

ELECTION URGENT

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
18, Sarojini Naidu Sarani
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No. 753-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date: 21.03.2015

From : The Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : The Principal Secretary to the
Govt. of West Bengal,
Power Department,
New Secretariat Buildings,
Kolkata – 700 001.

Sub : Uninterrupted power supply to Kolkata Municipal Corporation and other 91
Municipal Constituencies where Municipal General Elections are scheduled to be
held on 18.04.2015 and 25.04.2015 as well as to the office of WBSEC.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Municipal General Elections to Kolkata Municipal Corporation and other 91(ninety one) Municipal Constituencies where Municipal General Elections are scheduled to be held on the 18th April, 2015 and 25th April, 2015 respectively from 7.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.

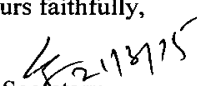
The counting of votes of the said Municipal Bodies will be held at a centralised place under the control of the Municipal Returning Officers concerned on the 28th April, 2015 from 8.30 A.M. uninterruptedly.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly issue necessary instructions to the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited and the CESC Ltd. to make necessary arrangements for uninterrupted supply of power to the said Urban Local Bodies on such dates as stated above in this respective jurisdiction.

Again C.E.S.C. Ltd. may be advised for supply of uninterrupted power to State Election Commission's office at 18, Sarojini Naidu Sarani, Kolkata-17 from the forenoon of 17th April to 28th April, 2015 in the interest of smooth conduct of such elections.

A copy of the instruction to be issued in this regard may kindly be sent to this Commission for its information and record.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary,


West Bengal State Election Commission

No. 753/1(21)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date: 21.03.2015

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the:

- 1) District Municipal Election Officer for Kolkata Municipal Corporation & District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas.
- 2) District Municipal Election Officer & District Magistrate, Darjeeling / Cooch Behar / Jalpaiguri / Uttar Dinajpur / Dakshin Dinajpur / Malda / Murshidabad / Purba Medinipur / Paschim Medinipur / Nadia / North 24-Parganas / South 24-Parganas / Howrah / Hooghly / Bankura / Purulia / Burdwan / Birbhum.
- 3) Chairman & Managing Director, West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited, Bidyut Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700091.
- 4) Managing Director, Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation, Victoria House.


21/3/15
O.S.D. & E.O.
Joint Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

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No. 752(62)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date : 21.03.2015

From : The O.S.D. & E.O. Joint Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : 1) The Municipal Returning Officer for KMC,
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2) Municipal Returning Officer & Sub-Divisional Officer,
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Sub : List of validly nominated candidates in Form-4

Sir,

I am directed to draw your kind attention to the proviso to sub-rule (2) of rule 7 of the West Bengal Municipalities (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 and to state that at the time of preparation of the list of validly nominated candidates the following procedure shall have to be followed.

1. The name of every such candidate shall be shown in the said list as it appears in his nomination paper.
2. If a candidate considers that his name is incorrectly spelt or is otherwise incorrectly shown in his nomination paper or is different from the name by which he is popularly known, he may, at an any time before the list of contesting candidates is prepared, furnish in writing to the Municipal Returning Officer the proper form and spelling of his name and the Municipal Returning Officer shall, on being satisfied as to the genuineness of the request, make the necessary correction or alteration in the list in Form 4 and adopt that form and spelling in the list of contesting candidates.

Yours faithfully,

 21/3/15

O.S.D. & E.O. Joint Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

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No. 751(62)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date : 21.03.2015

From : The O.S.D. & E.O. Joint Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : 1) The Municipal Returning Officer for KMC,
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2) Municipal Returning Officer & Sub-Divisional Officer,
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**Sub.: Adjournment of poll in emergencies and in the case of
destruction etc. of voting machines and / or booth capturing.**

Sir,

I am directed to request you to send report(s) on adjournment of poll or cases of destruction etc. of voting machines or booth capturing with reference to sections 61, 62 and 63 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994, if any, by special messenger on the same day, or through F A X or by email at the earliest. The report(s) should indicate full identification particulars of the polling station(s) and the constituency, the specific reason(s) for adjournment of poll or details of destruction etc. of voting machines or booth capturing.

2. Copies of the report of the Presiding Officer(s) should accompany your own comments thereon.
3. All concerned may please be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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West Bengal State Election Commission

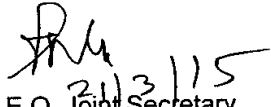
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No. 750(62)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date : 21.03.2015

From : The O.S.D. & E.O. Joint Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : 1) The Municipal Returning Officer for KMC,
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2) Municipal Returning Officer & Sub-Divisional Officer,
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Sub : Booth capturing – Municipal General Elections, 2015.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to Section 63 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 which lays down the actions to be taken by the Municipal Returning Officers and by this Commission in the event of "booth capturing". The word "booth capturing" shall bear the same meaning as in Section 135A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which has been reproduced at pp.36-37 of the Municipal Election Manual 1998 published by this Commission and Section 63 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994 which also has been reproduced at page 71 of the same Municipal Election Manual 1998.

2. The "Explanation" to the aforesaid Section 135A lists the activities amounting to "booth capturing".

3. I am directed to request you to instruct all concerned to keep a sharp eye and to report immediately to this Commission if any incident of "booth capturing" takes place.

