WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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No. 1235(6)-SEC/1M-16/2009(Pt.-I)

From: The Secretary,

West Bengal State Election Commission

To : The Municipal Returning Officer &

Sub-Divisional Officer,

Jalpaiguri (Sadar) / Ranaghat / Haldia /

Tamluk / Durgapur / Rampurhat.

<u>Sub : Booth capturing – Municipal General, 2012.</u>

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to Section 63 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 which lays down the actions to be taken by the Municipal Returning Officer and by this Commission in the event of "booth capturing". The word "booth capturing" shall bear the same meaning as in Section 135A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which has been reproduced at pp.36-37 of the Municipal Election Manual 1998 published by this Commission and Section 63 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 which also has been reproduced at page 71 of the same Municipal Election Manual 1998.

- 2. The "Explanation" to the aforesaid Section 135A lists the activities amounting to "booth capturing".
- 3. I am directed to request you to instruct all concerned to keep a sharp eye and to report immediately to this Commission if any incident of "booth capturing" takes place.
- 4. Please treat this as <u>extremely important.</u>

Yours faithfully, Sd/

Date: 10.05.2012

(Tapas Ray) Secretary West Bengal State Election Commission

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Copy forwarded to the District Municipal Election Officer & District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri/ Nadia / Purba Medinipur / Burdwan / Birbhum for information and necessary action.

Sd/ Joint Secretary, West Bengal State Election Commission

Date: 10.05.2012