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MEMORANDUM

Submitted to:

The Director General of Police

West Bengal Police

Bhabani Bhavan

Kolkata – 700027

Submitted by:

Centre for Protection of Democratic Rights and Secularism (CPDRS), West Bengal

Date: 9 July 2026

Subject:

Memorandum regarding the reported police encounter at Baruipur and the need for a transparent and impartial investigation

Respected Sir,

The Centre for Protection of Democratic Rights and Secularism (CPDRS), West Bengal, respectfully submits this memorandum regarding the reported police encounter at Baruipur in which an accused in a recent criminal case lost his life during police custody.

At the outset, CPDRS unequivocally condemns the heinous crime allegedly committed against the victim. Those responsible must be prosecuted and, if found guilty, punished in accordance with law after a fair and expeditious trial. Equally, it is the duty of the State to ensure that every investigation and every use of force by law enforcement agencies conforms to the Constitution and the rule of law.

The reported encounter has attracted widespread public attention and has raised concerns regarding the circumstances in which the death occurred. Irrespective of the eventual findings, it is essential that the investigation into the incident is conducted in a manner that is independent, impartial, transparent, and fully consistent with the legal safeguards applicable



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to deaths resulting from police action. Such an approach protects the rights of all concerned and reinforces public confidence in the integrity and professionalism of the West Bengal Police.

CPDRS respectfully requests that all applicable statutory provisions, judicial directions, and departmental procedures governing encounter deaths be strictly followed. A thorough investigation, supported by proper forensic examination, preservation of evidence, documentation, and accountability, is essential to establish the facts objectively.

In this regard, we respectfully request your good office to:

1. Ensure that the investigation into the reported encounter is conducted fairly, impartially, and expeditiously in accordance with law.
2. Ensure strict compliance with all statutory requirements, judicial directions, and departmental procedures applicable to encounter deaths.
3. Direct that all material evidence, including forensic, ballistic, medical, electronic, and documentary evidence, is properly preserved and examined.
4. Ensure transparency in the investigative process to the extent permitted by law so as to maintain public confidence in the administration of justice.
5. Take any further measures considered appropriate to strengthen accountability and public trust while safeguarding the rights of all persons involved.

CPDRS submits this memorandum in the larger public interest and with full respect for the responsibilities discharged by the West Bengal Police. Our objective is to emphasize that the rule of law is indispensable in every case involving the use of lethal force by the police.

We hope that your good office will take all necessary steps to ensure that the matter is investigated in a fair, transparent, and legally sound manner, thereby reinforcing public confidence in the criminal justice system.

We look forward to discussing these issues during the meeting and to hearing the measures already undertaken by the West Bengal Police in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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Working President

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Secretary