4. Please treat this as **extremely important.**

Yours faithfully,

[Signature] 21/3/15
O.S.D. & E.O. Joint Secretary
West Bengal State Election Commission

No. 750(62)/1(19)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date : 21.03.2015

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No. 749(19)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date : 21.03.2015

From : The Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

- To : 1) The District Municipal Election Officer for
Kolkata Municipal Corporation &
District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas.
- 2) The District Municipal Election Officer &
District Magistrate, Darjeeling / Cooch Behar / Jalpaiguri / Uttar Dinajpur /
Dakshin Dinajpur / Malda / Murshidabad / Purba Medinipur / Paschim Medinipur
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Bankura / Purulia / Burdwan / Birbhum.

**Sub : Municipal General Elections, 2015– 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 Municipal Corporation / 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,

21/3/15
Secretary,

West Bengal State Election Commission

No.749(19)/1(62)-SEC/1M-20/2013

Date : 21.03.2015

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1. Municipal Returning Officer for KMC,
2. The Municipal Returning Officer & Sub-Divisional Officer,

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O.S.D. & E.O. Joint Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

No.749(19)/2(9)-SEC/1M-20/2013

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the President / Chairman / General Secretary / Secretary.

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Sub: Setting the number of contesting candidates.

Sir,

I am directed to state that a control unit of the voting machine provided by this Commission can cater upto sixty candidates. Therefore, at the ensuing Municipal General Elections, 2015 are scheduled to be held on 18th April, 2015 and 25th April, 2015 respectively where the voting machine would be used, the control unit has to be set according to the number of contesting candidates at that elections.

2. For setting the number of contesting candidates the following operations shall be performed.
 - a) The number of contesting candidates can be set in the control unit only by linking this unit with balloting unit or with all the balloting units where more than one balloting units are to be used.
 - b) After the control unit and the balloting unit(s) have been linked, push the 'Power' switch to 'On' position so that both the units get the necessary power to make them operational.
 - c) The procedure for setting the number of contesting candidates should be followed as laid down in the Electronic Voting Machine Manual supplied by the Electronic Corporation of India Limited
3. After the control unit has been set according to the contesting candidates at the election, the power should be switched off and the control unit and the balloting unit(s) should be de-linked by recovering the interconnecting cable from the control unit

4. All the required E.V.Ms must be duly prepared at least one week before the date of poll in the constituencies. The preparation of the Voting Machines is to be taken up after giving at least one weeks notice of the same in writing to each candidate or his election agent intimating them the place where the machines will be so prepared and the date and time at which such preparation will commence. The candidate and his election agent should be requested to remain present on the date and time given in the notice or to depute their authorized representatives.

5. Each balloting unit has to be prepared at the Municipal Returning Officer's level by :-

- a) Inserting and fixing ballot paper in the space meant for the purpose;
- b) **Masking the candidates buttons** which are not required to be used depending on the number of contesting candidates. Provided that the **16th button of the machine must always be kept in mask position** irrespective of number of contesting candidate.

6. Entire process of setting up of candidates and preparation of balloting unit should preferably be made in presence of at least one technician of the manufacturing company. Electronic Corporation of India Limited Authority at Kolkata has been requested accordingly to provide their technician on such date and time and place as may be fixed by the Returning Officer concerned for taking up preparation of Voting Machines.

The Municipal Returning Officer concerned may please be advised to fix the date or dates for setting up of candidate in consultation with the ECIL authority provided such programme should be made at least one week before the of poll.

7. The ballot paper may be fixed in the space provided for the purpose on the upper side of the top cover. Align the ballot paper properly so that each candidate's name and his symbol are in line with the corresponding candidates lamp and button. After ensuring this alignment close and press fit the Ballot Paper Screen to secure the Ballot paper firmly underneath that screen. Every ballot paper before it is fixed on a balloting unit shall be either signed on its back by the Municipal Returning Officer or stamped on its back with a rubber stamp bearing the facsimile signature of the Returning Officer.

8. After the ballot paper has been fixed firmly and the ballot paper Screen has to be pressed down and fitted properly on the upper side of the Top Cover. Thereafter the screen is to be sealed on the inner side of the Top Cover. This is to be done by passing the thread through the two holes on the screen specially provided for the purpose and by putting the thread seal on the prescribed address tag showing the particulars of the election with the seal of the Municipal Returning Officer.

9. After closing the Ballot unit by bringing the top cover back to its original position pass two threads, one through the three holes at the top and other through the three holes at the bottom provided for the purpose and each thread may be sealed with the Returning Officers seal. The candidates, or their Agents should be permitted to affix their seals, if they so desire.

10. The flap which houses the Candidate Set button of Control Unit may be closed by passing a thread through the two holes provided on the left side and sealed with the seal of the Returning Officer. While sealing care should be taken that direct flame does not come in contact with the Control Unit and molten wax does not fall on any part of the control unit

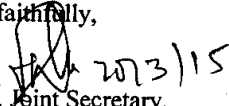
11. The candidate set section may also be sealed after closing it by passing a thread through the two holes provided on the left side with the seal of the Returning Officer. Care should also be taken at the time of sealing that direct flame does not come in contact with control unit and molten wax does not fall on any part of the Control Unit. The candidate or their Agents should be permitted to affix their seals, if they desire.

12. The Control Unit and balloting unit of every Voting Machine to be used at polling station shall bear also a label marked with :-

- a) the serial number and the name of the constituency;
- b) the serial number and the name of the polling station;
- c) the serial number of the unit and
- d) the date of poll.

Separate direction of the Commission regarding use of Strip Seals and fixing of paper seals and Strip Seals by Presiding Officers at the Polling Stations is being issued.

Yours faithfully,

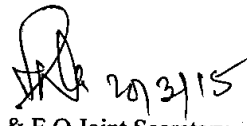
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2.,Municipal Returning Officer for Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

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