

Mamata to meet governor on Singur

Indicating a breakthrough in the talks on the vexed Singur issue, Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee Sunday announced she would meet West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi to find a solution to the Tata Motors' Nano stand-off.

Banerjee, who is spearheading an indefinite sit-in since Aug 24 close to the Tata Motors plant here, told reporters that she had received an invitation from Gandhi to participate in the talks.

The governor, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, has been chairing discussions between the state government and the Trinamool-led Krishijami Jiban Jibika Raksha Committee (KJJRC).

'I want to inform you that the discussions have been constructive. It is my understanding that the government has agreed to consider the (alternate) land proposal inside and outside the project site. So I request you to join the discussions,' Banerjee said quoting from the governor's letter.

On Sunday morning, Gandhi held hour-long parleys with Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee at the Raj Bhavan, and followed it with another round of talks with Trinamool heavyweight and Leader of Opposition in the assembly Partha Chattopadhyay.

Banerjee said she was always ready for talks, provided it could provide a respectable solution to the land acquisition row.

'But our sit-in here will continue. I will meet the governor and come back here after the discussions,' she said.

'We want a solution,' she said.

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