

TMC FAIL CARD

The true story of 10 years of TMC's
corrupt and inept governance in
West Bengal



The TMC's lies about economic growth in the state



TMC's lies around doubling of average per person income

The TMC claims that the average per person income has more than doubled under their government. This is absolutely incorrect and deliberately misrepresentative. To hide their poor performance, TMC has quoted per capita income numbers at current prices that do not account for inflation and not at constant prices that give a more accurate assessment:

- Even at current prices, what the TMC government has not mentioned is that West Bengal ranks a poor 22nd out of the 32 states and UTs benchmarked in 2018-19 and a poor 13th out of the 20 states and UTs benchmarked in 2019-20 on average per person income.
- At constant prices, the average per person income of West Bengal has increased from INR 51,543 in 2010-11 to a mere INR 71,757 in 2019-20.
- At constant prices, West Bengal ranks a poor 24th out of the 32 states and UTs benchmarked in 2018-19 and a poor 15th out of the 20 states and UTs benchmarked in 2019-20 on average per person income.
- In terms of growth of average per person income between 2011-12 and 2018-19, West Bengal ranks a poor 26th out of 32 states and UTs with a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) of mere 3.88% per annum.



TMC lies around economic growth in the state

The TMC's claims on growth in GSDP, agriculture, industry and services sectors are misrepresentative as well. The TMC government has tried to hide the poor state of West Bengal's economy by selectively quoting West Bengal's numbers without providing any context of its performance relative to the rest of the country:

- At constant prices, West Bengal has a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) of GSDP of a mere 5.15% per annum, between 2011-12 to 2018-19 and ranks a miserable 31st out of the 32 states and UTs.
- In fact, West Bengal's share in India's GDP has fallen from 6.03% in 2011-2012 to 5.25% in 2018-19, clearly showing that the state has severely underperformed in comparison to the rest of the country.
- In terms of growth in the agriculture sector, West Bengal ranks 10th out of 32 states and UTs with a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) of just 3% per annum, between 2011-12 to 2018-19, in terms of gross state value added (GSVA) at constant prices.

- In terms of growth in the industries sector, West Bengal ranks 20th out of 32 states UTs with a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) of just 5.74% per annum, between 2011-12 to 2018-19, in terms gross state value added (GSVA) at constant prices (includes manufacturing, construction, industry).
- In terms of growth in the service sector, West Bengal ranks 28th out of 32 states and UTs with a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) of just 5.82% per annum, between 2011-12 to 2018-19, in terms gross state value added (GSVA) at constant prices (includes services, banking and finance).



The TMC's lies around the state budget

The TMC claims that the budget has tripled under their government. However, This is far from the complete picture:

- It must be pointed out that in West Bengal's 2020-21 budget of INR 2.34 lakh crore, presented in February 2020, just INR 75,073 crore is from the state's own revenue, tax and non-tax.
- In terms of growth of state's own revenue, between 2011-12 and 2019-20, West Bengal ranks a poor 10th out of 31 states with a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) of 13.27% per annum.
- The debt estimate as given in the 2020-21 state budget stands at almost INR 4.5 lakh crore. Despite the growth in GSDP, the TMC's mismanagement has more than doubled the debt that they inherited, causing serious harm to the state's economy.



TMC has failed to attract investment to the state

The TMC has made tall claims about bringing investment to the state but the reality is completely different:

- In 2010-11, West Bengal's share in total foreign direct investment (FDI) received by the country was at 1%. In 2020, it is still at 1%, proving that the TMC has completely failed in bringing investment to the state.
- As per the DIPP report on foreign direct investment (FDI) received between October 2019 and September 2020, West Bengal occupied 10th position out of all Indian states in terms of total FDI inflow

Law & order has collapsed in West Bengal under TMC's misrule



Law and order has collapsed during TMC's gundaraj

The protection given to criminals by the TMC in exchange for money and muscle has created anarchy in the state. This criminalisation of politics has led to serious consequences for the safety of the people of the state. :

- As per 2018 NCRB data (the latest submitted by the TMC state government) West Bengal has:
- The 4th highest number of cases of murder in the country
- The highest number of attempt to murder cases in the country
- The highest number of cases of grievous hurt
- The 3rd highest total number of violent crimes
- The TMC's vote bank politics has given a foothold in the state to terror networks as seen by the arrest of Al Qaeda operatives from Murshidabad.
- Left wing extremism has re-emerged in the Jangal Mahal area as the TMC looks to take political benefit from their violence.

