

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
18, SAROJINI NAIDU SARANI (Rawdon Street)
KOLKATA – 700 017

No. 139(10)-SEC/1A-8/2020

Date: 08.01.2022

From : The Additional Secretary,
West Bengal State Election Commission

To : The Chairman / President / General Secretary / Secretary,

All India Trinamool Congress/ Bahujan Samaj Party/ Bharatiya Janata Party/
Communist Party of India/ Communist Party of India (Marxist)/ Indian National
Congress/ Nationalist Congress Party/ National People's Party/ All India Forward
Bloc/ Revolutionary Socialist Party

Sub.: Appeal to follow guidelines in relation to campaign etc. during the COVID-19 pandemic

Sir,

I am directed to state that the State Election Commission, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, has issued detailed guidelines vide Memo No. 31(4)-SEC/1A-8/2020 dated 03.01.2022 prescribing Covid safe arrangements at different stages of election process including those at polling stations for voters, for election officials as well as for election campaigns. These were further reiterated on 05.01.2022 for strict compliance and action to be taken under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in case of violation.

The Commission once again reiterates its COVID-19 guidelines and appeals to all the political parties and the candidates in connection with the ensuing Municipal General Elections to four Municipal Corporations, to avoid large gatherings and use digital platform/ social media as medium for campaign rather than holding meetings and rallies, keeping in mind the growing threats posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am also directed to state that in case parties/ candidates don't abide by the laid down COVID-19 guidelines during campaign, necessary action under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, etc. will be initiated immediately by the District Authorities and their permission for further campaigns, even if granted previously, shall also be cancelled. DMEOs and DMs are also directed to scrupulously ensure compliance of these guidelines by all concerned.

Yours faithfully



Additional Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the District Magistrate & District Municipal Election Officer, Hooghly/ North 24 Parganas/ Paschim Bardhaman/ Darjeeling, with the request to kindly bring the aforesaid appeal to the knowledge of the contesting candidates.



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