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To
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Nirvachan Sadan
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**Subject: Submission of Latest Party Constitution of All India Trinamool Congress –
Regarding**

With reference to your letter No. 505/PP/2025/PPS-II dated 12th February 2026 on the above-mentioned subject, we hereby submit a copy of the latest Constitution of the Party, **All India Trinamool Congress**, for your kind perusal and record.

The same is being furnished in compliance with the request of the Commission for uploading the latest Party Constitution on the website of the Commission.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the same.

Thanking you.

Sincerely.

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CONSTITUTION OF
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Article I The aim of the Party shall be to ensure the comprehensive and holistic development of India in the political, economic, industrial, social, cultural and agricultural spheres, and to establish India as a global power, while preserving and promoting its multilingual, multiethnic and multifaceted character, and its rich cultural heritage.

OBJECT

Article II The object of the Party shall be

- a) To uphold and adhere to true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India, 1950 as by law established.
- b) To cherish and follow the ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity;
- c) To promote harmony as well as humanity amongst all the people of India transcending gender, religious, linguistic, regional or sectional diversities.
- d) To uphold and work for the furtherance of the constitutional principles of Socialism, Secularism and Democracy.
- e) To work towards ensuring social, economic and political justice in all spheres of life.
- f) To eradicate illiteracy, poverty and injustice and to secure upliftment of the underprivileged by ensuring social equality and awakening of the masses by peaceful means, movement and participation in the democratic and lawful electoral process.

II (A) **ALLEGIANCE TO CONSTITUTION OF INDIA**

The All India Trinamool Congress ('AITC' or the 'Party') bears true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as established by law and to the principles of Socialism, Secularism and Democracy, and shall uphold the Sovereignty, Unity and Integrity of India.

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PARTY FLAG

The flag of the AITC shall consist of three horizontal colours, namely saffron, white and green, with the symbol of 'Flowers and Grass' in blue at the centre. It shall be made of certified khadi.

NAME

Article
III

The name of the Party shall be ALL INDIA TRINAMOOL CONGRESS. The Party shall have its own flag, logo, symbol and a National Headquarter at such place as the Party shall deem fit and proper. The Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committees shall ordinarily be constituted in the Pradeshes named below, with the headquarters mentioned against each.

| | <u>Pradeshes</u> | <u>Headquarters</u> |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Hyderabad |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | Itanagar |
| 3. | Assam | Guwahati |
| 4. | Bihar | Patna |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | Raipur |
| 6. | Goa | Panaji |
| 7. | Gujarat | Ahmedabad |
| 8. | Haryana | Chandigarh |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | Shimla |
| 10. | Jharkhand | Ranchi |
| 11. | Karnataka | Bengaluru |
| 12. | Kerala | Thiruvananthapuram |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | Bhopal |
| 14. | Maharashtra | Mumbai |
| 15. | Manipur | Imphal |
| 16. | Meghalaya | Shillong |
| 17. | Mizoram | Aizawl |
| 18. | Nagaland | Kohima |
| 19. | Odisha | Bhubaneswar |
| 20. | Punjab | Chandigarh |
| 21. | Rajasthan | Jaipur |
| 22. | Sikkim | Gangtok |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | Chennai |
| 24. | Telangana | Hyderabad |
| 25. | Tripura | Agartala |
| 26. | Uttarakhand | Dehradun |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | Lucknow |
| 28. | West Bengal | Kolkata |

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Article III

(A)

CONSTITUENTS

The All India Trinamool Congress shall include the plenary and special sessions of the Party and the following bodies:

- (i) All India Trinamool Congress Committee;
- (ii) National Working Committee;
- (iii) Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committees;
- (iv) District Trinamool Congress Committees;
- (v) Committees subordinate to the District Trinamool Congress Committee, such as Part / Booth / Ward / Anchal / Town / Block / Constituency Committee and such other subordinate Committees as may be determined by the concerned Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committees.