- Political violence is rampant in the state as opposition workers are routinely killed for disagreeing with the TMC.
- Communal violence too has been rife as seen from the incidents in Kaliachak, Baduria, Dhulagarh, Asansol, Raniganj and Telinipara.



The administration has been turned into the TMC's private army

Instead of protecting the people of the state, the police and the administration has been politicised to such an extent that pleasing their political masters has become their first priority:

- The state police is regularly used to suppress opposition protests, cover up the murders of opposition workers and to act as a mouthpiece for the TMC in absolving its party cadre and leadership of all wrongdoing.
- The politicisation of the police has happened to such an extent that opposition workers are being killed in police custody and in police firing on peaceful protests.

TMC has ruined the future of West Bengal by ruining education



The education system in the state has deteriorated under TMC rule

The TMC claims that the budget for education, sports, art and culture increased by almost 3 times. This claim too is meant to mislead the people as conditions of schools and quality of education has deteriorated under the TMCs misrule:

- Around 90% of government run elementary schools do not have basic furniture like desks and tables for all students. The same situation prevails in higher secondary and secondary schools, where 89% and 83% government schools do not have table-desks for all students.
- More than 30% of government elementary schools do not have good classrooms while 10% schools do not even have electricity connection.
- There are 16289 elementary schools in the state which do not have the requisite number of teachers as per RTE norms.
- The student to classroom ratio in secondary schools is 63 as compared to the national ratio of 50.



The TMC's education related schemes have failed to make an impact

The Kanyashree Prakalpa and Sabooj Sathi have been cited as a major success, but here too TMC has tried to cover up the major failures of the scheme.:

- The schemes have become an absolute failure and source of cut-money for the TMC government. Reports have also emerged of public protests against this corruption of the TMC.
- Kanyashree Prakalpa has failed to deliver on it's goal of eliminating child marriage :
- As per NFHS-4 (2015-16), West Bengal was one of the worst performers with regard to early age marriage. On an average 41.6% women are married before turning 18 years while at the national level only 26.8% women are married before attaining 18 years of age. The situation is worse in rural regions of West Bengal, where 47.3% women are married before the legal age of marriage.

- As per the same report, 18.3% of women in West Bengal are subjected early age pregnancy(between 15-18 year).
- In October, 2018, the state government refused to cooperate with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in an audit of Kanyashree Prakalpa. The CAG made an observation that the State Government had refused to furnish data wrt the said scheme and hence audit could not take place.



The TMC's work on higher education is abysmal:

TMC claims around setting up institutes of higher education are an attempt to hide the scary condition of higher education in West Bengal:

- With a ratio of 13 colleges per lakh population, it is embarrassing to see TMC's governments false claims with regard to higher education.
- In the last 10 years, students and their guardians have been forced to pay huge amounts of cut money to TMC workers for college admissions.

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The TMC has failed to develop healthcare infrastructure

Gaps in healthcare infrastructure have caused immense suffering to the people of the state:

- West Bengal faces a 22% shortfall in the number of Sub Centres (Scs), 58% shortfall in Primary health Centres (PHC) and 36% shortfall in Community health Centres (CHCs) needed to adequately serve the people of the state.
- As per the National Health Profile 2019, West Bengal has a total of 78566 beds in government hospitals (as of 2015). At 0.86 beds per 1000 people West Bengal ranks a dismal 19th out of 35 states and UTs. Even considering the claim that the number of beds now stands at 85627, West Bengal still remains in 19th position with regard to number of beds per 1000 people.
- There is also a huge disparity between rural and urban areas with rural areas having only 19684 beds as against urban areas which have 58882 beds.



There is a major shortage of healthcare personnel in the state

The true picture of the healthcare system in West Bengal can only be ascertained by looking at the scenario in rural West Bengal. As per the Rural Health Statistics Report 2018-19:

- 516 positions for doctors at rural PHCs are vacant out of a sanctioned 1326 positions (38.91% vacancy).
- 503 positions of specialists (Surgeons, OB GYN, Physicians & Paediatricians) in CHCs are vacant out of 574 sanctioned positions in rural West Bengal (87.63% vacancy).



