

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

13, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001

No. 29/CEO/PN/2026

Dated: 07.04.2026

PRESS NOTE

Application of Section 111 of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) for Cases of Organised Crime

During the district visit of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal to Purba Medinipur district, it was learnt from victims of pre-poll and post-poll violence in Nandigram and adjoining areas, during their interaction with the CEO, that an organised gang led by Abdul Alim Alzari had carried out these crimes /violence against the villagers after the exercise of their franchise in the Assembly Election 2021 and thereafter.

This gang/syndicate has caused grievous injuries to common electors and has also damaged property in the affected areas after polls. These facts have been corroborated by inputs from the police and other sources. The CEO, West Bengal, has instructed the police that, such threats and intimidation by criminals and hooligans should be dealt with firmly to ramp up public confidence. Complaints have also been received that the said gang continues to spread terror in the area.

The police have since initiated action, and 2 out of the 10 identified members of this gang lead by Abdul Alim Alzari have been arrested. The arrested persons are Sk Aatur Rahaman Khan and Ganesh Giri. Intensive raids are being conducted at various locations to apprehend the remaining accused. Section 111 of BNS has been invoked by the police for inflicting appropriate punishment on the members of the syndicate committing organized crimes such as these.

CEO, West Bengal, has conveyed that if any person, group, or syndicate is found involved in such organised pre-poll, poll day or post-poll violence, then they will be dealt with very firmly as per law.

ECI is committed to ensuring free and fair polls without any fear or threats or intimidation and retribution in the mind of electors. Police and CAPF are committed for ensuring safety and security of all the voters and their family members before, during and after the polls.

Nomination of Election

NOMINATION DETAIL - WEST BENGAL (Phase I) – Report dated 06/04/2026

No of AC	Total No of Nominations	Total No of Candidates	No. of candidates after scrutiny	No. of candidates after Withdrawal
152	2304	1586	-	-

NOMINATION DETAIL - WEST BENGAL (Phase II) – Report dated 06/04/2026

No of AC	Total No of Nominations	Total No of Candidates	No. of candidates after scrutiny	No. of candidates after Withdrawal
142	701	369	-	-

Enforcement and Seizure

The cumulative enforcement report of the State regarding itemized summary of seizure is provided in following table.

Seizure of Cash, Liquor, Drugs/Narcotics, Precious Metals & Freebies (Report as received upto 4 p.m. on 07.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 1163.8 Lakhs
2	Liquor	2340321.5 Liters / ₹ 5981.8 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	4559225.3 gm / ₹ 7093.7 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	200711.8 gm / ₹ 3855.3 Lakhs
5	Freebies and Other Items	75310957.69 / ₹ 15581.4 Lakhs
TOTAL VALUE		₹ 33675.84 Lakhs

Key Security Measures

The administration has deployed a multi-layered security strategy to maintain law and order and to ensure a peaceful voting environment:

**Updated law and order report is placed below
(As received upto 1 p.m. 07.04.2026)**

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026
1	No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized	
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons 265
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs (In Numbers)	Cartridges 404
		Explosives 127.7 KGs & 10364 PCs
	Bombs 887	
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms 52869
		b) Deposited 41228

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Extensive drives for removal of unauthorized political advertisements are ongoing. As per the latest reports, widespread public and private property defacements have been cleared across all districts and the District Election Officers have certified removal of defacement from all the public properties under their jurisdiction.

Following is the detail of the district wise defacement removal and total cases registered.

**District-wise Status of Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct
(As per report received upto 9:00 pm, 06.04.2026)**

Sl. no	Name of District	Public Property Defacement Removed	Private Property Defacement Removed	Total no of Cases recorded
1)	Cooch Behar	47297	12912	60209
2)	Alipurduar	9286	3564	12850
3)	Jalpaiguri	28794	5370	34164
4)	Kalimpong	938	30	968
5)	Darjeeling	22353	8300	30653
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	22891	3012	25903
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	30991	14489	47894
8)	Malda	18052	482	18534
9)	Murshidabad	58020	6307	64335
10)	Nadia	24486	472	24958
11)	North 24 Parganas	90113	1000	91128
12)	South 24 Parganas	60257	763	61186
13)	DEO Kolkata South	24456	1	24458
14)	DEO Kolkata North	111721	37	111758
15)	Howrah	33966	1121	36904
16)	Hooghly	81688	149	82424
17)	Purba Medinipur	83354	2960	86314
18)	Paschim Medinipur	60492	4683	65179
19)	Jhargram	11176	63	11239
20)	Purulia	22545	1970	24744
21)	Purba Bardhaman	35721	1545	39990
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	241504	51355	314614
23)	Bankura	19339	992	20331
24)	Birbhum	41277	22144	83144
State total		1180717	143721	1373881

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

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West Bengal