

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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No. 1139(5)-SEC/4D-8/2011

Dated the 24th April, 2012

From : The Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : The District Municipal Election Officer &
District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri / Nadia /
Purba Medinipur / Burdwan / Birbhum.

Sub.: Prevention of defacement of property - Election campaign by political parties & candidates - instructions in connection with the Municipal Elections.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to subject mentioned above and to say that after considering all aspects of the matter, the State Election Commission has decided that following guidelines shall be followed subject to Court Orders, if any, on this subject.

PUBLIC PLACES

1. No wall writing, pasting of posters / papers or defacement in any other form, or erecting / displaying of cutouts, hoardings, banners etc. shall be permitted on any public property / public premises.

PRIVATE PLACES

2. (a) The political parties, candidates, their agents, workers and supporters may hoist their party flags / flags showing their election symbols on their own property, provided they do so on their own volition, voluntarily and without any pressure from any party, organization or person.
- (b) Wall writings and pasting of posters, putting up hoardings, banners, etc. on private premises can be done only with the owner's written permission. The contesting candidates or the political parties concerned shall obtain prior written permission from the owner of the property and on demand submit photocopies of the same to the Returning Officers or an officer designated by him for the purpose.

3. If any political party / association / candidate / person indulges in defacement of property in violation of the above instructions, the Municipal Returning Officer / District Municipal Election Officer shall issue notice to the offender for removing the defacement forthwith. If the political party / association / candidate / person does not respond promptly, the district authorities may take action to remove the defacement and the expenses incurred in the process shall be recovered from the political party / association / candidate / person responsible for the defacement.
4. The District Municipal Election Officer is requested to bring this to the notice of Municipal Returning Officers concerned, local units of Political parties and candidates for information and compliance.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/
(Tapas Ray)
Secretary
West Bengal State Election Commission

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the:

President / Chairman / General Secretary / Secretary.

Sd/
Joint Secretary,
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