

MEMORANDUM

Hon'ble Sir/Madam,

We, wish to depute this memorandum as we know that 'State has primary duty to protect the right to live with human dignity as fundamental rights of each citizen. Constitution has not given any specific provision about human dignity. Article 21 of Constitution of India the 'right to life' it has wider meaning which includes the right to life with human dignity. A Country cannot be truly democratic until its citizens have the opportunity to choose their representatives through elections that are free and fair.

According to most recent National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) report (2021), West Bengal accounted for highest number of political murders in the country. Unless these structural factors are altered with rule of law and vision of good governance, it is highly unlikely to see the end of such wanton culture political violence irrespective of who is in power.

As 'Lok Sabha Polls' inch closer in West Bengal, it is demanded that our Government should keep a close watch on law and order and act against violators irrespective of political affiliation; ensure free, fair and peaceful Lok Sabha polls in the State. In previous elections, we saw that the EC relied on state police to deploy central forces in poll duty. If they do the same, then the state police will turn them ineffective. Therefore, the central police must be deployed properly and adequately to ensure free, fair and peaceful polls. And there is no dearth of contradictions in West Bengal's politics. The factors that lead to violence are all intact, and those political parties, it seems, are ready to fight it out – both politically and physically on the streets.

A sum of total **Rs. 20,00,000/-** (Rs.10,00,000/- each 'State & Central Government's contributions) lakh should pay to the '**next of kin**' of any victim who have been killed, lost jobs due to physical or mental sufferings through political clashes.

So far, 'The State & Central Government' together have to prepare the policies to give compensation to the victims of Political Clashes. {in reference of Centre's policy to give compensation to the victims of **Maoist** and **terrorist attack** and **communal violence**}. "As per the Centre's policy, a victim of Maoist attack was eligible to get Rs 3 lakh, but the present chief minister of W.B announced another Rs 2 lakh from the state exchequer". Now, we are demanding to start a Peace Building Process with the existing political parties in West Bengal under the ambit of 'The Governor' along with the Chief Minister.

But compensation for the victims of political violence was never taken into consideration by any Governments till date.

And primarily we demand as follows:

- ❑ Pay a compensation package to the families who have been killed or disabled due to political clashes.
- ❑ All Political Parties have to recognise its 'Member/Volunteers/ Engagements as workers' through providing chip-based Identity Cards.
- ❑ Life Insurance policies/Group Insurances for the Registered Party Workers.
- ❑ All Political Parties have to be included under RTI ambit.

- ❖ Election Commission should modify and modernised' its procedure to conduct the 'Elections' to strengthen the Indian Democracy in discussion with the Election Specialists and consultants.
- ❖ All Party meeting under the Respected Governor should be conduct time to time.
- ❖ Others as required

Thanks & regards,

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