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To  
His Excellency  
The Governor and Chancellor of the State Universities  
West Bengal  
Raj Bhavan  
Kolkata- 700 001

Sub: Brutal killing of a Polling Official, Sri Rajkumar Roy, by profession a teacher

Respected Sir,

With deep sorrow and profound anguish, we – the teachers of the colleges and universities of West Bengal – strongly condemn the brutal and most unfortunate death of a polling official (Presiding Officer), Sri Rajkumar Roy, a teacher of Karandighi High Madrasha, in North Dinajpur district, on the day of the Panchayat Election in the state, i.e. 14 May 2018.

As far as we have been able to learn from media reports as well as from our colleagues in that district, Sri Roy was kidnapped from the polling station while he was discharging his duty as a Presiding Officer on the day of poll and later his mutilated body was found on the railway tracks. We apprehend that it was a cold-blooded murder by the hooligans and miscreants who had gathered around the polling station with the purpose of booth-capturing, especially in view of the fact that it was a common phenomenon throughout the state on the polling day.

Sir, which is all the more unfortunate and regrettable, the Government of West Bengal has been trying to describe this ghastly incident as a mere accident or an act of suicide even without conducting a proper inquiry, presumably to evade responsibility. It is equally surprising and painful that the State Election Commission also has been conspicuous by their silence till date on this incident, and has not taken a single step for protection and well-being of Sri Roy's family. It may be mentioned in this respect that Sri Rajkumar Roy has left behind his parents, wife and two school-going children and there is no other earning member in his family. We find it extremely agonizing that the administrative authorities of the state are displaying such callous attitudes over this gory event.

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**We would therefore earnestly request you to kindly intervene for ensuring justice to the family of Sri Rajkumar Roy. We demand:**

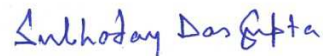
- a) A CBI inquiry for this untoward incident**
- b) Compensation for the family of Sri Rajkumar Roy and a government service for his wife**
- c) Ensuring meaningful and effective security arrangement for giving protection to the polling personnel during election**
- d) No requisition of teachers and non-teaching staff from the schools and colleges in future, in keeping with the priority for the smooth running of the academic institutions of the state**

**With regards,**

**Yours sincerely**



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