

Government of West Bengal
Irrigation & Waterways Department
Jalasampad Bhaban, 3rd Floor, Western Block
Bidhannagar, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700 091

No. : 1000-IW-11011(99)/366/2025 Dated:19.03.2026

From: The Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.
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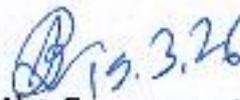
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4. The Director of Personnel & Ex. Officio Chief Engineer, I & W Directorate
5. The Chief Engineer, North, I & W Directorate
6. The Chief Engineer, (Design & Research), I & W Directorate
7. The Chief Engineer, North East, I & W Directorate
8. The Chief Engineer, Teesta Barrage Project, I & W Directorate
9. The Chief Engineer (Mechanical & Electrical), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
10. The Chief Engineer (Project Director, WBMIFMP), Irrigation & Waterways Directorate

Subject: Forthcoming general election to the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal, 2026-connected with conduct of election.

Ref: 1. Memo No. 2895- Home (Elec) dated 15.03.2026 received from Additional Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal.
2. No. 342(80) - Home (Cons.)/R1M(Cons.)-25/2025 dated 15.03.2026 received from Home and Hill Affairs Department
3. Press Note and Model Code of Conduct (MCC) dated 15.03.2026 received from Home and Hill Affairs Department

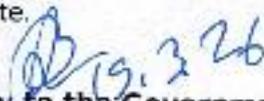
The undersigned is directed to enclose the above referred memorandums and request them to circulate the same to their subordinate offices to take necessary actions from their end.

Encls: As stated above.


Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

No.:1000/1(2)-IE Dated:19.03.2026
Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. P.A to the Secretary, I&W Department.
2. The Executive Engineer, DVC Study Cell, I&W Dte.---With a request to upload the same in this Department's official website.


Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
WEST BENGAL

21, N. S. ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

Memo No. 2895 - Home (Elec)

Dated 15th March, 2026

From: Additional Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal

To: 1. Additional Chief Secretary
_____ Department

2. Principal Secretary/Secretary
_____ Department

3. P.S. to the Minister-in-Charge of
_____ Department

4. P.S. to the Minister of State
_____ Department

Subject: General Election to West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2026 – Instructions on enforcement of Model Code of Conduct - Regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter bearing No. 437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2026 dated 15th March, 2026 received from the Under Secretary, Election Commission of India on the subject cited above and to request you to kindly bring this to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Additional Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal

Encl.: As stated above

Memo No. 2895/1(24) - Home (Elec)
Copy forwarded for information to:
District Election Officer (All)

Dated 15th March, 2026

Additional Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2026

Dated: 15th March, 2026

To

1. **The Cabinet Secretary,**
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
2. **The Chief Secretaries** to the Governments of
 - (i) Assam, Dispur;
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 - (v) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram;
 - (vi) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
 - (vii) Nagaland, Kohima;
 - (viii) Puducherry,
 - (ix) Tamil Nadu, Chennai;
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 - (xi) West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. **The Chief Electoral Officers** of
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Sub: Application of Model Code of Conduct — General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026 and bye-elections to Assembly Constituencies of various States/UT — reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Election Commission has announced the schedule for General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026 and Bye-elections in Goa (21-Ponda AC), Gujarat (111-Umreth AC), Karnataka (24-Bagalokot AC & 107-Davanagere South AC), Maharashtra (223-Rahuri AC & 201-Baranati AC), Nagaland (28-Koridang(ST) AC) and Tripura (56-Dharmanagar AC) *vide* Press Note No. ECI/PN/029/2026 & No. ECI/PN/030/2026, both dated 15th March, 2026, available at the Commission's website — www.eci.gov.in).

2. With this announcement, the provisions of the 'Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates' have come into force with immediate effect and will be in force till the completion of the General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, and the aforesaid bye-elections. This may be brought to the notice of all Ministries/Departments/offices of the Union Government/the State/ UT Government. A copy of instructions issued by you to this effect may be sent to the Commission for its information and record.

