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TRINAMOOLO CONGRESS LOSES ITS IDENTITY

- With the Trinamool Congress splitting into two factions, new names and symbols have been allotted to the faction led by Mamata Banerjee and the dissident faction led by Arup Roy. As a result, the Trinamool Congress has lost the identity it had maintained for 28 years.
- For Mamata Banerjee, who broke away from the Congress and founded the Trinamool Congress in 1998, this action by the Election Commission has come as a major setback.
- » Ban on Using the Party Name and Symbol
- In this situation, the Election Commission, citing insufficient time to complete the inquiry procedures prescribed under Paragraph 15 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, took into account the urgent requirements of the by-election.
- Accordingly, the Election Commission issued an order prohibiting both factions from using the name and symbol of the Trinamool Congress.
- » A 28-Year-Old Identity
- After breaking away from the Congress in 1998 and establishing the Trinamool Congress, Mamata Banerjee submitted to the Election Commission the symbol of two flowers with grass, which she had drawn by hand, and obtained official recognition for it.
- For nearly 28 years, this symbol had remained the distinctive identity of the Trinamool Congress.