Ayushman Bharat not being implemented has left citizens of Bengal without a safety net

- Ayushman Bharat allows a person to get free treatment across the country while Swasthya Sathi does not. This is especially harmful to the lakhs of migrant workers who leave the state to look for work.
- Hundreds of crores could have been saved if Ayushman Bharat had been accepted by the TMC. The saved funds could have been used to develop healthcare infrastructure and deal with the COVID-19 pandemic



The TMC has failed to control the spread of diseases in West Bengal

As per the National Health Profile 2019, West Bengal has one of the largest share of cases and deaths caused by various diseases and performed poorly with regard to control of such diseases. West Bengal had the :

- Highest number of acute diarrhoeal diseases cases in the country with 21,15,771 cases amounting to 15.77% of the total cases.
- Highest number of dengue cases in the country with 37,746 cases amounting to 20% of total cases and nearly 14.15% of deaths.

- Highest number of measles cases in the country, with 3,910 cases amounting to 21% of the total cases and 64% of deaths.
- Highest number of meningococcal meningitis cases in the country with 903 cases amounting to 25% the total cases and 50.65% of deaths.
- Highest number of rabies cases in the country with 38 cases amounting to 34.2% of the total cases and 34.2% of deaths.
- Second highest number of typhoid cases in the country with 2,38,569 cases amounting to 10.5% of the total cases.
- Second highest number of cholera cases in the country with 112 cases amounting to 22.04% of the total cases.
- Third highest number of acute respiratory infection cases in the country with 39.14 lakh cases amounting to 9.3% of the total cases and 13.86% of deaths.
- Third highest number of acute encephalitis cases in the country with 1514 cases amounting to 11.0% of the total cases and 15.4% of deaths.
- Third highest number of acute chickenpox cases in the country with 7210 cases amounting to 9.5% of the total cases and 59% of deaths.
- Fourth highest number of Japanese encephalitis cases in the country with 165 cases amounting to 7.5% of the total cases and 15.7% of deaths.



The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the dismal state of healthcare in West Bengal

The TMC government's inefficiency has become most evident in the current pandemic situation. In the last 9 years, Mamata Banerjee used every tool to hide her complete failure as a Health Minister however her mishandling of COVID-19 exposed the abysmal state of healthcare in West Bengal.

- As of 11.12.2020, West Bengal reported the 3rd highest number of active COVID cases across the country.
- Significant inefficiency, dysfunctional decision-making and acute shortage of healthcare capacity has further exacerbated the issue.
- While every other state worked towards increasing the number of COVID tests, the TMC government intentionally kept tests very low to hide the reality of the state. As on 11.12.2020 with tests per million count at mere 65,426, West Bengal stands at 33rd position across all states and UTs.
- The inability of the TMC government to increase the testing levels has resulted in the increasing prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

The TMC has abandoned the economically backward in the state



The TMC has deprived the economically backward of food, water and shelter and denied them help from the BJP Central Government

Apart from claiming credit for the stellar work done by the Central Government, the TMC has failed to provide even the basic necessities of food, shelter and water to the economically backward people in the state:

- The TMC government specialises in repackaging Central Government schemes and claiming credit for them. PDS under the National Food Security Act is repackaged as Khadya Sathi, PM Awas Yojana as Bangla Awas Yojana and Swachh Bharat as Nirmal Bangla.
- Only 64.3% of the ration cards in the state are Aadhar seeded as compared to a national Aadhar seeding rate of 83.18%. This enables major corruption in the system as was seen even during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Even now the TMC has expressed their opposition to One Nation One Ration Card as this will not allow them to carry out corruption in PDS.

- 25.9% of the households in the state still do not have access to pucca housing. This proportion is quite high as compared to the national picture where about 16.7% households do not have access to pucca housing.
- 19.5% of rural housing and 11.3% of urban housing were classified as 'bad' in the 76th round of the National Sample Survey.
- In 2014, 3 years after TMC came to power, 58.19% of rural households did not have toilet facilities. It is only after the introduction of Swachh Bharat that this situation has been remedied.
- 69.6% of rural and 24.7% of urban houses have no access to drainage facilities as per the National Sample Survey Organisation.
- INR 4667 crore (including the Central share of INR 3146 crore) has not been released by the state government for PM Awas Yojana.
- West Bengal has the highest proportion (97.8%) of rural households which are not covered with functional house tap connection (FHTC).
- West Bengal has installed only 2.2 lakh taps against a target of 55.5 lakh under the Jal Jeevan Mission making it tough for rural households to have access to clean water.



