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**Swapan Dasgupta
resigns as RS MP**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Rajya Sabha nominated MP Swapan Dasgupta has sent in his resignation from the Upper House after a row erupted over the BJP announcing his candidature for the West Bengal Assembly elections.

"I have resigned from the Rajya Sabha today to commit myself totally to the fight for a better Bengal. I hope to file my nomination as BJP candidate for the Tarakeshwar Assembly seat in the next few days," 65-year-old Dasgupta tweeted.

Sources said Dasgupta, a journalist who was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in April 2016, has sent in his resignation requesting Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu to take note of his letter with effect from Wednesday.