

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

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No. 13/CEO/PN/2026

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PRESS NOTE

In compliance with the directives of the Election Commission of India following the announcement of the General Election on 16.03.2026, to ensure free and fair election, the ECI is conducting various measures across all 294 Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal.

Enforcement and Seizure

Intensive monitoring has led to significant seizures. Since the announcement of the election, cumulative seizures of cash, liquor, narcotics, precious metals, and other freebies have been executed to curb illegal inducements / misuse of money power in elections.

The cumulative State wise enforcement report regarding itemized summary of seizures is provided in following table.

Seizure of Cash, Liquor, Drugs/Narcotics, Precious Metals & Freebies (As on 25.03.2026)

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 384.53 Lakhs
2	Liquor	1323365.76 Liters / ₹ 3348.84 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	3275883.74 gm / ₹ 4062.69 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	132187.79 gm / ₹ 1603.39 Lakhs
5	Freebies / Other Items	72433772.13 quantity / ₹ 12707.22 Lakhs
	TOTAL VALUE	₹ 22106.68 Lakhs

Other incidents of seizure

CRPF on duty officials in coordination with the district Police seized cash in different location of West Bengal. Details are as follows -

Sl	Location & date	Under PS & District	Amount recovered
1.	Dantia on 26/03/2026	PS Balrampur, Dist Purulia.	Rs. 1,50,000/- cash

The Commission remains committed to strict compliance to the implementation of MCC in letter and spirit for ensuring a free & fair election.

Sd/-

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