

A Statement

# **“Not to let the wounds of Nandigram become festering sores”**

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We the undersigned, who have long been associated with the Left movement in the country, feel deeply pained and anguished by the loss of lives and injuries suffered during the police action in Nandigram on March 14.

Nobody belonging to the Left would ever justify repressive action against peasants or workers who are the basic classes of the Left. The tragedy at Nandigram on March 14 was an entirely unanticipated, unjustified and unfortunate turn of events, whose exact origin and course should be established through a proper inquiry.

The Left Front government meanwhile has announced the removal of the police force from Nandigram, has reiterated its policy that no land will be acquired for industrial purposes without the consent of the peasants and other people concerned, has put on hold all land acquisition, and has put a halt to the construction of SEZs until the Central legislation on SEZs itself, to which the Left has always been opposed, is suitably amended. And the CPI(M), the leading partner of the Left Front, has asked for a judicial inquiry into the tragedy.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that the state government has committed itself to recompensing the families of the victims, all efforts must be made so that tension subsides and normalcy returns to the area, allowing the numerous refugees, who have been driven out from there and living in makeshift camps, to return home. We appeal to all concerned not to let the wounds of Nandigram become festering sores.

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