

## राज्यपाल, पश्चिम बंगाल Governor of West Bengal রাজ্যপাল, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ

No. WBG/CG/750

29.06.2022

Dear Chief Minister,

A 10 Member BJP delegation led by Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, Shri Suvendu Adhikari, in a representation, enclosed hereto, has sought constitutional intervention for your June 28 Asansol statement 'Declaring 21 July, 2022 as "A day of 'jihad'" against the BJP'.

The statement, revealed in the video, is most unfortunate and indicates constitutional anarchy. It defies logic and reason as to how one under the Oath of Constitution and holding the position of Chief Minister could make such pernicious declaration of 'jihad' against a political party. This is death-knell of democracy and rule of law. Nothing can be more authoritarian and undemocratic. On numerous occasions, including to the TMC delegation yesterday, I have indicated that governance in the State is far distanced from Constitution and Law.

I cannot but take strongest possible exception to your statement. To subserve democratic values and constitutionalism, you are urged to forthwith withdraw this most unconstitutional declaration of 'jihad' against the BJP on 21 July, 2022.

I would appreciate your immediate response to the above.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Hon'ble Smt. Mamata Banerjee Chief Minister, West Bengal Nabanna, Howrah

Encl: as above