3. Your particular attention is drawn to the provisions of 'Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of Political Parties and Candidates' and various instructions issued by the Commission, which, *inter-alia*, state that the party in power whether at the Centre or States/Union Territory concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that it has used its official position for the purpose of its election campaign and in particular:—

- (i) (a) The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work;
(b) Government transport including official air-crafts, vehicles, machinery and personnel shall not be used for furtherance of the interest of the party in power;
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- (v) Ministers and other authorities shall not sanction grants/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced by the Commission; and
- (vi) From the time elections are announced by Commission, Ministers and other authorities shall not:—
 - (a) announce any financial grants, in any form or promises thereof; or
 - (b) (except civil servants) lay foundation stones etc. of projects or schemes of any kind; or
 - (c) make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities etc.; or
 - (d) make any ad-hoc appointments in Government, Public Undertakings etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favor of the party in power.

4. As will be observed from Para 3 (Clause iv) above, no advertisement shall be issued in electronic and print media highlighting the achievements of the Govt. at the cost of public exchequer. If any advertisement has already been released for telecast/broadcast or publication in the print media, it must be ensured that the telecast/broadcast of such ads on electronic media is stopped forthwith and that no such ad is published in any newspapers, magazines, etc., i.e. in print media, from today itself and it should be immediately withdrawn.

5. The instructions of the Commission contained in its letter No. 437/6/INST/ECL/FUNCT/MCC/2024(MCC ENFORCEMENT), dated 2nd January, 2024, is available on the Commission's website at path — <https://www.eci.gov.in/issue-details-page/instructions> for your information and necessary action. For instructions related to bye-elections, the Commission's letter No. 437/6/INST/ECL/FUNCT/MCC/2024(BYE ELECTIONS), dated 2nd January, 2024, available on the Commission's website at the same path, may be referred to. The 'Compendium of Instructions on Model Code of Conduct' and other relevant instructions of the Commission are also available on the Commission's website for your guidance.

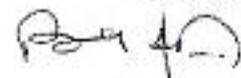
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Yours faithfully,



(PRAFULL AWASTHI)
UNDER SECRETARY



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Secretary

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No. 342 (80) Home(Cons.)/RIM(Cons.)-25/2025(Pt.-III) Date: 15.03.2026

From : OSD & Ex-officio Sr. Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
To : 1. The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary,
(ALL) Department;
2. The Director General & Inspector General of Police, West Bengal;
3. The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata;
4. The District Magistrate & District Election Officer. (ALL) District.

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Subject: Application of Model Code of Conduct in c/w General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2026 and immediate action to be taken thereof.

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to send a copy of letter No. 2899- Home (Elec) dated 15th March, 2026 of the CFO, West Bengal along with its enclosure being No. 437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2026 dt. 15th March, 2026 of the ECI in the matter of Application of Model Code of Conduct in connection with General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2026, on the subject of immediate action to be taken for enforcement of MCC after announcement of General Election to West Bengal Legislative, 2026 Assembly for your kind perusal and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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OSD & Ex-officio Sr. Special Secretary

Encl: As stated

No.342-(80)/1(3) – Home(Cons.)/RIM(Cons.)-25/2025(Pt.-III) Date: 15.03.2026

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:

1. The Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal;
2. The Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order), West Bengal;
3. The Additional Director General of Police (Legal) and SPNO, West Bengal;
4. Sr. P.S to the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal;
5. Sr. P.S to the Secretary, Home & Hill Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal

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No. 1003 ACS
Date 16-3-26

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
WEST BENGAL**

21, N. S. ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

Memo No. 2899 - Home (Elec)

Dated 15th March, 2026

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West Bengal

To: The Chief Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

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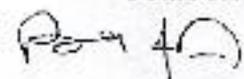
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Subject: Immediate action to be taken for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct after announcement of General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the provisions of 'Model Code of Conduct' have come into effect with the announcement of schedule for General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026 by the Commission vide its Press Note No. ECI/PN/029/2026, dated 15th March, 2026. In view of the election, the Commission has issued following directions for effective enforcement of provisions of MCC:-

1. **Defacement of Property-** ECI instructions contained in letter No. 3/7/2023-SDR, dated 12th October, 2023(copy enclosed), provide for prevention of defacement of property. The Commission has directed to ensure strict compliance of its instruction and to take time bound action as prescribed below-
 - (a) **Defacement of Government property-** For this purpose a Government premise would include any Government office and the campus wherein the office building, compound and establishment are situated. All wall-writing, posters/papers or defacement in any other form, including

cutout/hoardings, banners, flags etc., on Government property shall be removed within 24 hours from the announcement of elections by the Election Commission.

