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CHIEF MINISTER, WEST BENGAL

No. 58 - CM/2025

November 17, 2025

Respected Prime Minister,

Kindly refer to my letter dated October 18, 2025 requesting you to reconsider and revoke the appointment of a retired IPS officer as the Interlocutor for the issues relating to Gorkhas in Darjeeling Hills, which your office had promptly acknowledged and advised Home Minister to look into (copy enclosed).

It is a matter of grave concern that without any further communication in response to my letter and despite your kind intervention, the Office of the Interlocuter under Ministry of Home Affairs, has, vide Memo dated 10th November 2025, communicated that the office of the interlocutor has already started functioning. This is really shocking.

This unilateral and arbitrary action of the Central Government—undertaken without any consultation or concurrence of the Government of West Bengal—is wholly unconstitutional, without jurisdiction, and devoid of any legal sanctity. The said order has no foundation either in the Constitution of India or in any valid statutory provision.

The Darjeeling region is an inseparable and integral part of the State of West Bengal. It is governed by the Gorkha Territorial Administration Act, 2011, a law duly enacted by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and notified on 12th March, 2012 after getting the Presidential assent. This Act was designed to ensure self-governance in the Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and Kurseong sub-divisions, and under Section 2(h) of the said Act, the appropriate “Government” is expressly defined as the Government of the State of West Bengal. Consequently, the Central Government has no jurisdictional competence to appoint any representative or interlocutor in matters pertaining to these regions.

The Office Order dated 10th November, 2025 therefore, constitutes an ultra vires, colourable, and malafide exercise of power, in direct violation of the constitutional scheme of distribution of powers. The Constitution of India, under Part V and Part VI read with Part XI, clearly demarcates the executive and legislative domains of the Union and the States. Matters enumerated in List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution fall exclusively within the legislative and administrative authority of the State.

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The appointment of an interlocutor to deal with issues already governed by a valid State law is a blatant encroachment upon the federal structure of the nation and an assault on the autonomy of the State of West Bengal. Such actions strike at the very heart of cooperative federalism, which forms one of the basic features of the Indian Constitution.

No explanation or justification has been furnished by the Central Government for this extraordinary and unwarranted step. It is pertinent to note that the Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and Kurseong regions, which had once witnessed prolonged unrest, have enjoyed complete peace, stability, and developmental progress under the present Government of West Bengal since 2011, following comprehensive administrative reforms and welfare initiatives.

In view of the above fact, the present move by the Central Government is not only unconstitutional but it also appears to be a politically motivated attempt to disturb the peace and stability of the region.

The Government of West Bengal categorically rejects and strongly objects to this unconstitutional, arbitrary, and politically coloured interference in the internal affairs of the State. Such acts not only undermine the constitutional federal structure but also erode the spirit of unity and mutual respect that defines our democratic polity.

I once again look forward to your kind intervention and request you to revoke this unconstitutional and arbitrary order.

With regards

Enclo : As stated above

Yours sincerely,


(Mamata Banerjee)

**Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
South Block, Raisina Hill
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Outlook

Fwd: Letter from the Hon'ble CM, West Bengal, dated 18th October, 2025

From PM Appointment Cell <appt@pmo.gov.in>

Date Tue 10/21/2025 1:25 PM

To osdtohm <osdtohm@nic.in>; pstohm <pstohm@nic.in>

Cc wbgovt <wbgovt@wb.gov.in>

 1 attachment (207 KB)

Letter to the Honble PM dated 18102025__.pdf;

Sir,

Please refer trailing mail received from Ms. Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister, WB.

2. In this regard, PM has desired that Home Minister may look into.

Regards,
Appointment Section
PMH
011-2301 9334

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From: wbgovt <wbgovt@wb.gov.in>

To: "PK Mishra" <pkmishra.pmo@gov.in>

Cc: "APPOINTMENT SECTION" <appt.pmo@gov.in>

Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2025 14:36:07 +0530

Subject: Letter from the Hon'ble CM, West Bengal, dated 18th October, 2025

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To: The Prime Minister's Office

Sir,

Letter dated 18th October, 2025, from the Hon'ble CM, West Bengal, addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, is attached for his kind perusal.

Regards,

**Chief Minister's Office
West Bengal**