(B) The Territorial Trinamool Congress shall be constituted in the territories named below, with the Headquarters mentioned against each:

| <u>Territory</u> | <u>Headquarters</u> |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Andaman & Nicobar Island | Port Blair |
| 2. Chandigarh | Chandigarh |
| 3. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu | Daman |
| 4. Delhi | Delhi |
| 5. Jammu and Kashmir | Srinagar |
| 6. Ladakh | Leh |
| 7. Lakshadweep | Kavaratti |
| 8. Puducherry | Puducherry |

MEMBERSHIP

Article IV

The membership of the Party shall comprise of:

- (a) Grassroot members enrolled under Article V hereof.
- (b) Office bearers and members of the Executive Committees of every Part / Booth / Polling Station / Town / Block / Assembly / District/ State Committees/ National Working Committee and any other local committees and associate organizations, in whatever name they are called, owing allegiance to the Party, elected under Article VIII & IX hereof.
- (c) Office bearers and members of the State Working Committee of the Party.

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- (d) Membership shall automatically cease if any member contests in any elections under the Election Commission of India or the State Election Commission of respective States against any candidate set up by the Party.
- (e) Membership shall automatically stand suspended temporarily if any member takes part in canvassing in any election under the Election Commission of India or the State Election Commission of respective States in favour of any other body/Political Party/candidate who is contesting against the candidate set up by the Party.

**ENROLMENT OF GRASSROOT (PRIMARY) MEMBER(S) & PROCEDURE
THEREOF**

Article V

- (a) Any person who has completed his 18th birthday on the 1st day of January of the relevant year and who believes in the aim and object of the Party as mentioned in Articles I and II hereof shall be eligible to become a grassroots member of the Party, provided that his or her name is duly recorded in the voter's list of that Part/ Booth where he or she is ordinarily resident.
- (b) Any person who is eligible to be a member of the Party in terms of clause (a) hereof shall apply in the prescribed form.
- (c) Upon completion and filling up of the prescribed form as mentioned in clause (b) hereof, the intending member should pay a fee as may be prescribed by the National Working Committee from time to time (non-refundable), along with two copies of the prescribed form as aforesaid, to the Receiving Official(s) appointed for the purpose.
- (d) The Receiving Official shall maintain a register showing the date, name and amount received from the intending member. The Receiving Official shall endorse the serial number of the intending member in the register on the second copy to be handed over to the member. The application may be handed over personally or through a duly authorized representative of the intending members.
- (e) The term of membership shall be from the 1st of January of the year or from the date of enrolment of a member, whichever is later, up to the 31st of December of that year.

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- (f) The said second copy duly received as aforesaid shall be treated for all purposes as the Certificate of Grassroot Membership of such applicant. Provided that the State Executive or such person as may be duly authorized by the National Working Committee shall have full authority to refuse, reject or cancel such membership application, duly recording the reasons thereof, and in such case, the said sum shall be forfeited. The reason shall be communicated to the applicant, if so asked for in writing.
- (g) A Register of Members within their jurisdiction shall be permanently maintained by every Block/ Constituency and District Trinamool Congress Committee, which shall furnish copies to the Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee, as per the rules laid down for such purpose.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Article VI

All grassroot members shall renew their membership every year upon payment of such membership fee as may be prescribed by the National Working Committee from time to time.”, for which the Receiving Official of the unit of which the said primary member is a member shall issue a receipt on a copy of the application for renewal.

In the event of failure to renew his or her membership on or before 31st December every year, or within such extended time as may be notified, the name of the said grassroot member shall be deemed to be struck off the Register of Members, and thereupon the member shall automatically cease to be a member of the Party.

Separate registers of all such members and votes shall be maintained at all the units of the Party and at the State level and shall be made up to date by 30th June every year. Such Registers of Members shall remain in the custody of the General Secretary in charge of membership.

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RIGHT TO VOTE

Article VII A Grassroot Member shall be entitled to contest the election of office bearers of the Executive Committees of the Part/ Booth /Polling Station/ Town / Block / Assembly/ District/ State Executive/ National Working Committee.

MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS OF THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE AND STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article VIII The day-to-day work, administration and function to implement the aim, object, policies, programme and movement of the Party shall be looked after by the Executive Committee of the Party in aforesaid structure, as the case may be, with the following minimum number of members.

The State Executive Committee shall be entitled to increase the numbers of its office bearers up to the Block Level, depending upon the exigencies of the situation.

The National Working Committee shall be entitled to increase the number of office bearers of State Executive Committee according to the exigencies of the situation.

