

# Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

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## PRESS NOTE

The Election Commission of India (ECI) remains committed to ensuring conduct of polls characterized by the highest standards of transparency, impartiality, and security across all 294 Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal. As the state progresses toward the scheduled polling phases on April 23 and April 29, 2026, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal, is rigorously monitoring the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). This daily brief provides a comprehensive overview of the latest operational developments.

### 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	₹ 1274.0 Lakhs
2	Liquor	2418625 Liters / ₹ 6174.35 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	4736666.6 gm / ₹ 8033 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	204711.78 gm / ₹ 3864.59 Lakhs
5	Freebies and Other Items	75327004.19 / ₹ 15649.55 Lakhs
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>		<b>₹ 34995.5 Lakhs</b>

### 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 (As received upto 1 p.m. 08.04.2026)**

Sl. No.	Items		Cumulative from 15/03/2026
1	<b>No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized</b>		
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons	271
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs (In Numbers)	Cartridges	409
		Explosives	128.7 KGs & 10364 PCs
	Bombs	950	
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms	52869
		b) Deposited	41242

## **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)**

<b>Sl. no</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Public Property Defacement Removed</b>	<b>Private Property Defacement Removed</b>	<b>Total no of Cases recorded</b>
1)	Cooch Behar	48236	13479	61715
2)	Alipurduar	9321	3569	12890
3)	Jalpaiguri	32027	5370	38135
4)	Kalimpong	944	30	974
5)	Darjeeling	23119	8577	31696
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	23145	3200	26345
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	32823	16571	52004
8)	Malda	21208	482	21690
9)	Murshidabad	62047	6915	68970
10)	Nadia	26047	477	26524
11)	North 24 Parganas	93315	1034	94363
12)	South 24 Parganas	61673	777	62588
13)	DEO Kolkata South	25121	1	25123
14)	DEO Kolkata North	112939	37	112976
15)	Howrah	35518	1186	37998
16)	Hooghly	84268	149	85007
17)	Purba Medinipur	90220	3671	93891
18)	Paschim Medinipur	62651	4722	67448
19)	Jhargram	11176	63	11239
20)	Purulia	22799	1970	25017
21)	Purba Bardhaman	36418	1586	40790
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	241546	51393	314772
23)	Bankura	19339	992	20331
24)	Birbhum	44285	23477	87812
<b>State total</b>		<b>1220185</b>	<b>149728</b>	<b>1420298</b>

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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