

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
18, SAROJINI NAIDU SARANI
KOLKATA-700 017

No. 1135-SEC/1S-14/2011

Date : 23.04.2012

From : The Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : Shri Sadhan Talukdar,
General Secretary,
Janata Dal (United),
West Bengal State Committee,
273,Panchanantala Road,
Howrah- 711101.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. NIL dated 17.04.2012 and to state that the procedure for allotment of symbols to the candidates for Municipal Elections is governed by Section 45 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 read with Rule 11 of the West Bengal Municipal (Conduct of Elections Rules), 1995. As per provision of the said rule, only the candidates set up by a recognized political party (The National Party or a State Party of the State) are entitled to use reserved Symbols. All other candidates other than recognized political party are required to make their choice from among the list of Free Symbols prescribed for this purpose.

Within the ambit of such legal provision, the candidate set up by the Janata Dal (United) Party, West Bengal State Committee may choose any of the Free Symbols available. The candidate set up by the concerned party may choose any Free Symbol as specified in the schedule appended to the aforesaid Rule in the ensuing Municipal General Elections, 2012.

Since the Janata Dal (United) Party, West Bengal State Committee is treated as registered but unrecognized party in this State, the candidates set up by the concerned party shall get preference in their choice of symbols over an Independent Candidate. In order to avail of this opportunity it will be necessary to furnish notices in Annexure-I and Annexure-II to the Municipal Returning Officer within the stipulated time i.e. the last date of making nominations along with a copy of the order issued by the Election Commission of India registering your party as registered political party.

It is however, provided that when two or more candidates set up by different registered but unrecognized political parties claim one particular symbol, the Municipal Returning Officer shall decide by lot to whom among such candidate, the symbol so claimed shall be allotted. The other candidates shall be allotted symbols according to their 2nd or 3rd choice as the case may be.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/
Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the:

- 1) District Municipal Election Officer & District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri / Nadia / Purba Medinipur / Burdwan / Birbhum.

- 2) Municipal Electoral Registration Officer and Sub-Divisional Officer, Durgapur / Tamluk / Haldia / Ranaghat / Rampurhat / Jalpaiguri(Sadar).

Sd/
Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission