

## WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION 18, SAROJINI NAIDU SARANI, (Rawdon Street) KOLKATA – 700 017 Ph No. 2280-5805; FAX 2280-7373

No. 758-SEC/1C-6/1998

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## ORDER

Whereas, Section 51 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 read with Rule 14 of the West Bengal Municipalities (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995, provides that a Contesting Candidate or his Election Agent may appoint 1(one) Polling Agent and 2(two) Relief Agents at each polling station; and

Whereas, it reveals during review of security arrangements of polling stations that it would not be prudent from the security point of view to allow any person who is not an elector of the Municipal Ward concerned to function as Polling Agent or Relief Agent;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, it is hereby directed that Polling Agent and Relief Agent to be appointed for polling station by the candidate or their Election Agents must be an elector of the polling area for which polling station is set up and that in no circumstances, a person from outside the area covered by the polling station shall be appointed by any Candidate or Election Agent to act as polling agent.

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

West Bengal State Election Commission

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The Municipal Returning Officers concerned may be informed accordingly.

President / Chairman / General Secretary / Secretary,

O.S.D. & E.O. Joint Secretary, West Bengal State Election Commission

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