- a) For Part/ Booth/ Polling Station - at least 7 members.
- b) For Ward/ Anchal - at least 7 members.
- c) For Town/ Block - at least 15 members.
- d) For Assembly Constituency - 1 President, and the number of members shall depend upon the administrative jurisdiction of the Assembly; 1 from each Town/ Block, plus ex-officio member.
- e) For District - at least 21 members.
- f) State Executive - at least 21 members.
- g) National Working Committee - 20 members.
- h) AITC Committee - the number of office bearers shall be determined by Chairman/ Chairperson of the Party.

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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article IX

a) POLLING BOOTH

Voter members of the respective Booths shall collectively form an electoral college. The members of the said electoral college shall elect the office bearers of the Polling Booth Committee. Unless such election is unanimous, the voting shall be by secret ballot. The election shall be on the basis of a simple majority of votes received by the contesting candidates, and the results shall be announced forthwith.

b) WARD/ ANCHAL

Voter members of the respective Ward/ Anchal Committee shall collectively form the electoral college. The members of the said electoral college shall elect the office bearers of the Ward/ Anchal Committee. Unless the election is unanimous, the voting shall be by secret ballot. The election shall be on the basis of a simple majority of votes received by the contesting candidates, and the results shall be announced forthwith.

c) TOWN/ BLOCK

Voter members of the respective Town/Block Committee shall collectively form an electoral college. The members of the said electoral college shall elect the office bearers of the Town/ Block Committee. Unless the election is unanimous, the voting shall be by secret ballot. The election shall be on the basis of a simple majority of votes received by the contesting candidates, and the results will be announced forthwith.

The said electoral college shall also elect:

- (i) 1 (one) member, who may or may not be from that Town/Block, to represent the concerned Town/ Block in the parent body of the State;
- (ii) 4 four voter members from within the concerned Town/Block to represent the said Town/ Block in the concerned District Committee;
- (iii) 1 (one) member, apart from the President of Town /Block Committee, to represent the Town/Block in the Assembly Constituency Committee.

The President of the Town/Block Committee shall be the ex-officio member of the Assembly Constituency Committee.

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d) **ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE**

The elected members from the Town/ Block Committees, along with the ex-officio member representing each Town/Block, shall collectively form an electoral college. The members of the said electoral college shall elect the office bearers of the Assembly Constituency Committee. Unless the election is unanimous, the voting shall be done by secret ballot. The election shall be on the basis of a simple majority of votes received by the contesting candidates, and the results will be announced forthwith.

Any voter member from the State may contest for the post of President of the Assembly Constituency Committee.

However, in the aforesaid case, such contesting candidate shall not have any voting right in the election of the office bearers of the said Assembly Constituency Committee.

e) **DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

The elected members of the Town/ Block Committees representing the District Committee shall collectively form an electoral college of the District Committee. The members of the said electoral college shall elect the office bearers of the District Committee. Unless the election is unanimous, the voting shall be done by secret ballot. The election shall be on the basis of a simple majority of votes received by the contesting candidates, and the results shall be announced forthwith.

The President of the Assembly segment within the concerned district shall be an ex-officio Secretariat Member of the District Committee.

f) **STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The elected members from the different Town/Block Committees representing the State parent body shall collectively form an electoral college. The members shall elect the office bearers of the State Executive Committee. Unless the election is unanimous, the voting shall be done by secret ballot. The election shall be on the basis of a simple majority of votes received by the contesting candidates and the results will be announced forthwith.

The District President shall be the ex-officio Secretariat Member of the State Executive Committee. However, in case of any policy decision, the said ex-officio member shall not have any voting right, except in the election of office bearers of the State Executive Committee.

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(A) **ALL INDIA TRINAMOOOL CONGRESS COMMITTEE**

Of the 7 (seven) members of the respective State's electoral college, 1 (one) member shall be treated as a member of the AITC Committee. Any voter member, though not a member of the said electoral college, may contest for membership of the AITC Committee; however, in that case, he or she shall secure the support of 8 (eight) members of the said electoral college.

Members of the Parliamentary Party, Legislative Party and Councillors of the Party from any Metropolitan City shall be treated as members of the State electoral college.

All Members of Parliament shall be ex-officio members of the AITC Committee.

