

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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No. 1204(5)-SEC/1M-16/2009(Pt-I)

Dated : 03.05.2012

From : The Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

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

Sub : Restriction on the use of Cellular Phone around Polling Stations and Counting Halls .

Sir,

I am directed to state that in order to have smooth election at the polling stations on the date of poll and to maintain law and order in the Counting Centres at the time of counting of votes, in connection with the Municipal General Elections to be held on 3rd June, 2012, the Commission hereby directs that no person shall be allowed to either carry or use Cellular Phones, Cordless Phones, Wireless Sets, etc, in the 100 meter perimeter of the polling stations described as the “Polling Station Neighborhood” and within the polling booth. Similarly no person shall be allowed to carry or use such instruments in the area within and around the Counting Centre or within the area cordoned off by the security forces to regulate the entry of persons to such counting halls and centres. If any person is found in possession of such instrument in violation of these directions, the instrument shall be seized by the officer-in-charge of security and shall be returned to the person concerned only after the counting of votes is completed and results are declared.

These instructions, however, will not apply to Executive Magistrates, Sector Officers and Police Officers put on duty near the polling booth and counting centers who may be using any such instruments in the course of discharge of their official duties. Similarly, these restrictions will not apply to the Observer appointed by the Commission and Municipal Returning Officers and Assistant Municipal Returning Officers who may have to use such instruments in the course of their official duties.

These instructions shall be brought to the notice of the candidates, their election agents and all political parties for their information and strict compliance. Observers may also be kept informed.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/
(Tapas Ray)
Secretary

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Copy forwarded to the Municipal Returning Officer & Sub-Divisional Officer, Jalpaiguri(Sadar) / Ranaghat / Tamluk / Haldia / Durgapur / Rampurhat for information and necessary action.

Sd/
Joint Secretary
West Bengal State Election Commission

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Sd/
Joint Secretary
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