

**WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**Date: 03.05.2012**

From : The Secretary,  
West Bengal State Election Commission

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

**Sub.: Facilities for Senior Citizen and Physically Challenged Voters during the ensuing Municipal General Elections.**

Sir,

With a view to ensuring casting of votes by the Senior Citizens and Physically Challenged persons without much difficulty in the Municipal General Elections to Durgapur Municipal Corporation, Dhupguri, Haldia, Panskura & Nalhati Municipalities and Coopers' Camp Notified Area scheduled to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2012, the Commission has directed that there should be a separate queue primarily for the physically challenged persons and Senior Citizens. However, there may be at times difficulty in enforcing this norm strictly but the guiding principle for every one should be the physical condition of the voter and the infirmity if any the voter suffers from. Regarding identification of senior citizen, the Commission has decided that a person who has attained the age of 60 years or more shall be allowed to use separate queue meant for senior citizens and physically challenged persons. As this being a voter friendly initiative, the MRO should give adequate publicity about it and issue an appeal to voters to co-operate in this initiative with a request that those who are able bodied and healthy should not try to avail this opportunity to jump the queue. Rather this should be need based. The voters in the queue should have open mind to help the fellow voters who are suffering from disability and other age related and health related problem. The Presiding Officers and other field officers may be instructed accordingly.

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,

