

Congress top leader quits party, joins TMC



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New Delhi : In yet another significant development in the field of politics, Assam's former Congress president and outgoing Rajya Sabha MP Ripun Bora quits the party and joined TMC on Sunday.

In his letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Bora alleged that he had no point of continue as Congress

leader and former where a section of his party leaders has struck secret deal with BJP or Chief Minister. Later in the afternoon, Bora joined TMC at a brief function in Kolkata where top TMC leaders were present. Bora is that ed second top ICobgress eader to have joined TMC after Sushmita Dev.

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To,
Smt Sonia Gandhi
President
All India Congress Committee
24 Akbar Road
New Delhi.

Subject: Resignation from Indian National Congress.

Madam,

I have been associated with INC since 1976, right from my student life and during this long period I served the party at different capacity with party and constitutional posts, but today with heavy heart, I tender my resignation.

I am very thankful and grateful to you and national leadership to congress party for giving me various responsibilities in the party during the past years. But despite that I am compelled to take such a harsh decision of resigning from the party.

In this connection I may be allowed to place before you the following few lines:

During the past couple of years the way BJP, the symbol of communal and decisive forces is growing across the country and it is a serious threat to the democracy, constitution and secularism and economy of our country. But instead of fighting and unitedly and aggressively to prevent BJP at this critical juncture of the country. The leaders of this grand old congress party at different levels are fighting each other for their vested interest. This has given BJP ample advantages to grow in every nook and corner in one hand and another, demoralizing millions of congress workers of the country.

The Congress party in my home state of Assam is also not an exception to this. After a devastating defeat in Assam Assembly Elections in 2016, you gave me the responsibility of PCC president, Assam. Since then I have been devoting tremendous handwork to revive the party and have been able to build congress to challenge the BJP in all elections right from Panchayat, Urban local bodies, number of Assembly Bye-Elections and in Lok Sabha

Election of 2019. Even in 2021 Assam Assembly Election, we Congress emerged in such a way, people started to believe and expect of Congress forming Govt. in 2021. But due to Continuous inner fight by a section of senior most Leaders of Assam PCC, People lost faith on us and did not give mandate to us to form the Govt.

With your blessings I as a Member of Rajya Sabha, during the last six years played very Pro- active and aggressive role against BJP, for which I was Suspended from Rajya Sabha Session on two occasions. I also Successfully raised number of National issues and Some vital issues relating to my State Assam, in Rajya Sabha.

I am grateful to you for renominating me for second term as Party Candidate for the recently held Rajya Sabha Election, but it is very unfortunate that some of my Party Leaders played role in such a manner which Paved the way for BJP's to win in both the Rajya Sabha Seats.

I am very Pained to inform you that it is an open Secret in Assam that instead of fighting against BJP, a section of Senior most Leaders of Assam PCC have been maintaining Secret understanding with BJP Govt mainly with the Chief Minister.

Under this backdrop my conscience does not allow me to continue in Congress Party Where the Party's interest and ideology are being Compromised in favour of BJP for some vested interest of few leaders.

However in coming days, I shall Continue my fight more vigorously against BJP, to Protect the democracy, Secularism, and Constitution of our Country.

Wishing you a very good health and long life.

With Regards

(Ripun Bora)

Ex- MP,

Former President Assam Pcc.

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