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Date: 05.05.2012

From : The Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : Shri Naparajit Mukhopadhyay, IPS
Director General & Inspector General of Police,
West Bengal.

Sub.: Restrictions on presence of political functionaries in Durgapur Municipal Corporation, Dhupguri, Nalhati, Panskura, Haldia Municipalities and Coopers' Camp Notified Area where elections will be held on 3rd June, 2012, after the campaign period is over.

Sir,

Under Section 126 of the Representation of People Act, 1951 read with Section 81 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994, in the period of 48(forty eight) hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of poll, the campaigning will come to an end.

During the course of campaign in the ensuing Municipal Elections, the political parties mobilize their supporters including those from outside the Municipal area in order to bolster that campaign. In view of the fact that after the closure of campaign period no campaign can take place within the geographical area of the Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Notified Area. Presence of political functionaries / party workers / procession functionaries / campaign functionaries etc. who have been brought from outside the Municipal / Notified area and who are not voters of the Municipal body, should not continue in the Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Notified area as their continued presence after campaign ends may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll.

Hence the Commission has directed that after the campaign period is over, the District Election Administration / Police Administration shall ensure that all such functionaries leave the Municipal area immediately after the campaign period is over. However, the said restrictions may not be insisted upon in respect of bonafide residents of the area even if they

are not voters. The said restrictions may also not be insisted upon in respect of persons coming from outside for genuine specific reasons and in respect of office bearer of political party who is in-charge of the State or the district where Municipal Elections are being held. However, such office bearer shall have to declare his place of stay and his movement during the period in question shall be confined normally between his party office and place of his stay. This shall be brought to the notice of all political parties, candidates and their agents in order to enable them to comply.

The Commission further directs that in order to ensure that the above instruction is carried out, the Election Administration / Police Administration may take all necessary measures which may include:

- a) Checking of Community Halls, Marriage Halls etc. where such people are kept housed and find out whether such outsiders have been accommodated in these premises.
- b) Verification of lodges and guest houses to keep a track of the list of occupants.
- c) Set up check post in the Municipal borders and track the vehicular movement from outside the Municipal area.
- d) Verify the identity of the people / of the group of people in order to find out whether they are voters or not and establish their identity.
- e) This may be brought to the notice of all concerned and ensure strict compliance.

Action taken in the matter may be informed to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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

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- 1) District Municipal Election Officer & District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri / Nadia / Purba Medinipur / Burdwan / Birbhum.
- 2) Observer.....

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