

ELECTION URGENT

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To
The District Magistrate &
District Municipal Election Officer,
Darjeeling / Jalpaiguri/ Cooch Behar/ Uttar Dinajpur/
Dakshin Dinajpur/ Malda/ Murshidabad/ Nadia/
North 24-Parganas/ South 24-Parganas/ Howrah/
Hooghly/ Burdwan/ Birbhum/ Purba Medinipur/
Paschim Medinipur/ Bankura/ Purulia.

Sub: Setting the number of contesting candidates.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of our No. 695/19-SEC/1M-20/2013 dated 20.03.2015, I am to inform you that Second Randomisation of E.V.M.s has to be done before preparation of E.V.M.s for Poll by candidate setting as the address tag of E.V.M. is sealed at the time of preparation of E.V.M. (candidate set). The purpose of Second Randomisation of E.V.M. is to allocate E.V.M. randomly to Polling Stations. The Municipal Returning Officer should fix the date of preparation of E.V.M. for Poll (candidate set) and intimate all candidates to remain present or send their representatives during the process. The date should be fixed as early as possible after the last date of withdrawal of candidature and finalization of ballot papers. On this day, Second Randomisation should be done before doing the process of preparation of E.V.M.s for Poll and C.U.s and B.U.s should be randomly allocated to Polling Stations.

The preparation shall be done in a large hall which can accommodate all E.V.M.s to be prepared. The hall should be available to accommodate officers nominated by the Municipal Returning Officers, Engineers of E.C.I.L. and representatives of the candidates. Before the hall is used for preparation, it shall be fully sanitized to ensure that the hall is free from any other electronic device or components of electronic device. Every entry to the hall shall be guarded by the Police force. Every hall shall have a door frame metal detector. Every person who enters the hall shall be frisked at every entry. Entry to this hall shall be on production of identity card of the authorized officials/ passes issued by the Municipal Returning Officers. Nobody will be allowed to carry any electronic device inside the hall including cell phones, camera, and spy pens. Similarly, nobody will be allowed to carry anything out of the preparation hall.

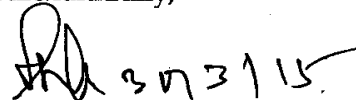
Only the authorized engineers of E.C.I.L. shall be associated with the preparation of E.V.M.s. Authorised persons will be allowed to enter the preparation hall only after proper identification using photo identity documents. It may be noted that a separate team will be required for each E.V.M. in which thousand votes are cast during Mock Poll, because the time required for casting of thousand votes will be at least for 4 hours.

The following additional tasks have to be performed:-

- (a) Checking of balloting units.
- (b) Conduct of Mock Poll: In 5% of E.V.M.s, at least thousand votes shall be polled during the Mock Poll. In rest of the machines, number of vote polled during the Mock Poll should be to the satisfaction of the representatives of the candidates. A print out of the results of the Mock Poll, where single post E.V.M.s are used, shall be taken out for at least 5% of E.V.M.s and shown to representatives of political parties.
- (c) Sealing of plastic cabinet of B.U. with paper seal.

The preparation shall be supervised either personally by the Municipal Returning Officer, or one of the Assistant Municipal Returning Officers deputed by him for this purpose. The process of preparation of E.V.M.s should be videographed. All other procedures, as prescribed by Commission's instruction dated 20.03.2015, as referred to above, shall be followed.

Yours faithfully,



O.S.D. & E.O. JOINT SECRETARY
West Bengal State Election Commission