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**No. 1133(5)-SEC/1M-16/2009(Pt.-I)**

**Date : 23.04.2012**

From : The Secretary,  
West Bengal State Election Commission

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

**Sub : Municipal General Elections, June, 2012– 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.

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

Yours faithfully,

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

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

Sd/  
Joint Secretary,  
West Bengal State Election Commission

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Sd/

Joint Secretary,  
West Bengal State Election Commission