they are ousted from power?** They think they can do anything. But I will not bow down in front of them
- **Tomorrow, we will hold our last Adhiveshan in Kalyani. Gram Banglar Motamot will not take place after tomorrow, but Jono Sanjog Yatra will continue till Kakdwip. People of North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas can submit their choice of candidate to district leadership or by calling on 'Ek Daake Abhishek'**