20th May, 2019

To
The Returning Officer
21 Diamond Harbour PC

Dear Sir,

It is a matter of great regret that despite our repeated pleas for ensuring of peaceful free and fair election, since the date of notification, and further despite our specific expressions of challenges and threats which could affect the process, no meaningful effort was made. The result of this inaction is clearly evident. Irregularity and outright rigging on a massive scale has marred the sanctity of the polls. It is quite apparent that hundreds of thousands of genuine voters were robbed of their right to vote.

The atmosphere of a peaceful poll stood disrupted from the outset, with physical attacks on my person (a candidate of the CPI(M)) thrice. Obviously, voters were terrorized and the credibility of the ECI went down in the eyes of the people; with a feeling that if the security of the individual candidate could not be ensured how could their safety for casting votes be safe guarded. This feeling was further compounded by the failure of the EC to take action against the perpetrators under the laws of the land. Thus the key perpetrators like Jahangir Khan, Goutam Adhikary and Srimanta Baidya (despite FIR and Video evidence made available to the EC on my behalf as well as that from my party) was at large on the polling day on 19th May. They spearheaded the large scale rigging in Falta, Diamond Harbour and Budge Budge Assembly segments (List of affected booths are annexed herewith). 353 No of my polling Agents were not allowed to enter into the polling stations.

All these could not have been possible but for connivance, deliberate inaction and facilitation by a section of the officials of the State Administration working under the Commission. Several specific complaints to this effect was also made available to the Commission during this entire period of time. Even how many of CCTVs / Webcab were in function is not reported.

I have specifically reminded to view unedited video footages from the CCTV/Webcab meant to cover the actual proceedings during polling, the diary of the Presiding Officers and report of the Micro Observers to ascertain the sanctity of the polling process. However, they have also been denied.

Therefore, I strongly challenge the sanctity of free and fair polls in the 21 Diamond Harbour PC held on 19th May, 2019 and firmly demand repoll for the booths as mentioned in the annexure.

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In the interest of democracy and particularly, the basic right of the people to exercise their franchise, the EC has to undertake this exercise within the provision of the Article 324 of the Constitution which it has invoked earlier in West Bengal; this is the minimum which is required to redeem its Constitutional mandate.

Thanking you,

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

(Dr Fuad Halim)

CPI(M) Candidate of 21 Dimond Harbour PC

Copy to:

- 1. Observer, 21 Diamond Harbour PC
- 2. Police Observer, 21 Diamond Harbour PC
- 3. DEO, South 24 Parganas
- 4. CEO, West Bengal
- 5. Chief Election Commissioner, New Delhi
- 6. Special Observer for West Bengal
- 7. Special Police Observer for West Bengal

ANEXURE

21, DIAMON HARBOUR PC

TOTAL NO. OF BOOTHS - 353

Falta AC Part No.

16,17,1,102,101,103,144,146,178,63,64,156,157,158,152,152,110,112,178,111,118,119,33-37,47,48,25,211,41,42,175,176,177,178,179,173,174,189,190,191,186,139,58,221,104,192,24,29,32,70,71,72,106,178,99,60,53,107,241,242,149,145,30,31,116,54,55,56,57,147,148,149,100,93,58,53,187,61,62,68,171,172,30,31,160 TOTAL-91

Satgachia AC Part No.

5,6,17,24,25,29,32,256,171,173,205,222,223,240,246,247,249,250,255,256,77,78,145,146,147,143, 195, TOTAL - 27

Mohestala AC Part No.

155,1

TOTAL - 2

Budge Budge AC Part No.

248,237,236,241,141,156,101,102,107,128,129,130,137,138,139,140,170,171,172,173,178,179,180, 183,184,185,148,149,150,151,152,153,159,160,161,162,163,164,165,167,186,187,188,189,190,191, 192,193,194,195,196,197,198,199,200,201,202,203,204,205,206,207,212,213,214,215,216,317,218, 219,220,221,222,223,224,225,226,227,228,229,230,240,241,242,243,244,245,246,247,249,252-275, 63,137,138,148,235,236,237,238,239,109,126,209 TOTAL - 124

Metiaburuj AC Part No.

134,135,237,209,208,210,211,188,189,184,185,183,182

TOTAL - 13

Bishnupur SC AC Part No.

96-100,101-119,120-130,131-140,141-151,215-223,226,231,232,161,171,172,229

TOTAL - 71

Diamon Harbour AC Part No.

157,158,159,160,170,171,175,176,177,200,75,92,130-138,145,146,147,89

TOTAL - 25

Office of the Returning Officer 21- Diamond Harbour Parliamentary Constituency New Treasury Building, 8th Floor, Alipore, Kolkata - 700 027

Memo No. 130(10)/RO-21 PC/2010

Date: 20.05.2019

With reference to notice vide memo no. 129(10)/1(8)/RO-21PC/2019 dated 20/05/2019 this is to inform him/her that he/she was invited today on 20/05/2019 at 7.00 pm on the basis of verbal instruction from Additional Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal to the District Authority. But at the start of the proceedings today in the evening some participants objected against the validity of the instant notice. Hon'ble General Observer present there asked for written direction for the purpose which was not available and hence he decided not to proceed further rather instructed to send factual report or take written direction in this regard. In this situation today notice vide memo no. 129(10)/1(8)/RO-21PC/2019 dated 20/05/2019 is hereby rescinded.

Inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

Returning Officer, 2015 21- Diamond Harbour Parliamentary Constituency Returning Officer

Memo No. 130(10)/RO-21 PC/2010

Copy forwarded for information with a request to attend personally or send your Election Agent on the date, time and venue as specified above to:

01) Abhishek Bancrjee, Contesting Candidate (Party Affiliation: All India Trinamool Congress)
02) Nilanjan Roy, Contesting Candidate (Party Affiliation: Bharatiya Janata Party)

03) Dr. Fuad Halim, Contesting Candidate (Party Affiliation: Communist Party of India (Marxist))

04) Md. Goribulla Molla, Contesting Candidate (Party Affiliation: Bahujan Samaj Party)
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21- Diamond Harbour Parliamentary Constituency
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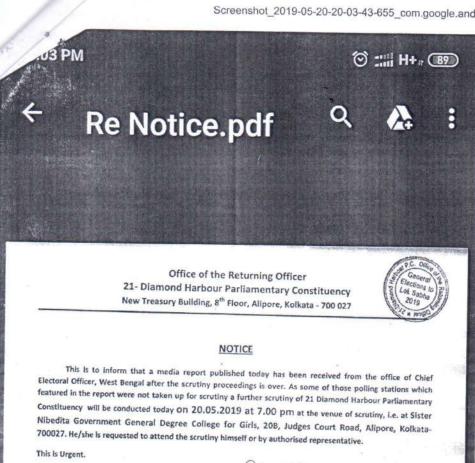
1-7. The Assistant Returning Officer (All), ______ Assembly Segment.

8. The Liaison Officer to Hon'ble General Observer, 21- Diamond Harbour Parliamentary Constituency for kind information of the Hon'ble General Observer, 21- Diamond Harbour Parliamentary Constituency.

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