Every 7 (seven) MLAs shall be entitled to elect 1 (one) member to the AITC Committee, and in the case of corporators or councillors, 14 (fourteen) corporators or councillors shall be entitled to elect 1 (one) member to the AITC Committee.

- (B) The elected members from the different States of the AITC Committee shall collectively form an electoral college. Such electoral college shall elect the Chairman/ Chairperson of the Party and shall also elect 9 (nine) members to form the National Working Committee. In the event of an election, the voting shall be done by secret ballot.

In the case of a State in which the Party is not recognised as a registered State Party by the Election Commission, the elected members from the concerned State shall not be eligible for membership of the AITC Committee.

Each member of the said electoral college shall have 10 (ten) votes.

- (C) Every member of the AITC Committee shall pay an annual subscription fee as may be prescribed by the National Working Committee from time to time and shall obtain a receipt thereof.

Article X

ALL INDIA TRINAMOOOL CONGRESS SESSION

- (a) A session of the All India Trinamool Congress, called its Plenary Session, shall ordinarily be held once in three years at such time and place as may be decided upon by the National Working Committee or the AITC Committee, as the case may be.
- (b) A session of the All India Trinamool Congress shall be held as a Special Session if the AITC Committee so decides.

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- (c) The District Trinamool Congress Committee in whose jurisdiction the Session is held shall make such arrangements for holding the Trinamool Congress Session as may be deemed necessary and, for that purpose, shall form a Preparatory Committee. The President of such District Trinamool Congress Committee shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and shall select the other office bearers from among its own members.
- (d) If there is any elected Legislator in the area in which the Session will be held, he or she shall be declared the Chairman of the Reception Committee. If the Local Municipality or Corporation is being run by the Party, then the Municipal Chairman shall be the ex-officio Convener of the Reception Committee. However, if there is no Legislator or Municipality, no Reception Committee shall be formed.
- (e) The Preparatory Committee shall collect funds for the expenses of the Session and shall make all necessary arrangements for the reception and accommodation of delegates. It may also make necessary arrangements for the visitors.
- (f) The receipts and disbursements of the Preparatory Committee shall be audited by an auditor or auditors appointed by the Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee, and the Statement of Accounts together with the audit report shall be submitted by the Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee to the National Working Committee within six months of the conclusion of the Session.

A) POWER AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN / CHAIRPERSON

- i) The Chairman /Chairperson of the Party shall be the Supremo of the Party.
- ii) The Chairman/Chairperson shall co-opt 10 (ten) persons to the National Working Committee, who shall have full voting rights for 1 (one) year. However, the tenure of such members may be extended by the Chairman/Chairperson.
- iii) The Chairman/Chairperson shall have the power to decide the national agenda for all purposes, including economic, social and political matters, and elections under the Election Commission of India.
- iv) The Chairman/Chairperson may constitute a new Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee, abolish an existing Pradesh or District Trinamool Congress Committee, merge any existing Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee into another, or assign to a Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee a District or portion or portions of Districts from any other Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee.

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- v) The Chairman/Chairperson is authorized to appoint 1 (one) Returning Officer for the National Body and 1 (one) Pradesh Returning Officer for the respective Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee for holding Party elections.
- vi) The respective Pradesh Returning Officers shall appoint the District Returning Officers and the Block Returning Officers.
- vii) The Returning Officer and the Pradesh Returning Officer shall not be eligible to contest any election at any tier of the organization and shall not be co-opted at any tier by any body for a period of six months from the date of their appointment.

B) POWER AND FUNCTION OF GENERAL SECRETARY AND JOINT SECRETARY

Each General Secretary shall discharge his or her duties as per the directives of the Chairperson. Each Joint Secretary shall assist the General Secretary.

The General Secretary or Joint Secretary may be appointed from outside the members of the National Working Committee, provided he or she is an active member of any State Working Committee, by the Chairman/ Chairperson. In such case, he or she shall have no voting right in the National Working Committee.

c) FUNCTION OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be in-charge of the funds of the Party and shall maintain all records of the expenditure and income of the Party.

The Treasurer shall always be a member of the National Working Committee.

