## WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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Date: 14.03.2013

## **ORDER**

I have gone through the letter no. 271/P&RD dated 22.02.2013 of the District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur.

- 2. The number of offices of Upa-Pradhan to be reserved for Scheduled Caste category as determined under clause(a) of sub-rule (1) of rule 2A of the West Bengal Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1975 is 72. Out of 290 Gram Panchayats in the District of Paschim Medinipur, the offices of the Pradhan have been reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Caste Women, Scheduled Tribe Women and Women in general category in 218 Gram Panchayats. There are 72 number of offices of Gram Panchayats available for reservation of Upa-Pradhan after exclusion of the grams where offices of the Pradhan have been reserved for the 1st term of election.
- 3. Out of 72 Gram Panchayats which are available for reservation of the offices of Upa-Pradhan, 46 number of offices of Upa-Pradhans are required to be reserved for Scheduled Tribes and 26 Gram Panchayats for SC. But 45 Gram Panchayats out of 46 have been reserved for ST and for SC only 17 seats have been reserved out of 26 where having more than 5% of the total population in the district of Paschim Medinipur. The remaining two Gram Panchayat where SC population are less than 5% (i.e. 4.37 & 4.57) namely Narayanbarh Gram Panchayat under Sabong Block and Jalchak-I under Pingla Block, are also available for the said category where reservation of offices can be made for SC in pursuance of Rule 2A(2)(vii) of the West Bengal Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1975.
- 4. In the above circumstances, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4(1) of the West Bengal State Election Commission Act, 1994 read with rule 2A(2)(vii) of the West Bengal Panchayat(Constitution) Rules, 1975, I hereby order that the office of the Upa-Pradhan

of Narayanbarh Gram Panchayat under Sabang Block and Jalchak-I under Pingla Block shall be reserved for the Scheduled Caste for the 1st term of election to be held in 2013.

This disposes of the memo 271/P&RD dated 22.02.2013 of the District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur.

This order may be communicated to the District Magistrate & District Panchayat Election Officer concerned for taking further course of action.

Sd/ Mira Pande State Election Commissioner West Bengal State Election Commission

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Copy of the order is forwarded to the District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur for information and necessary action.

(TAPAS RAY)
Secretary
West Bengal State Election Commission