The TMC's misrule worsened the effect of COVID-19 and Cyclone Amphan on the economically backward

While the COVID-19 pandemic and Cyclone Amphan caused huge suffering to the people of the state, the TMC's cruel apathy and corruption significantly worsened the situation:

- Widespread corruption was reported in the distribution of relief materials including food during the COVID-19 induced lockdown.
- There was no cooperation with the Central Government in bringing back migrant workers from West Bengal to the state and Mamata Banerjee called the special trains designated for this purpose "Corona Express".
- INR 5000 crore given to the state to rebuild dams and barrages in the Sunderbans area has been completely misused by the TMC which significantly worsened the effect of Amphan in this region.

- Work under PMAY by the TMC government is disappointing which amplified the impact of Amphan across districts. Till date, construction of only 1,11,413 houses has been completed against 1,81,059 sanctioned houses in North 24 Parganas, only 2,21,663 houses have been completed against 3,47,751 sanctioned houses in South 24 Parganas and in East Medinipur only 79,675 houses have been completed against 1,53,874 approved houses.
- The TMC has also carried out massive corruption in the funds granted by the Centre for PMAY, leading to needy people not having enough resources to build pucca housing.
- Relief money meant to provide support to victims of Amphan was looted by the TMC.
- Taking cognizance of this blatant corruption, the Hon'ble High Court ordered a CAG audit of Amphan scam. However, scared of facing people's wrath and to hide the extent of corruption, the TMC government has moved to the Supreme Court to challenge the High Court's order.

Grave injustice has been done to SC, ST and OBC communities under TMC rule



The TMC's claims around SC, ST and OBC welfare are deliberately misleading

Under TMC rule SC, ST and OBC communities have had to suffer from grave injustices:

- The National Commission for Scheduled Castes has time and again reprimanded the West Bengal government for failing to register incidences of crime against SC population. The Commission observed that the state police does not take FIRs in the incidents of murder, rape, torture and other forms of atrocities against the Scheduled Castes.
- The Chairman of the Commission also stated that West Bengal has, in reality, the 2nd most number of crimes against backward classes.

- Tea plantation workers, a significant portion of whom belong to the ST community, have been demanding revision in their salaries since 2017, however in spite of making false promises, the TMC government has failed to provide any relief to them. Wage has remained the same at Rs. 176 since 2017.
- The TMC government has failed to ensure that the ST population gets their substantive rights under the Forest Rights Act. As of June 2020, West Bengal had disbursed only 45,130 claims out of a cumulative of 1,42,081 lakh applications for forest rights resulting in rejection of almost 70% of land right claims (96,587).
- By opposing the granting of citizenship under CAA, the TMC is trying to take away a dignified future from a large portion of the SC communities in the state.
- By ensuring that 97% of their vote bank gets into the OBC list, the TMC has snatched away much needed support from the other OBCs in the

West Bengal's infrastructure is in ruins due to the TMC's misgovernance



Electricity is both unavailable and unaffordable

Even after 73 years of Independence, the people of West Bengal have to suffer in darkness due to electricity being both unaffordable and unavailable:

- It is ironic that Mamata Banerjee is showing 703 kWh per person consumption of electricity as a mark of achievement. West Bengal is at 25th position across states and UTs when it comes to per capita consumption of electricity.
- Per person consumption of electricity stood at 1181 kWh at the national level while West Bengal was way behind at 703 kWh.

- It is well known that Kolkata has some of the highest electricity rates in the country, making it highly unaffordable for the poor people in the city.



The TMC has failed to provide much needed road connectivity

Road connectivity is the lifeline of development and prosperity but the TMC has consistently failed to provide and maintain quality road networks in the state:

- In terms of length of state highways, West Bengal ranked a lowly 14th out of 31 states and UTs as of 2017.
- Only 14.8% of the total road length in the state had been surfaced as of 2017.
- 75.7% of rural roads in the state had not been surfaced in the state as of 2017.
- Close to 30% of urban roads had not been surfaced in the state.

- The collapse of the Ultadanga and Majerhat bridges in Kolkata show the lack of care that the TMC has when it comes to building and maintaining quality infrastructure.