(b) **Defacement of public property and misuse of public space-** All unauthorized political advertisement, in the form of wall writing/posters/papers or defacement in any other form, cutout/hoardings, banners flags etc. at public property and in public space like railway station, Bus stands, Airports, railway Bridges, Roadways, Government buses, Electric/Telephone poles, municipal/local bodies' buildings etc., shall be removed within 48 hours from the announcement of elections.

(c) **Defacement of private property-** Subject to any local law and Court's direction, all unauthorized political advertisement displayed at private property shall be removed within 72 hours from the announcement of elections by the Election Commission.

2. **Misuse of official vehicle-** The ECI's Consolidated instructions contained in letter No. 464/L&O/2023/EPS(Use of Veh.), dated 26th June, 2023 (copy enclosed), among other things, provide that there shall be a total ban on use of official vehicle by any political party, candidate or any other person connected with election (except officials performing any election related official duty) for campaigning, electioneering or election related travel during elections (subject to certain exception mentioned therein). The expression 'official vehicle' means and shall include, any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise and will include trucks, lorries, tempos, jeeps, cars, auto rickshaws, e-rickshaws, buses, belonging to Central Government, State Government/UT Administrations, public undertakings of Central/State Government, Joint sector undertakings of Central/State Government, local bodies, municipal corporations, marketing boards, cooperative societies or any other body in which public funds, however small a portion of the total, are invested. The CEOs/DEOs shall take necessary action for compliance of ECI instructions within 24 hours of the announcement of the elections.

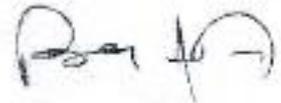
3. **Advertisement at the cost of public exchequer-** ECI instructions contained in letter No. 437/6/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024(ADVERTISEMENTS), dated 2nd January, 2024 provides that advertisement at the cost of public exchequer in the newspapers and other media and the misuse of official mass media during the election period for partisan coverage of political news and publicity regarding achievements with a view to furthering the prospects of the party in power shall be scrupulously avoided. No advertisements shall be issued in electronic and print media highlighting the achievements of the Govt. at the cost of public exchequer. If any advertisement has already been released for telecast/broadcast or publication in the print media, it must be ensured that the telecast/broadcast of such ads on electronic media is stopped forthwith and that no such ad is published in any newspapers, magazines, etc., i.e. in print media, from the date of

announcement and it should be immediately withdrawn. The CEOs/DEOs have to take immediate action to remove/stop any advertisement, in the print/electronic media, showing the achievements of the Government soon after the announcement of elections.

4. **Photograph of political functionary at official website-** ECI instruction contained in letter No. 437/6/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024(MCC ENFORCEMENT), dated 2nd January, 2024 provides that all references of Ministers, Politicians or political parties available on central/state Government's official website shall be removed. The CEOs have to take immediate action to remove/hide the photographs of any political functionary from official websites of state department.
5. Development/construction related activities- within 72 hours of announcement of elections, the CEO/DEO shall obtain the following list of works for reference in case of validating any complaint on violation of MCC:
 - (i) List of work which has already been started on ground.
 - (ii) List of fresh work which has not started on ground.
6. Activities for Expenditure Monitoring and enforcement of MCC- Flying squad, FST, video team, intensive checking for liquor/Cash/Contraband drugs, flying squads of excise department to check illicit trafficking of Drug/Narcotics to be immediately activated after announcement.
7. Complaint Monitoring System- The poll going states shall have a complaint redressal mechanism based on website and call center. The toll free number of call center is 1950. Complaints can be registered by making calls to the toll free call center numbers or on the website. Complainants will also be informed of the action taken by SMS and by the call center. Complainants can also see the details of the action taken on their complaints. This system should be operational within 24 hours of the announcement. All complaints should be dealt promptly and properly. The 24x7 control Room at the district level must be activated and sufficient deployment of manpower and other logistics be ensured in particular, round the clock personnel should be deployed in the control room and their duty roster must be issued to avoid any evasion or confusion.
8. IT Application- All IT applications including official website and social media shall be operational with the announcement.
9. Dissemination of information for Awareness of Voters and political parties. Publicity of major election activity would be given through CEO/DEO/RO. For this purpose, all necessary information shall be disseminated through radio, TV, cinema, Government channel to display voter education material.
10. Active cooperation from Educational Institutions and Civil Societies- Cooperation can be sought from educational institutions and civil societies for giving wide publicity to the election related information to the general public and other stakeholders.

