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Swapan Dasgupta quits RS

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Nominated Rajya Sabha member Swapan Dasgupta resigned from the Upper House on Tuesday after being named as a BJP candidate in the West Bengal Assembly election.

"I have resigned from the Rajya Sabha 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," he said.

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Mr. Dasgupta found himself in a tight spot after questions were raised about him contesting the election on BJP ticket despite being a nominated MP.

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra said he should be disqualified from the Upper House. "Tenth Schedule of Constitution says nominated RS member must be disqualified if he joins any party after expiry of six months from oath," she tweeted.