

'VICTOR'S' VICTORY BE A TURNING POINT IN LEFT POLITICS IN WEST BENGAL

In the last bye election for the 10 Assembly constituency in West Bengal, Forward Bloc is the only party among the Left Front that won a seat, and that is from the Goalpokhar constituency of North Dinajpur District. This win has added significance that this time Forward Bloc has regained this seat which it lost to Congress during the last Assembly election. During the last Lok Sabha election, Congress had also a comfortable lead in this Assembly sector. But Forward Bloc has now snatched this seat from the Congress-Trinamool alliance.

The winning Left Front nominated Forward Bloc candidate Ali Imran Ramz, alias Victor, is the youngest candidate among all and he is the President of All India Students Bloc ___ the student wing of All India Forward Bloc. Hence this victory is the victory of youth. This victory was ensured as both the Forward Bloc and the CPI(M) worked there hard unitedly right from the grass root level. We hope, this left unity at the grass root level can be maintained throughout the state.

The other significant aspect of this victory is that the minority community of this constituency, which is more than 60% of its population, whole heartedly supported and voted for the Left Front candidate. Hence the so-called propaganda that the Muslims have turned their face from the Left Front could be belied.

But we are disappointed as well that in the bye election, all other nine Left Front candidates belonging to other partners of the Left Front are defeated by the Congress-Trinamool alliance. Moreover, Left Front has lost its three sitting seats. This is a matter of great concern, which has been thoroughly reviewed by the Left Front. We accept the challenge of the opposition alliance and hope to reverse the trend in the coming days through stronger left unity.