

**WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**No. 160-SEC/1E-80/2012**

**Date: 11.02.2013**

**ORDER**

I have gone through the letter no. 110/P&RD dated 30.01.2013 of the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri.

2. The number of offices of Upa-Pradhan to be reserved for Scheduled Tribe category as determined under clause(a) of sub-rule (1) of rule 2A of the West Bengal Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1975 is 26. Out of 146 Gram Panchayats in the District of Jalpaiguri, the offices of the Pradhan have been reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes Women, Scheduled Tribes Women and Women in general category in 110 Gram Panchayats. There are 36 number of offices of Gram Panchayats available for reservation of Upa-Pradhan after exclusion of the grams where offices of the Pradhan have been reserved for the 1<sup>st</sup> term of election.

3. Out of 36 Gram Panchayats which are available for reservation of the offices of Upa-Pradhan, 22 Gram Panchayats have ST population more than 5% of the total population in the district of Jalpaiguri and the offices of Upa-Pradhans have been reserved in those 22 Gram Panchayats accordingly. Out of the rest 14 Gram Panchayats where ST population are less than 5%, one Gram Panchayat seat/constituency is available namely Fulbari-I Gram Panchayat where reservation of seat can be made for ST category in pursuance of Rule 2A(2)(vii) of the West Bengal Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1975 and in the remaining 13 Gram Panchayats, no Gram Panchayat seat has been reserved for the said category.

4. In the above circumstances, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4(1) of the West Bengal State Election Commission Act, 1994 read with rule 2A(2)(vii) of the West Bengal Panchayat(Constitution) Rules, 1975, I hereby order that the office of the Upa-Pradhan of Fulbari-I Gram Panchayuat under Rajganj Block shall be reserved for the Scheduled Tribe for the 1<sup>st</sup> term of election to be held in 2013.

This disposes of the memo 110/P&RD dated 30.01.2013 of the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri.

This order may be communicated to the District Magistrate & DPEO for further action.

Sd/ Mira Pande  
State Election Commissioner  
West Bengal State Election Commission

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Copy of the order is forwarded to the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri for information and necessary action.

(TAPAS RAY)  
Secretary  
West Bengal State Election Commission