The TMC has left West Bengal's cities to rot

West Bengal is performing poorly under urban development projects and has constantly failed to utilise funds sanctioned to develop West Bengal's cities :

- Between 2016 and 2019, under the Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT, West Bengal has failed to utilise 30% of the total funds released.
- Only 96 of the 141 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State are declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) with only 56 certified as ODF.
- In 2018, West Bengal stood at 28th position across all states in Swachh Survekshan. After its poor performance the state has refused to participate in the survey.

The TMC has betrayed the trust of the state's farmers



The TMC does not care about the welfare of farmers in the state

Instead of working for the welfare of the farmers, the TMC has always prioritised its own political and financial gain:

- Despite the "Mahajan" era being finished, farmers now need to withstand torture from TMC backed middlemen, who eat up the farmers' profits.
- By not allowing PM KISAN in the state, Mamata Banerjee has deprived over 70 lakh farmers from receiving an annual support amount of INR 6000.
- The replacement for PM KISAN is poorly implemented. 35% of the farmers in the state who were eligible for the scheme were left uncovered by it.
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana has been replaced with an inferior state scheme which covers far fewer crops and has been poorly implemented so far.
- By not approving the MSP bonus for paddy, Mamata has denied the farmers to give them their justified dues.
- The state government schemes for farmers have only remained in the official documentation stage, because farmers do not have proper paperwork for availing such schemes.



The TMC has failed to develop agri-infrastructure

There has been almost no effort on the TMC's part to build agri-infrastructure to increase profitability for farmers in the state:

- There is no irrigation facility in more than 45% of crop-producing fields.
- Due to lack of cold storage, potatoes are not being preserved, as an obvious result, potato farmers are suffering



The TMC has failed to increase farmer income sufficiently:

While making tall claims about increasing farmer income, the TMC has failed to mention the fact that life is still unaffordable for a majority of the farmers in West Bengal:

- As per the NABARD All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey, 2016-17, West Bengal ranked an abysmal 24th out of 29 states in terms of average monthly income for agricultural households.
- The same survey pointed out that the average monthly income was INR 1175 lesser than the national average.
- In 2017-18, West Bengal ranked a poor 13th for male field labour and 8th for female field labour out of 21 major states in terms of annual average daily income.

The TMC has failed to empower and protect the women of the state



The TMC has disempowered the women of the state by failing to protect them

The lack of care for womens' safety shown by the TMC state government has resulted in West Bengal being one of the most unsafe places in the country:

- Post 2018, the TMC government has refused to share crime statistics with NCRB as they are scared to show the terrible condition of law and order in the state.
- As per NCRB data for 2018:
 - West Bengal recorded the third highest number of cases (30, 394) of crime against women across India.
 - West Bengal recorded the highest number of cases (944) under attempt to rape.
 - West Bengal recorded the highest number of cases (36) of acid attack.

- West Bengal recorded the second highest number of cases (64,832) of missing women.
- Conviction rate in cases of crimes against women is at meagre 5.3% while nationally it was 23%



The TMC has failed to include women in the workforce

While unemployment has plagued a majority of the people of the state, women have been the worst hit. Contrary to the claims being made by the TMC, women in West Bengal have one of the lowest labour force participation rates (LFPR) in the country:

- As per PLFS 2018-19, LFPR of West Bengal for women stood as 16.8 and was worse in rural section where it dipped to 14.4. With a woman as the Chief Minister, women in West Bengal lost the most, from employment to a safer environment.

TMC's apathy has left the people with no jobs and a bleak future



Unemployment figures show the true picture of TMC's misgovernance

The TMC's false claims around decreasing unemployment are an insult to the millions of people of West Bengal who suffer from this curse on a daily basis:

- Under TMC's misrule unemployment has seen unprecedented growth. Unemployment rate in WB has increased by a staggering 217% between October 2016 and 2020.
- In the last 10 years lakhs of youth have been forced to leave West Bengal in search of livelihood and Mamata Banerjee has ensured closing down of industries. In the time of COVID, over 10.5 lakh migrant workers returned from other states, compared to 5.8 lakh as per Census 2001 and 2011.



Claiming credit for MGNREGA, claiming cut money from poor workers

Even poor workers who are dependent on MGNREGA are not safe from the TMC's greed:

- West Bengal has the highest percentage of delayed MGNREGA payments. While overall delay in payments under MGNREGA across states is at an average of 6%, West Bengal has a delay in MGNREGA payment at 9%.
- MGNREGA is plagued by TMC's cut-money across state. Worker's have to pay a hefty sum to avail work under the scheme