DONATION AND SUBSCRIPTION

Article XI

- a) The State Executive Committee shall be entitled to accept donation from donors willing to donate by account payee cheque or bank draft in the name of the respective concerned Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee. All monies, including donations, membership subscriptions and renewal fees, shall be deposited in such bank account as may be operated by such member as may be decided by resolution of the respective/ concerned State Executive Committee.

Provided that before opening any bank account, prior approval in writing shall be obtained from the National Working Committee.

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- b) Each District Executive Committee shall contribute such sums, out of the subscriptions and donations received by it, to the State Executive Committee as may be mutually determined by the District Executive Committees and the State Executive Committee from time to time.

Each State Executive Committee shall grant and hand over such funds as it thinks fit to the Executive Committees of the other tiers of the Party, earmarking the same for distribution up to grassroots level for Party purposes and other social assistance to the people. All donations of any kind shall be received and accepted only at the State Level. No donations of any kind shall be accepted at any other tier without prior approval in writing from the State Executive Committee. For the purposes of this Article, "donation" shall not include subscriptions given by the members.

FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

Article XII

- (a) The National Working Committee shall consist of the Chairman/Chairperson of the All India Trinamool Congress, and 19 (Nineteen) other members, of whom 9 (Nine) members will be elected by the AITC Committee as per rules prescribed by the National Working Committee, and the rest shall be appointed by the Chairman/Chairperson. The Leader of the Parliamentary Party and all leaders of the Legislator Parties in the respective States shall be ex-officio members of the National Working Committee with full voting rights. The Chairman/Chairperson shall appoint a Treasurer and one or more General Secretaries from amongst the members of the National Working Committee. The Chairman/Chairperson shall also have the power to appoint one or more Secretaries or Joint Secretaries from elected members of the Party. The Secretaries or Joint Secretaries shall discharge such duties as may be assigned to them by the Chairman/Chairperson. Ordinarily, members of the National Working Committee shall be appointed from amongst the members of the AITC; however, in special cases, delegates who are not members of the AITC may be appointed. Provided that a delegate so appointed shall cease to be a member of the National Working Committee if he or she is not elected as a member of the AITC within 6 (six) months of his or her appointment.
- (b) The quorum for a meeting of the National Working Committee shall be 7 (seven).

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- (c) The National Working Committee shall be the highest executive authority of the All India Trinamool Congress and shall have the power to carry out the policies and programmes of the Trinamool Congress as approved by the AITC Committee and shall be responsible to the AITC Committee. It shall be the final authority in all matters regarding interpretation and application of the provisions of this Constitution.
- (d) The National Working Committee shall place before every meeting of the AITC Committee a report of the proceedings of its previous meeting and also the agenda of business for the meeting, and shall allot time for non-official resolutions, of which due notice shall be given by the members of the AITC Committee in accordance with the rules prescribed in that behalf.
- (e) The National Working Committee may appoint one or more auditors, inspectors or other officers to examine the records, papers and account books of all Committees and organizations of the Party. It shall be incumbent upon all such Committees and organizations to furnish the required information to such auditors, inspectors or other officers and to give them access to all offices, accounts and other records.

The National Working Committee shall have the power:

- (i) to frame rules for the proper working of the organization. Such rules shall, as early as possible, be placed for the consideration of the AITC Committee;
- (ii) to issue instructions not inconsistent with the Constitution and frame rules in all matters not otherwise provided for;
- (iii) to superintend, direct and control all Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committees and Subordinate Committees as well as the Reception Committees;
- (iv) to take such disciplinary action as it may deem fit against a Committee, other than the AITC Committee, or an individual;
- (f) The National Working Committee shall have the accounts of the AITC audited annually by an auditor or auditors appointed by the AITC.
- (g) The National Working Committee shall fix the date by which the formation of Subordinate, District, Pradesh and All India Trinamool Congress Committees shall be completed.
- (h) The National Working Committee shall constitute a Trust for holding immoveable properties belonging to the All India Trinamool Congress. The Board of Trustees of the said Trust shall be appointed

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AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Article XIII

- a) Each Unit of the Party shall cause the accounts of the Party to be maintained on a receipts and expenses basis and shall have the same audited by a Chartered Accountant every year on or before 30th of June of the following year. A copy of the audited accounts or a summary thereof shall be sent to the National Working Committee on or before 31st August of every year. The financial year of the party shall be from 1st April to 31st March of each calendar year.
- b) The Executive Committee of the lower tiers shall maintain regular books of account on a receipts and expenses basis and shall have the same audited by a Chartered Accountant every year on or before 30th September of the following year.
- c) The National Working Committee shall maintain books of accounts on a receipts and expenses basis and shall have the same audited by a Chartered Accountant every year on or before 31st December of the following year.

