WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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From: The Secretary,

West Bengal State Election Commission

To : The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal,

Treasury Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001

Sir,

I am directed to say that the State Election Commissioner has been pleased to decide that the employees of the Central/State Govt./Local Bodies and others who may be appointed as Presiding Officers/Polling Officers for performing polling duties in connection with the ensuing Municipal General & Bye-Elections scheduled to be held on 22nd November, 2013 shall be paid "Election Allowances" only in lieu of TA/DA and Tiffin Allowances as per rates detailed below:

| Duty | Presiding Officers (in Rupees) | Polling Officers (in Rupees) |
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| i) First day of Training | 250 | 175 |
| ii) Second day of Training | 250 | 175 |
| iii) On the day of taking Polling materials | 250 | 175 |
| | (Consolidated) | (Consolidated) |
| iv) For attending polling duties | 250 | 175 |
| v) For second day of polling (where necessary) | 250 | 175 |

- 2. The rates have been fixed irrespective of the distance travelled by them in vehicles provided by Govt. to reach the polling stations concerned.
- 3. In addition to the above, each polling party may also be given a fixed amount of Rs.300/- (Rupees three hundred) only towards contingent expenditure and this amount will be paid to the Presiding Officer of the party or, in his absence, to the Polling officer authorised to discharge the functions of the Presiding Officer.
- 4. The reserve polling personnel will get training allowance, and election duty allowance, if appointed, for duty, at the same rates as mentioned in the preceding paragraphs. A member of the reserve polling personnel who has to make night halt on the P-1 day shall be paid election charges of Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred) only and those who will be released before 12 Midnight of P-1 day will be paid Rs. 75/- (Rupees seventy five) only as the case may be.
- 5. It has also been decided that Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred) only in lieu of a food packet or light refreshment may be given to polling personnel who are actually engaged for duty on poll day. The reserved polling personnel who will stay overnight will also get 100/- (Rupees one hundred) only in lieu of food packet.

- 6. The Master Trainers who will be engaged by the DMEO / MRO should be given allowances of Rs.250/-(two hundred and fifty) only for providing each day training classes.
- 7. It has also been decided that the DCRC/Sector staff who will be engaged in other election duties will get Rs.200/- (Rupees two hundred) only for his duties on P-1 day and Rs. 150/- + Rs.100/- as meal charges on poll day. In that case no tiffin charges will be allowed to him for those days.
- 8. Further, contingent menials who will be engaged for duties other than polling duties in the DCRC, Training Centre, Sector Office, Counting Venue will be paid an amount of Rs.200/- (Rupees two hundred) only per head per day.
- 9. The District Municipal Election Officer/Municipal Returning Officer concerned will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this expenditure.
- 10. (i) The charges will proceed against the head "2217-Urban Development-05-Other Urban Development Schemes 192 Assistance to Municipalities / Municipal Councils -NP-Non-Plan-003-Grants to Municipalities in connection with their election V Voted -31 Grants-in aid –GENERAL- 02 other Grants".
 - (ii) The charges will proceed against the head "2217-Urban Development-05-Other Urban Development Schemes 191 Assistance to Municipal Corporations -NP-Non-Plan-009-Grants to Local Bodies in connection with their election V Voted -31 Grants- in aid GENERAL- 02 other Grants".

Yours faithfully,

Sd/ (Tapas Ray) Secretary West Bengal State Election Commission

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the :-

- 1) Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
- 2) Accountant General (Local Body Audit), West Bengal, MSO Buildings, CGO Complex, 5th floor, DF Block, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 064.
- 3) District Municipal Election Officer for Kolkata Municipal Corporation & District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas.
- 4) District Municipal Election Officer & District Magistrate, Cooch Behar / Jalpaiguri / Darjeeling / North 24-Parganas / South 24-Parganas / Howrah / Hooghly / Purba Medinipur / Paschim Medinipur / Burdwan / Purulia / Bankura / Murshidabad / Nadia. All Concerned may be informed accordingly.
- 5) Smt. Soma Shaw, WBCS(Ex.) Municipal Returning Officer for KMC, Ward No.1 & Assistant Election Officer, District Election Office, 63, N.S. Road, Kolkata-700001.
- 6) Sri Tanay Deb Sarkar, WBCS(Ex.), Municipal Returning Officer for KMC, Ward No.24 & Deputy Director, Panchayats & RD, Salt Lake.
- 7) Municipal Returning Officer & Sub-Divisional Officer, Dinhata / Cooch Behar (Sadar)/ Mal / Jalpaiguri (Sadar) / Siliguri / Barrackpore / Bidhannagar / Barasat / Alipore (Sadar) / Chandernagar / Raghunathpur / Purulia(Sadar) / Egra / Asansol / Lalbagh / Bankura (Sadar) / Howrah(Sadar) / Midnapur(Sadar) / Jhargram / Berhampur (Sadar) / Krishnanagar (Sadar).
- 8) Treasury Officer,
- 9) Principal Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata -700 001.

Sd/ Secretary, West Bengal State Election Commission