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No. 114(4)-SEC/1A-8/2020

From: The Additional Secretary,

West Bengal State Election Commission

To : The District Municipal Election Officer

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The District Magistrate,

North 24 Paragnas / Hooghly/ Paschim Bardhaman/ Darjeeling

Sub: Instructions to combat COVID-19 pandemic

Ref. Commission's No. 1393(4)-SEC/1A-8/2020 dated 30.12.2021 & 31(4)-SEC/1A-8/2020 dated 03.01.2022

Madam/Sir,

Enclosed please find herewith the instructions to combat COVID-19 pandemic in connection with the Municipal General Elections to four Municipal Corporation for compliance and necessary action. In case of any deviation action may be initiated under the Disaster Management Act by the appropriate authority.

Yours faithfully,

Date: 06.01.2022

Encl.: As stated

West Bengal State Election Commission

Date: 06.01.2022

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INSTRUCTIONS TO COMBAT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Whereas, the Commission, being aware of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, has issued COVID-19 Guidelines vide Memo Nos. 1393(4)-SEC/1A-8/2020 dated 30.12.2021 & 31-SEC/1A-8/2020 dated 03.01.2022, prescribing various restrictions and arrangements to be taken towards that goal at different stages of election process;

Whereas, the Commission, having reviewed the present situation of COVID-19 pandemic and manifold increase in number of new cases, has now, in partial modification of the earlier direction, decided that:

- a) Campaign by the candidates and political parties by way of outdoor meeting should be restricted to not more than 250 persons.
- b) The Commission also reiterates that emphasis and priority should be given by all political parties and candidates to use digital platform as medium for campaign rather than holding meetings and rallies, to combat threats posed by the pandemic.

Accordingly, the above directive is to be strictly followed by all concerned.

For any deviation, action may be initiated under the Disaster Management Act by the appropriate authority.