It shall be the duty of the National Working Committee to file the Income Tax, Wealth Tax and Election Commission returns, whenever necessary and required under the law of the land.

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MAIN ASSOCIATE ORGANS OF THE PARTY

Article XIV

The main bodies or organs of the Party shall comprise of the following:

- a) Trinamool Trade Union Congress.
- b) Trinamool Youth Congress.
- c) Trinamool Kishan Congress.
- d) Trinamool Minority Congress.
- e) Trinamool Sarkari Karmachari Congress.
- f) Trinamool Teachers Congress.
- g) Trinamool Students Congress.
- h) Trinamool Mazdoor Congress for unorganized labour
- i) Trinamool Mahila Congress
- j) Trinamool Congress Legal Cell.
- k) Trinamool Congress SC/ST &OBC Cell
- l) Trinamool Congress Medical Cell
- m) Trinamool Congress Sports Cell.
- n) Trinamool Congress Publicity Cell.
- o) Trinamool Congress Parliamentary Party.
- p) Trinamool Congress Cultural Cell.
- q) Trinamool Congress Legislative Party.
- r) Trinamool Congress Councillors Party.
- s) Trinamool Congress Economic Cell.
- t) Trinamool Congress Overseas Cell.

Members of the aforesaid bodies of the Party, except the Trinamool Student Congress, must and shall be members of the Party.

These bodies shall be governed by Party rules and regulations framed by the State Executive Committee.

Members of Trinamool Student Congress shall be exempted from the age restriction stated in Article V(a) hereof.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN ABOVE CONTAINED

Article XV

- a) The Treasurers of each Unit shall be in charge of the funds of the Party and shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining proper accounts of investments, income and expenditure.
- b) The General Secretaries of the Units shall be in charge of the day to day working and administration of the Units and shall be responsible and answerable to the President and Vice President of the Units of the Party.

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- c) Unless the situation demands otherwise, the General Secretaries of the Units shall sign all letters and correspondences.
- d) The General Secretaries of all the Units shall monitor and inspect the office bearers of the Units and shall forthwith report to the State Executive Committee about death, resignation or prolonged absence of a member from India, and shall take appropriate steps accordingly in consultation with the State Executive Committee.

POWER OF SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE

Article XVI The National Working Committee, in appropriate cases if it deems fit and proper, shall have the power to suspend any State Executive Committee up to the Block level and to direct the holding of elections for constituting a fresh State Executive Committee. Once elected, the Committee shall hold office for 3 (three) years. Upon supersession of an Executive Committee of a Unit up to the Zilla level, the State Executive Committee shall intimate such fact forthwith to the National Working Committee.

POWER TO FORM COMMITTEES OR CELLS

Article XVII For smooth functioning of the Party, the District Executive Committee, the State Executive Committee and all other units may form a Committee or Cell with the prior approval of the National Working Committee, as it may deem fit and proper.

POWER TO AMEND

Article XVIII

This Constitution can be amended, altered and/or rescinded at the Plenary Session of AITC by a two-third majority of the members present and voting at such Plenary Session. All other resolutions at the Session shall be passed by a simple majority.

The resolution for altering, amending and/or rescinding this Constitution must be submitted in writing at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting at the office of the National Working Committee.

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RULE MAKING POWER

Article XIX

- a) The National Working Committee shall have power to frame rules and regulations for the Units and associate bodies, to issue instructions for proper working of the Constitution, for the holding of election every 5 (five) years, for the holding of Annual General Meetings, and in all matters not otherwise provided for.
- b) To superintend, direct and control all Units of the Party.
- c) To take such disciplinary action as it may deem fit against any Committee or individual for misconduct, wilful neglect or default, and to constitute a Disciplinary Committee for that purpose.
- d) The terms of reference of the Disciplinary Committee so constituted by the National Working Committee may be altered/ modified from time to time as may be deemed fit by the National Working Committee.
- e) The detailed procedure of the Disciplinary Committee for conducting enquiries shall be drafted by the members of the Disciplinary Committee, subject to approval of the National Working Committee.