11. Media Centre-Efforts should be made for awareness among the voters, political parties and other stakeholder through media center about election system including use of EVM/VVPAT.
12. MCMC/DEMC- ECI instruction contained in letter no. 491/MCMC/5/2023/Communication, dated 24th August, 2023, provides that all registered political parties will approach the Media Certification and Monitoring Committees (MCMC) at District and State level, as the case may be, for pre-certification of their political advertisements proposed to be issued on electronic media. The Commission has directed to ensure strict compliance of its instructions contained in above said letter.
13. Control Room- The 24x7 control room at district level must be activated immediately and sufficient deployment of manpower and other logistics be ensured by the DEO/CEO.
14. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,



(PRAFULL AWASTHI)
UNDER SECRETARY

General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2026 - Press Note and Model Code of Conduct (MCC) - regarding.

1 message

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Sun, Mar 15, 2026 at 9:30 PM

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Madam/Sir,

Kindly see the attachment.

Regards
Deputy Secretary,
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Secretary

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No. 341 (80) – Home(Cons.)/RIM(Cons.)-25/2025(Pt.-III)

Date: 15.03.2026

From : OSD & Ex-officio Sr. Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To : 1. The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary,

_____ (ALL) _____ Department;

2. The Divisional Commissioner _____ (A.I.) Division

3. The Director General & Inspector General of Police, West Bengal;

4. The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata;

5. The District Magistrate & District Election Officer, _____ (ALL) _____ District.

Subject: General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2026 - Press Note- regarding.

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to send a copy of letter No. 2883 (3)- Home(Elec) Dated 15th March, 2026 of the CEO, West Bengal along with a copy of the Press Note vide No. ECI/PN/029/2026 Dated: 15th March, 2026 of the ECI and booklet containing instructions on Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for your kind perusal and necessary action.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully,

OSD & Ex-officio Sr. Special Secretary

No. 341(80)/1(3) – Home(Cons.)/RIM(Cons.)-25/2025(Pt.-III)

Date: 15.03.2026

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:

1. The Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal;
2. The Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order), West Bengal;
3. The Additional Director General of Police (Legal) and SPNO, West Bengal;
4. Sr. P.S to the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal;
5. Sr. P.S to the Secretary, Home & Hill Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal

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Dated 15th March, 2026

From: **Additional Chief Electoral Officer,
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to the Government of West Bengal,
Home & Hill Affairs Department**
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**Sub: *General Elections to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2026- Press Note
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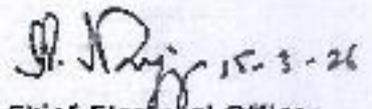
The Election Commission of India has announced the General Elections to the **West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2026** in its Press Release bearing No. **ECI/PN/029/2026**, dated **15th March, 2026** (copy enclosed).

In view of that I am directed to inform that the Model Code of Conduct has come into force with effect from **15th March, 2026** throughout the State of West Bengal. The Model Code of Conduct is applicable to all candidates, political parties, the State Government and the Union Government.

In this context, it may be stated that if any clarification/relaxation regarding implementation of Model Code of Conduct is required, the proposal may be initiated in the parent department of the State Government for sending to the Screening Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, and if it is approved there then it may be sent to the Commission through the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal. No proposal should be initiated by any sub-ordinate offices.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully



**Additional Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal**

Encl. : **Press Note and Booklet containing
Instructions on MCC**

No. 1012 ... AGS
Date 16-3-26