

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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P R E S S N O T E

Sub: Municipal General Elections 2022

1. Elections will be held for the following Constituencies:

Name of ULB	Total Wards	No. of Polling Stations*	Total Polling Premises	Electors*
Siliguri Municipal Corporation	47	421	150	4,02,895
Chandernagore Municipal Corporation	33	169	60	1,44,839
Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation	41	468	194	4,46,640
Asansol Municipal Corporation	106	1020	480	9,42,088

* As per draft publication dated 27.12.2021

2. Tentative Schedule for Poll (subject to Notification)

Sl. No.	Description of Schedule	Date
1.	Appointment of dates for nomination etc. by the West Bengal State Election Commission u/s 37 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994.	28.12.2021
2.	Public Notice inviting nominations for election by the Municipal Returning Officer u/s 38 of the West Bengal Municipal Elections Act, 1994.	28.12.2021
3.	The Last Date for Making Nomination u/s 37(a).	03.01.2022
4.	The Date for Scrutiny of Nomination u/s 37(b).	04.01.2022
5.	The Last Date for withdrawal of candidature u/s 37(c).	06.01.2022
6.	The date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken on (u/s 37(d)).	22.01.2022
7.	Date of Re-Poll, if any.	24.01.2022
8.	The date before which the election process shall be completed.	28.01.2022

- Hours of Poll- 7:00 A.M to 5.00 P.M
- Nomination will be taken from 28.12.2021 to 03.01.2022 from 11 A.M to 3 P.M except on Sunday & Holidays under N.I. Act.

3. Electoral Roll

Commission has adopted ECI Roll updated up to 01.11.2021.

4. Electronic Voting Machine (EVM)

Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will be used for the above elections.

5. Identification of Voters

Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) issued by the Election Commission of India shall be the main document for identification of a voter. However, in order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figure in the electoral roll, the Commission allows following alternative photo-identity documents for use at the time of Poll:

Sl. No.	Alternative Documents
1.	Aadhar Card
2.	MGNREGA Job Card
3.	Passbook with Photograph (Bank / Post Office)
4.	Health Insurance Smart Card
5.	Driving License
6.	PAN Card
7.	Smart Card issued by RGI under the National Population Register
8.	Indian Passport
9.	Pension Document with Photograph
10.	Service Identity Card with Photograph of employee (Central / State / Undertaking)
11.	Govt. Identity Card issued to the MPs / MLAs
12.	SC/ST/OBC Certificate with photograph issued by Competent Authority
13.	Freedom fighter Identity Card
14.	Arms License with Photograph
15.	Disability Certificate issued by Competent Authority
16.	ESI Card

6. EGMS: (Election Grievance Management System) A portal based system with link at the website of the Commission, through which a complainant can lodge complaints and check status of disposal of the same.

7. Model Code of Conduct

Model Code of Conduct will come into force with immediate effect.

The restrictions contained in the Model Code of Conduct will apply to the areas pertaining to Municipal Corporations under elections. While MCC is in force there shall be no declaration or starting of new schemes in such areas.

No government vehicles shall be used by the Minister or Minister ranked officials for campaign or for any other similar purpose.

No Minister or Minister ranked official, either of Union or State, shall summon any officer connected with the conduct of the General Election. No Minister or Minister ranked official can use pilot car with beacon light unless there is a security threat assessed by the appropriate police authorities.