RULES

UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF ALL INDIA TRINAMOOLO CONGRESS

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article XIX of the Party Constitution, the National Working Committee hereby makes the following Rules for the conduct of the functions entrusted to the various Units and associate bodies.

RULE 1.

Short Title, Commencement and Application

- i) These rules may be called All India Trinamool Congress Party Rules, 2000.
- ii) They shall come into force from the 1st of June 2000.
- iii) They shall, unless otherwise provided in the rules, be applicable to State, District Assembly (Town/Block), Ward/Anchal levels and Part / Booth levels.

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RULE 2.

The State Executive Committee, the District Committees, the Assembly Committees, the Town/Block Committees, the Ward/Anchal Committees and the Part/Booth/Polling Station Committees shall abide by the Constitution in letter as well as in spirit.

RULE 3.

The number of members and office-bearers of the Committees shall be as specified in Article VIII of the Constitution.

The National Working Committee shall have the power to amend the same in keeping with the developments from time to time.

RULE 4.

The procedure for enrolment of a Grassroot (Primary) member is as specified in the Article V of the Constitution. For entitlement to vote and to contest an election, a Grassroot (Primary) member shall have enrolled at least 20 (twenty) Grassroot members, including himself or herself, of the same Booth of which he or she is a member.

This condition shall extend to elections of office bearers of the Committees mentioned in Rule 2 and shall apply mutatis mutandis to the election of the National Working Committee.

RULE 5.

The State Executive Committee, whose tenure shall be 3 (three) years, shall hold elections every three years, ensure proper functioning in accordance with the extant Constitution, hold Annual General Meetings, and keep the National Committee fully apprised of actions taken in all organizational matters.

RULE 6. DISCIPLINARY RULES :

- i) Disciplinary Committee appointed by the National Working Committee shall have all the powers to investigate complaints against a member/Unit and to recommend final disciplinary action against such member/Unit as delegated on it by the National Working Committee. Disciplinary Committee may suspend / or issue a Show Cause Notice to the concerned member/Unit pending enquiry, if the situation so merits and such a course of action is appropriate in the opinion of Disciplinary Committee.
- ii) The State Executive Committee shall be responsible for maintaining discipline in the Units at the sub-State levels. In the case of any indiscipline, misconduct or anti-party activity noticed by the State

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Executive Committee, it shall take such disciplinary action(s) against the erring Committee or individual member as may be deemed proper.

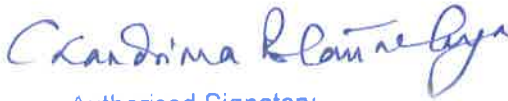
- iii) The State Committee may constitute a Sub-Committee for the purposes of clause(i) above. The Sub Committee shall cause an enquiry into the matter and may suspend the member concerned pending enquiry, if the situation merits such a course of action, depending upon the gravity of the allegation.
- iv) The State Committee shall also bring to the notice of the National Working Committee any instance of indiscipline, misconduct or anti-Party activity by any member of the National Working Committee, together with appropriate recommendations.
- v) Upon receipt of any recommendation in cases covered by clause(iii) above, the National Working Committee shall deliberate upon the matter and, if so decided, shall cause an enquiry into the matter. The member concerned may be suspended pending enquiry if the situation so merits, having regard to the gravity of the allegation. The National Committee may constitute a Sub-Committee, other than the Disciplinary Committee, to enquire into the matter and to make recommendations to the National Working Committee for the action.
- vi) The findings of the Sub-Committee shall then be placed before the National Working Committee for such appropriate action as may be deemed proper.
- vii) The decision of the National Committee will be final and binding.

