

ELECTION URGENT

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Date : 25.07.2013

**From : The Secretary
West Bengal State Election Commission**

**To : The District Panchayat Election Officer and District Magistrate: -
Jalpaiguri ,Cooch Behar, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda,
Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24-Parganas, South 24-Parganas, Purba
Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Howrah, Hooghly, Burdwan, Bankura,
Birbhum and Purulia**

Commissioner of Police –

Siliguri/Barrackpore/Bidhan Nagar/ Howrah & Asansol-Durgapur

The Superintendent of Police: -

**Jalpaiguri ,Cooch Behar, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda,
Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24-Parganas, South 24-Parganas, Purba
Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Howrah, Hooghly, Burdwan, Bankura,
Birbhum and Purulia and Jhargram Police District**

Sub : Security arrangements for the Counting Venues

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission desires that stringent security arrangements shall be made at the counting venues for smooth and peaceful conduct of the counting process and the following measures shall be taken for this purpose :-

1. Security Personnel

Each counting venue should be kept under a tight security cover. For this purpose, one section of Central Armed Police Force will be deployed at each counting venue.

In this connection, it may be mentioned that a total of 45 Coys of CAPF has been made available for the 17 districts whose services shall be utilised for manning the counting venues on the day of counting, apart from looking after post-poll and post-

counting violence. The district-wise scale of deployment of CAPF is enclosed at Annexure 'A'. Adequate number of State Armed forces should also be made available for the counting centres.

2. Security arrangements

- (i) Strong barricades should be erected around the main gate of the premises where counting will be held. A two-tier cordoning system should be set up in all counting centres to prevent entry of unauthorised persons inside the centres. No counting agent without proper identity card with photograph, duly displayed on his/her person, shall be allowed to cross the first, cordon. Similarly, identity of all candidates, their election agents and of all the counting officials shall also be verified at the first cordon. An Executive Magistrate shall be posted at the entrance to control crowd and regulate entry. The first cordon shall be manned by CAPF personnel.
- (ii) At the second cordon to be set up at the main entry point of the building, a team of State Armed Police forces shall be posted under a police officer not below the rank of Circle Inspector. Proper frisking should be made by this team. Women shall be frisked by women police personnel. The counting personnel, candidates, election agents and counting agents can be allowed into the respective counting hall after going through the frisking. Mobile phones and baggages shall not be allowed to be taken inside the counting halls except for Panchayat Returning Officers, Asstt. Panchayat Returning Officers and Observers. Arrangements should be made for safe keeping of deposited mobiles and other articles at the second cordon point.

- (iii) District Panchayat Election Officers shall devise a security plan for each counting venue in consultation with the Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police and the District Observers. The police authorities in the districts shall arrange for deployment of adequate State Armed Police Personnel for the counting venues.
- (iv) Alternative electricity arrangements shall be made round-the-clock at each Counting Venue.

The above instructions should be brought to the notice of all concerned immediately.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary

West Bengal State Election Commission

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of West Bengal,
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2. The Addl. Director General of Police(Law & Order), West Bengal

3. All District Observers

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4. All Block Observers

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Secretary

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ANNEXURE 'A'

1. Coochbehar	-	2 Coys.
2. Jalpaiguri	-	2 Coys.
3. Uttar Dinajpur	-	2 Coys.
4. Dakshin Dinajpur	-	1 Coys.
5. Malda	-	2 Coys
6. Murshidabad	-	4 Coys
7. Nadia	-	2 Coys
8. North 24-Parganas	-	3 Coys
9. South 24-Parganas	-	3 Coys
10. Howrah	-	2 Coys
11. Hooghly	-	2 Coys
12. Burdwan	-	4 Coys
13. Birbhum	-	3 Coys
14. Purulia	-	2 Coys
15. Bankura	-	3 Coys
16. Purba Medinipur	-	4 Coys
17. Paschim Medinipur	-	4 Coys

Total :	45 Coys
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