

1. **Introduction**  
 The purpose of this report is to analyze the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and to provide recommendations for recovery. The report is structured as follows: Section 2 discusses the economic impact of the pandemic, Section 3 analyzes the impact on different sectors, Section 4 discusses the impact on employment, and Section 5 provides recommendations for recovery.

2. **Economic Impact**  
 The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the global economy. The World Bank estimates that the global economy contracted by 3.5% in 2020, the largest annual decline since World War II. The impact was particularly severe in developed economies, with the United States and Europe experiencing deep recessions.

3. **Impact on Sectors**  
 The impact of the pandemic was not uniform across all sectors. Sectors such as retail, hospitality, and travel experienced significant declines, while sectors such as technology and e-commerce saw growth. The impact on different sectors is discussed in more detail in Section 3.

4. **Impact on Employment**  
 The pandemic has led to a significant loss of jobs worldwide. The International Labour Organization estimates that over 100 million jobs were lost globally in 2020. The impact on employment is discussed in more detail in Section 4.

5. **Recommendations for Recovery**  
 There are several recommendations for recovery from the pandemic. These include:

- **Supporting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs):** SMEs are the backbone of many economies and have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic. Governments should provide financial support and other assistance to help SMEs survive and recover.
- **Investing in Infrastructure:** Investing in infrastructure can help stimulate economic growth and create jobs. Governments should invest in infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, and public transportation.
- **Supporting Education and Training:** Education and training are essential for economic recovery. Governments should invest in education and training programs to help workers acquire the skills needed for the future economy.
- **Improving Healthcare Systems:** A strong healthcare system is essential for preventing future pandemics and ensuring economic stability. Governments should invest in healthcare systems to improve their capacity to respond to future health crises.

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**MUNICIPAL  
ELECTION URGENT**

No. 3338(9)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date : 16.08.2013

From : The Secretary,  
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : The District Municipal Election Officer &  
District Magistrate, Cooch Behar / Jalpaiguri / Uttar Dinajpur /  
Dakshin Dinajpur / Nadia / North 24-Parganas /  
South 24-Parganas / Burdwan / Birbhum.

**Sub : Municipal General Elections, September, 2013– plying of vehicles on poll  
day and during campaign - Regulation thereof :**

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to section 81 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 which says that electoral offences under chapter III of Part-VII of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 shall be electoral offences under the former Act.

2. Section 123(5) read with section 133 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 prohibits the hiring or procuring or the use of vehicles or vessels for free conveyance of electors to and from the polling stations.

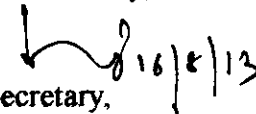
3. Having regard to the above legal provisions, this Commission hereby issues the following directives :

- a) At a municipal election each contesting candidate in a municipal constituency shall be entitled under permit to be issued by the Municipal Returning Officer to the use of one vehicle which may be used either by himself or by his election agent.
- b) Each recognized political party shall be entitled under permit to be issued by the District Municipal Election Officer to the use of one vehicle for the Municipality where such party is participating in the ensuing election.
- c) On the day of poll, none of the vehicles for which permits have been issued under clause (a) or clause (b) shall display any slogan, symbol or any representation, pictorial or narrative, tantamounting to canvassing in favour of any candidate or any party.
- d) The political parties and their candidates shall apply for permit mentioning the Number of the vehicle and display the permit issued in this connection on the windscreen of the vehicles.

- e) No such vehicle as referred to above shall be used for transport of any voter to the polling station on the poll day.
- f) On the day of poll and also on the day, preceding the day of poll there shall not be any convoy of 2-wheeler or 3-wheeler having more than two such vehicles at any time in the said Municipal area.
- g) The District Municipal Election Officer & District Magistrate and the Municipal Returning Officer should also inform the candidates and the political parties of these directives.
- h) Violation of statutory provisions amounting to electoral offences should be strictly viewed and offenders should be prosecuted under the law.

I am directed to request you kindly to ensure strict compliance of the directions indicated above.

Yours faithfully,

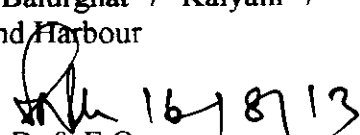
  
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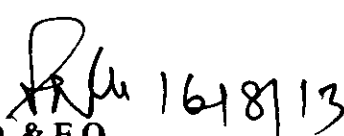
  
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