WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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No. 1089-SEC/1E-85/2015

Date: 04.04.2015

ORDER

Whereas it appears that campaigning by different political parties has been going on in connection with ensuing Municipal General Election, 2015 to Kolkata Municipal Corporation on 18.04.2015 and for other 91 Urban Local Bodies on 25.04.2015; and

Whereas it has come to the notice of the Commission that Motor Cycle Convoys/ Rallies are being taken out by activists of some political parties; and

Whereas it has also come to the notice of the Commission that such Motor Cycle Convoys/Rallies are being used by activists of some political parties to create an environment of terror and intimidation in different areas of the Municipalities/Municipal Corporations going to the poll; and

Whereas it appears that many political parties have already approached the Commission to prevent such Convoys/Rallies of Motor Cycles as the same are being used for intimidating and assaulting rival candidates and spreading terror against the electorate under the garb of election campaign and thereby vitiating the election process apart from creating serious law and order problems; and

Whereas Commission considers it necessary to create a level playing field where all political parties can have their respective election campaign without any obstruction or threat as well as to ensure an atmosphere where the electorate can freely exercise their right to franchise without fear and intimidation;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred under article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India read with section 4 of West Bengal State Election Commissions Act, 1994, the Commission hereby prohibits taking out any Motor Cycle Convoys/ Rallies of more than 2 Motor Cycles within the areas covered by the Municipal General Election, 2015

without specific permission from the concerned police authorities with a view to ensuring free, fair and peaceful election. Violation of this order will attract penal provision as per law.

The above order will come into immediate effect and remain in force till the completion of Municipal election process on 11th May, 2015.

Sd/-

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