

12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

To,  
The Chairman,  
National Commission for Scheduled Castes,  
New Delhi.

Sub: - **Complaint against All India Trinamool Congress Leader Ms. Sujata Mondal Khan for making insulting and humiliating remarks against members of the Scheduled Castes community in West Bengal.**

Sir,

This is to bring to your attention extremely disparaging remarks against the Scheduled Castes community in West Bengal made by All India Trinamool Congress leader Ms. Sujata Mondal Khan. She has said:

***"Even though Mamata Banerjee has helped the poor Scheduled Castes, yet their scarcity will never mitigate. There is a saying that some are beggars by nature while others are beggars by circumstance.***

***The Scheduled Castes here are beggars by nature."***

***"भिखारी स्वभाव से होते हैं, या आभाव से, पश्चिम बंगाल में SC स्वभाव से भिखारी हैं।***

***ममता दीदी के इतना करने के बाद भी BJP के पास पहुंच गए."***

Her statement may be accessed at : <https://www.opindia.com/2021/04/tmc-leader-sujata-mondal-khan-labels-dalits-as-beggars-by-nature-claims-that-they-sold-themselves-to-the-bjp/>

Her shocking statement calling the Scheduled Castes of West Bengal "beggars", intentionally insults with the intent to humiliate the entire Scheduled Caste population of West Bengal, is condemnable and amounts to promoting feelings of enmity, hatred and ill will against the members of the Scheduled Castes community in West Bengal.



Sir, our Constitution seeks to secure for all its citizens, among other values, social and economic justice, equality of status and opportunity and assures the dignity of the individual. Article 46 of the Constitution provides that *"the State shall promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the society and in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation"*.

Our Constitution guarantees "Equality: of status and of opportunity" and no one should be insulted, humiliated or looked down upon, or least of all be called a "beggar". Our Constitution envisages equality, which includes equality for the weaker and oppressed sections of the society, who have been downtrodden for thousands of years. It is humbly submitted that this Hon'ble Commission ought not condone such statements against the S.C./S.T. Communities as they are equal and respectable citizens of our country and are hence entitled to a life of dignity in view of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Such irresponsible remarks also are in violation of various provisions of the Indian Penal Code.

Such deeply shocking and insulting statements are a blow to the "socialist, secular, democratic Republic" envisaged by Babasaheb Ambedkar, and it is utterly shameful and disgraceful that such statements are being openly and brazenly made by the ruling leadership of the Trinamool Congress to create enmity and hatred between different social classes in West Bengal.

Sir, this Commission has the specific mandate under Article 338 of the Constitution of India to oversee the implementation of the various safeguards provided to Scheduled Castes under the Constitution and to inquire into specific complaints with respect to the deprivation of rights and safeguards of the Scheduled Castes.

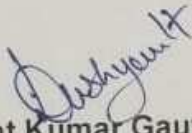
As such, we humbly request this Commission to order an inquiry into the said incident and take appropriate action against Ms. Sujata Mondal Khan and the




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leadership of the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC). Such remarks from its leaders are bereft of AITC's own aims and objectives as well as that of a political party which has sworn allegiance to the Constitution of India; sworn to uphold, adhere to the principles of Socialism, Democracy, and protect the Sovereignty, unity and integrity of India. This Hon'ble Commission may also be pleased to request the Election Commission of India to order withdrawal of recognition of the All India Trinamool Congress as a political party for failing to uphold its own aims and objectives as per AITC's Constitution.

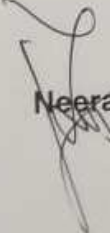
Yours Sincerely

  
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