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Respected Governor,

It pains me that you have chosen an unfortunate incident which occurred in Rampurhat on 21.03.2022 that resulted in loss of precious lives, to pass sweeping and uncalled for comments on the law and order situation in the State. The incident is unfortunate and the State Government is saddened at the loss of lives. The State administration has taken immediate steps not only to take action against the local police officers posted in the sub-division but also formed a Special Investigation Team(SIT) to investigate the cause of the incident. 10 persons have so far been arrested. Senior Minister from the State Government Shri Firhad Hakim has been rushed to the place of occurrence to oversee the situation. All senior officers including District Magistrate; Superintendent of Police; Inspector General of Police etc. are also camping in the area. I have also asked the Director General of Police to immediately proceed and ensure that the perpetrators of the heinous crime are arrested and action taken against them.

As you are aware that in this incident one important TMC party functionary, who was also *Upa-Pradhan* of the Gram Panchayat, was brutally attacked and killed by some unknown miscreants. The political identity of the perpetrators of the crime is a subject of the investigation. Moreover, fire in some houses resulted in loss of few precious lives. The possibility of a larger political conspiracy to malign the image of the State cannot be ruled out and the investigation will make all-out efforts to unearth all those who are behind the occurrence of the incident.

Whenever such incident takes place, it is highly improper to make sweeping and uncalled for statement instead of paving the way for impartial investigation. However, you have commented in your tweet that the horrifying violence and arson, indicates that the State is under a grip of violence and lawlessness. This is highly unfortunate and unbecoming of a person holding such a dignified constitutional post.

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May I, in this context, remind you that your comments were not forthcoming whenever much more heinous incidents happened in BJP-ruled States and also in other parts of the country. Surprisingly, in all these cases, you have chosen to remain silent. Our State is always peaceful, barring a few sporadic incidents. But whenever an unfortunate incident happens in West Bengal, you leave no stone unturned to castigate and malign the State Government. Your utterances and statements have political overtones which provide support to other political parties to browbeat the Government.

Therefore, I would like to request you to kindly refrain from making unwarranted statements and allow the administration to conduct impartial investigation to find out the truth and take exemplary action against those involved in the incident.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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