WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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No. 3087(17)-SEC/5C-9/2013   Date : 26.07.2013

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

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

Sub: Declaration of results of zilla parishad seats.
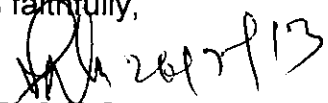
Ref.: 8th Panchayat General Elections, 2013.

Sir,

Questions have been raised as to whether the concerned Assistant Retuning Officers (i.e. the B.D.O.s) can issue the certificates of election to the wining candidates for the Zilla Parishad seats immediately after the counting of votes is over – instead of despatching the result sheets to the Returning Officers (i.e. the S.D.O.s) for the purpose.

On consideration of this issue, the Commission is of the clear view that it is not mandatory for only the Returning Officer to issue certificates of election and that in case the District Panchayat Election Officer feels that the concerned Assistant Returning Officers (as duly authorized by the Returning Officers) may also issue certificates of election to Zilla Parishad seats at the counting centres themselves at the satisfactory conclusion of the counting process, this may be done as provided under Section 24 of the West Bengal Panchayat Elections Act, 2003.

This instruction may be communicated to all concerned as a guideline and for information of all contesting candidates for Zilla Parishad constituencies. Kindly confirm actions & arrangements taken to this Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the President / Chairman / General Secretary / Secretary,

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