

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
18, SAROJINI NAIDU SARANI
(Rawdon Street)
KOLKATA – 700 017

No. 4082-SEC/1E-78/2012(Pt-I)

Date: 08.11.2013

ORDER

WHEREAS Section 65 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 (West Bengal Act, XXXIV of 1994) provides that, at the time of poll, electors, for the purpose of establishing their identity before the Presiding Officer or a Polling Officer of a Polling Station, before casting their votes, are required to produce the Electoral Photo Identity Cards (E.P.I.C.) issued in terms of the provisions under the Representation of the People Act, 1951 when such electors of the constituency concerned or the polling station in question have been supplied with the Identity Cards, with photographs attached thereto;

AND

2. WHEREAS it appears that all electors of any Polling Station within the area of the municipality to which elections will be held and polls will be taken on 22nd November, 2013, have not been provided with the said Identity Cards i.e EPIC;

AND

3. WHEREAS Rule 39H(3) of the West Bengal Municipalities (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 provides that the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, is required to be satisfied about the identity of the elector before allowing him to cast his or her vote;

4. Now, therefore, in supersession of all previous orders in this regard, the State Election Commissioner, West Bengal State Election Commission, in exercise of the power conferred by Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with section 5 of the West Bengal State Election Commission Act, 1994 hereby directs that the electors in each of the 5(five) Municipalities and 29(twenty nine) Municipal constituencies where General and Bye-Elections will be held on 22nd November, 2013, shall produce their Electoral Photo Identity Cards (E.P.I.C) for establishing their identity before casting their votes. Electors, who do not have EPIC shall have to produce any one of the following alternative photo bearing documents for establishing their identity.

- (i) Passport.
- (ii) Driving Licence.
- (iii) Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card.

- (iv) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to its employees by State/Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies or Public Limited Companies.
- (v) Passbooks with photograph issued by the Public Sector Banks / Post Office and Kissan Vikas Patra.
- (vi) SC/ST/OBC Certificates with photograph issued by competent authority.
- (vii) Pension Documents with photograph such as Ex-servicemen's Pension Book / Pension Payment Order, Ex-servicemen's Widow / Dependent Certificates, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order with photographs.
- (viii) Freedom Fighter Identity Cards with photograph.
- (ix) Arms Licenses with photograph issued by competent authority.
- (x) Certificate of Physical disability with photograph issued by Competent Authority.
- (xi) Health Insurance Scheme Smart Cards with photograph (Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India's Scheme) issued by competent authority.
- (xii) Identity Cards with photographs issued to Bidi Workers by the Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India.
- (xiii) Job Cards under MGNREG Scheme with photograph issued by competent authority issued upto 31st October, 2013.
- (xiv) Aadhar Card with photograph ;

5. Any of the above mentioned alternative documents that are available only to a member of the family may be used for identifying the other members of the family provided all members come together and are identified by such member.

By order of the
State Election Commissioner,
West Bengal State Election Commission

Sd/
Secretary
West Bengal State Election Commission

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1. District Municipal Election Officer for Kolkata Municipal Corporation & District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas.
2. 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 .
3. 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.
4. Sri Tanay Deb Sarkar, WBCS(Ex.), Municipal Returning Officer for KMC, Ward No.24 & Deputy Director, Panchayats & RD, Salt Lake.
5. Municipal Returning Officer & Sub-Divisional Officer, Dinhata / Cooch Behar(Sadar)/ Mal / Jalpaiguri (Sadar) / Siliguri / Barrackpore / Bidhannagar / Barasat / Alipur (Sadar) / Chandernagar / Raghunathpur / Purulia(Sadar) / Egra / Asansol / Lalbag / Bankura (Sadar) / Howrah(Sadar) / Midnapur(Sadar) / Jhargram / Berhampur(Sadar) / Krishnanagar(Sadar).

Sd/
O.SD. & E.O.
Joint Secretary
West Bengal State Election Commission

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