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To
The Hon'ble Prime Minister
South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi-110011

Re: Removal of Sri. Tushar Mehta from the post of the Solicitor General of India.

Respected Prime Minister

We write to you on behalf of the All India Trinamool Congress party (AITC) and wish to bring to your knowledge, that, recently, various news reports containing videos have been circulated from which we have been made aware that Suvendu Adhikari, an accused in various offences being investigated by CBI and ED and a politician belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party, had meetings with Sri. Tushar Mehta, Learned Solicitor General of India at his residence. Tweets have also been circulated on social media by prominent personalities questioning such a meeting between Suvendu Adhikari and Sri. Tushar Mehta, which, curiously took place subsequent to a meeting of Suvendu Adhikari with the Hon'ble Home Minister Sri Amit Shah.

Suvendu Adhikari is accused in various criminal cases of cheating, illegal gratification, and bribery etc. Two such matters are the:

- i) **Narada Case**, being investigated by the CBI and ED where Suvendu Adhikari was seen taking bribes in a sting operation and were publicly circulated by the BJP. Sri. Tushar Mehta, Learned Solicitor General of India, is representing the CBI in the Narada case before Supreme Court and High Court.
- ii) **Saradha Chit Fund Case**, being investigated by the CBI and ED where Sudipta Sen the prime accused, had written multiple letters levying grave allegations against Suvendu Adhikari. Sri. Tushar Mehta, Learned Solicitor General of India, has advised & appeared for the CBI in the case also.

The Solicitor General of India is the second-highest law officer of the Country after the Attorney General of India and advises the Government of India and its various organs in crucial legal matters such as Narada and Sarada cases. Such meeting between an accused in grave offences, with the Learned Solicitor General who is advising such investigating agencies by whom the said accused is being investigated, is in direct conflict of interest with the statutory duties of the Learned Solicitor General of India.

We have, therefore, reasons to believe that such a meeting has been organised to influence the outcome of matters where Suvendu Adhikari is an accused, using the high offices of the Learned Solicitor General. We state that the act of the Learned Solicitor General to provide an opportunity of audience to Suvendu Adhikari not only reeks of impropriety but also raises the question of integrity, and taints the post occupied by the Learned Solicitor General.

In order to avoid any doubt in the mind of the public at large, as to the integrity and neutrality of the office of the Learned Solicitor General of India, we approach you to initiate necessary steps for removal of the Sri. Tushar Mehta from the post of the Solicitor General of India.

Yours sincerely

For All India Trinamool Congress

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