

LEGAL NOTICE

Through Advocate Pooja Shukla

Date: 13 June 2026

To

1. Ms. Mamata Banerjee
2. Mr. Kalyan Banerjee, Member of Parliament
3. Mr. Sougata Roy, Member of Parliament
4. Ms. Mahua Moitra, Member of Parliament
5. Ms. Sonali Guha

Subject: Cease and Desist Notice regarding False, Defamatory and Unwarranted References to Dr. Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar

Madam/Sir,

Under instructions from and on behalf of my client, Dr. Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar, a distinguished psychiatrist and medical professional, I hereby issue the present legal notice as follows:

1. My client is a highly qualified psychiatrist who has undergone training and professional engagement at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University, Boston, and the Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, London. He enjoys a reputation for academic excellence, professional integrity, and public respect.

1. My client has been informed that on various occasions, including media interviews and public statements, insinuations and representations have been made suggesting that he sought a political nomination or ticket from the Barasat Assembly Constituency and that the alleged denial of such nomination resulted in his mother adopting a dissident political position.

2. My client categorically denies these assertions. He states that he neither sought nor desired any nomination for the Barasat Assembly Constituency and had no political ambition in that regard.

3. My client further states that IPAC representatives associated with political consultancy and organizational activities repeatedly approached him and requested that he consider contesting from the Barasat Assembly segment. According to my client's instructions, Mr. Sohom Pal, then associated with the Barasat District TMCP, contacted him on multiple occasions through WhatsApp and encouraged him to contest elections.

Every week representatives from Indian Political Action Committee, TMCP President Sohom Pal would call Dr Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar to attend health camps in Barasat.

Signed Dr. Baidyanath
Ghosh Dastidar

*Dr. Baidyanath Ghosh
Dastidar*

A group of 20 Trinamool Congress workers went to Calcutta National Medical College to request Dr Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar to contest from Barasat Assembly segment, the department head Dr Srijit Ghosh and other faculty are witness to these events.

1. My client further instructs that Mr. Chandra Bhushan Rao and Ms. Sreetama Bose repeatedly contacted him and met him at his residence in Madhyamgram in connection with such discussions.

In fact Mr Chandra Bhushan Rao called Dr Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar, asked him to contest as MLA and to be groomed as future MP.

Dr Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar had been offered a job a Birmingham University NHS trust which he declined in light of these developments.

1. My client states that during the relevant period, namely September, October, and November, he was present in Boston, Massachusetts, United States, serving as an Observer in the Department of Neuroimaging at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was working with Dr Frank Simoene the admission letter is attached here as documentary evidence.

2. His professional commitments abroad are wholly inconsistent with the suggestion that he was actively pursuing an Assembly nomination or electoral candidature.

3. My client has also been informed that in an interview broadcast by Republic Bangla, Mr. Kalyan Banerjee made derogatory and uncharitable references concerning my client and his brother. Such remarks, if accurately reported, are wholly unwarranted and have caused substantial distress and reputational harm.

4. My client has further been informed that Ms. Sonali Guha publicly stated that he consumes alcohol. My client categorically denies this allegation and states that such a statement is false, defamatory, and unsupported by any evidence whatsoever.

5. The aforesaid statements, insinuations, and references have caused serious prejudice to my client's personal reputation, professional standing, and social esteem. The dissemination of false and misleading statements concerning an individual of established professional reputation constitutes a grave matter under civil and criminal law.

6. My client has no desire to participate in or be associated with internal political disputes, controversies, or narratives. He therefore objects to any direct or indirect use of his name, identity, professional background, or family circumstances in connection with political commentary, speculation, or public discourse.

Accordingly, through this notice, you are hereby called upon to:

Dr. Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar

- a. Immediately cease and desist from making, publishing, repeating, endorsing, or circulating any statement, insinuation, or allegation concerning my client in relation to any political matter;
- b. Refrain from making any direct or indirect reference to my client in future public speeches, interviews, social media communications, press interactions, or political discussions;
- c. Withdraw and retract all false, defamatory, and misleading statements concerning my client;
- d. Issue a public clarification and apology within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this notice, acknowledging that my client neither sought nor desired any political nomination from the Barasat Assembly Constituency and correcting any false statements made regarding his personal conduct or character.

Please take notice that should you fail to comply with the aforesaid demands within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this notice, my client shall be constrained to initiate such civil, criminal, and other legal proceedings as may be available in law.

This notice is issued without prejudice to all rights and remedies available to my client in law and equity, all of which are expressly reserved.

Yours faithfully,

Pooja Shukla, Advocate

Counsel for

Dr. Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar

Countersigned Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar

The above legal notice will be sent by my advocate Pooja Shukla to Former CM Mamata Banerjee, MP Mahua Moitra, MP Sougato Roy, Sonali Guha and MP Kalyan Banerjee

Countersigned Dr Baidyanath Ghosh Dastidar MBBS MD