(a) Breach of Discipline:

Breach of discipline includes the following;

- (i) *Deliberately acting or carrying on propaganda against the programmes and decisions of the Party.*
- (ii) *Deliberately disregarding rules or disobeying orders passed by any competent authority.*
- (iii) *Indulging in fraudulent action relating to party funds, enrolment of members or election to Committees.*
- (iv) *Being guilty of offences involving moral turpitude, black marketing, adulteration, bribery, corruption, forgery, and embezzlement of Party funds.*
- (v) *Deliberately acting in a way calculated to lower the prestige of the Party or carrying on propaganda against any party functionary / unit with an intent to malign the victim.*

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(b) Notices:

- (i) Notice Can be issued at the instance of the President of the Committee, competent to take disciplinary action, provided that he feels there is a prima facie breach of discipline against the Committee or person concerned.
- (ii) No disciplinary action shall be taken without giving the individual concerned an opportunity to explain his or her case and to answer such charges made against him or her.
- (iii) However, no notice is required for suspension pending enquiry.

(c) Appeal:

Any member dissatisfied with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee may prefer an appeal to the Chairman / Chairperson against the proposed punishment.

The decision of the Chairman/ Chairperson shall be final.

RULE 7.

In case of any ad-hoc appointment in the organizational structure, the powers shall be as follows:

- i) In case of abolishment of an existing Pradesh or District as specified in Article XI (a) (iv), the Chairman/Chairperson of the AITC shall have the power to appoint an ad-hoc State Executive Committee or a District President.
- ii) The State President shall have the power to appoint an ad-hoc District Executive Committee or a Block / Town President for the purposes mentioned in clause (i) above.

RULE 8.

Under Article V – Membership forms:

1. *The Pradesh Trinamool Congress Committee shall print Membership Forms. But the PTC Executive may authorize DTCs in writing to print membership forms, Any DTC, printing the membership forms without such authorization, shall be liable to disciplinary action.*
2. *Membership forms shall be serially numbered and in the case of those printed by DTCs they should bear the name of the District concerned as well. Full details of forms so printed shall be supplied by the DTCs to the PTC before they are issued to subordinate Congress Committees.*

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3. *In the case of membership forms, they should be bound in books of 25 forms each.*
4. (a) *The District Trinamool Congress Committee shall be Primarily responsible for the enrolment of members in the district. The PTC shall issue membership forms to the DTCs which in turn shall issue them to the subordinate Trinamool Congress Committees and through them to individuals. Not more than 1250 membership forms shall be supplied to an individual at a time. However, in the case of MPs, MLAs, MLCs and AITC members and PTC Office-bearers, 2500 membership forms may be supplied to such individuals at a time. More membership forms shall be supplied to individuals only when full account of the forms already supplied is rendered and the fees realized thereof are paid.*
- (b) *If there are complaints against the subordinate Trinamool Congress Committees that they are not making available enough membership forms, the DTC may issue them to individuals and may, if it deems fit, take disciplinary action against the committees concerned. If there are complaints that the DTCs are not issuing forms properly, the PTC shall directly issue forms to committees and individuals and may also take disciplinary action against the DTCs concerned.*
- (c) *Forms for enrolment of members shall in no case be issued to individuals who are not at least members of the Trinamool Congress.*
5. (a) *When membership forms are issued to individuals or Committees, a signed acknowledgement shall be obtained in all cases and an undertaking to return the unused forms with proper accounts, whenever called upon to do so, should be obtained.*
- (b) *When individuals or Committees a signed acknowledgement shall be issued return unused membership forms. In the event of any individual failing to return the unused forms and/ or accounts in time he shall be disqualified from contesting the organizational elections.*
6. (a) *The PTC shall maintain separate registers for the issue of forms to each Committee or individual with their serial numbers and dates of issue and return of unused forms.*
- (b) *The DTCs and the subordinate Congress Committees should also maintain similar registers.*
- (c) *In order to give the Party a well informed and ideologically oriented cadre, the Trinamool Congressmen at all levels shall participate in the study programme laid down by the National Working Committee for Members.*

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RULE 9.

Under Article X Terms of All India Trinamool Congress Committee

(a) The term of every All India Trinamool Congress Committee and of its Office Bearers, Executive Committee and members shall ordinarily be three years.

(b) **Reservation for Women/SC/ST/OBC/MINORITIES**

33% of the seats at different Committees shall be reserved for women.

Not less than 20% of the seats shall be reserved at different Committees for SCs/STs/OBCs and minorities.

Competent Authority shall have the authority to relax the percentage of sectoral representations for the categories stated above.

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