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Date : 09.01.2026

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

Subject: Notice of Defamation

My Client: Shri Suwendu Adhikari, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, 17th
West Bengal Legislative Assembly

Madam,

Under instructions from and on behalf of my client, whose particulars have been furnished hereinabove, I hereby serve upon you the present legal notice on the grounds set out hereunder.

My client is the Leader of the Opposition in the State of West Bengal and a senior political leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, who had defeated you from the Nandigram Assembly Constituency during the Assembly elections held in 2021.

It has come to the knowledge of my client that on 08.01.2026 and again on 09.01.2026, you have made reckless, baseless, and wholly unsubstantiated allegations against my client by publicly insinuating that my client, along with the Hon'ble Union Home Minister of India, is involved in an alleged coal scam. You have further claimed that you are in possession of evidence in support of such allegations.

You have categorically named my client and, in the course of making such statements, have also resorted to lewd innuendos and distasteful insinuations, including referring to my client as an "adopted child" and other similar remarks. Such language and conduct are wholly unbecoming of a person holding the constitutional office of the Chief Minister of a State and fall far below the standards of propriety, dignity, and restraint expected therefrom.

The aforesaid statements have been made deliberately, maliciously, and with a clear intent to malign, defame, and lower the reputation of my client and his family in the estimation of the public. The allegations are vague, amorphous, false, and devoid of any factual or legal foundation, and have been made solely for your vindictive and ulterior purposes.

On the contrary, my client states that such statements appear to be part of a calculated and sinister design to divert public attention from serious issues concerning you, your family members, and your political party, which are presently engaging public scrutiny.

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In the aforesaid circumstances, my client hereby calls upon you to forthwith, and in any event within a period of 72 (seventy-two) hours from receipt of this notice, furnish to my client complete particulars of all documents, materials, and purported evidence which you have claimed to be in your possession in support of the defamatory statements made by you as stated hereinabove.

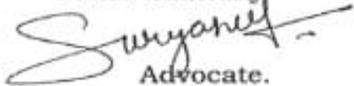
You are hereby cautioned that any failure, neglect, or refusal to furnish such alleged evidence within the stipulated time shall constrain my client to initiate appropriate civil and criminal proceedings against you at your sole risk as to costs and consequences, including but not limited to proceedings for defamation under the applicable provisions of law.

My client further states that, in the event the aforesaid statements were made by you owing to any psychological or psychiatric condition affecting your mental health, the same ought to be expressly disclosed. In such an event, my client shall consider the said disclosure in accordance with law and as may be advised.

This notice is issued to you without prejudice to all other rights, remedies, and contentions of my client in law and in equity.

You are therefore requested to take notice of the above and act strictly in terms hereof by furnishing the details and materials as sought for hereinabove within the time stipulated.

Yours faithfully,


Advocate.