

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer  
West Bengal  
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**PRESS NOTE**

In continuation of the schedule announced on March 16, 2026, for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal, the Election Commission of India (ECI) remains committed to ensuring a conduct of polls characterized by the highest standards of transparency, impartiality, and security across all 294 Assembly Constituencies. 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 9 p.m. on 11.04.2026)**

| Sl. No.            | Item                     | Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026) |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1                  | Cash                     | ₹ 1722.68 Lakhs                       |
| 2                  | Liquor                   | 2836942.52 Liters / ₹ 7183.22 Lakhs   |
| 3                  | Drugs / Narcotics        | 5319027.63 gm / ₹ 8601.17 Lakhs       |
| 4                  | Precious Metals          | 228594.01 gm / ₹ 4586.50 Lakhs        |
| 5                  | Freebies and Other Items | 76500875.33 / ₹ 16713.45 Lakhs        |
| <b>TOTAL VALUE</b> |                          | <b>₹ 38807.02 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. 11.04.2026)**

| Sl. No. | Items   | Cumulative from 15/03/2026                  |
|---------|---|---|
| 1       | <b>No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized</b> |   |
|         | <b>a) Arms / Weapons</b>                        | Arms / Weapons (PCs) <b>301</b>             |
|         | <b>b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs</b>       | Cartridges (PCs) <b>497</b>                 |
|         |   | Explosives <b>128.8 KGs &amp; 10364 PCs</b> |
|         | Bombs (PCs) <b>1030</b>                         |   |
| 2       | <b>Licensed Arms</b>                            | a) Total Licensed Arms (PCs) <b>52869</b>   |
|         |   | b) Deposited (PCs) <b>41361</b>             |

## **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, 11.04.2026)**

| <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             | 54514                                     | 16626                                      | 71140                             |
| 2)                 | Alipurduar              | 9495                                      | 3577                                       | 13072                             |
| 3)                 | Jalpaiguri              | 46716                                     | 9163                                       | 55879                             |
| 4)                 | Kalimpong               | 1078                                      | 30   | 1108                              |
| 5)                 | Darjeeling              | 30160                                     | 11956                                      | 42116                             |
| 6)                 | Uttar Dinajpur          | 24574                                     | 4241                                       | 28815                             |
| 7)                 | Dakshin Dinajpur        | 38066                                     | 22412                                      | 64685                             |
| 8)                 | Malda                   | 30609                                     | 553  | 31162                             |
| 9)                 | Murshidabad             | 79965                                     | 9422                                       | 89395                             |
| 10)                | Nadia                   | 31778                                     | 491  | 32269                             |
| 11)                | North 24 Parganas       | 110588                                    | 1416                                       | 112019                            |
| 12)                | South 24 Parganas       | 67440                                     | 844  | 68521                             |
| 13)                | DEO Kolkata South       | 26949                                     | 1  | 26951                             |
| 14)                | DEO Kolkata North       | 120923                                    | 37   | 120960                            |
| 15)                | Howrah                  | 41453                                     | 1732                                       | 44492                             |
| 16)                | Hooghly                 | 90682                                     | 190  | 91658                             |
| 17)                | Purba Medinipur         | 102316                                    | 5713                                       | 108029                            |
| 18)                | Paschim Medinipur       | 70293                                     | 5346                                       | 75711                             |
| 19)                | Jhargram                | 12506                                     | 63   | 12569                             |
| 20)                | Purulia                 | 24311                                     | 2153                                       | 26852                             |
| 21)                | Purba Bardhaman         | 40123                                     | 1812                                       | 45019                             |
| 22)                | Paschim Bardhaman       | 255416                                    | 59533                                      | 315550                            |
| 23)                | Bankura                 | 22298                                     | 1077                                       | 23375                             |
| 24)                | Birbhum                 | 56030                                     | 29351                                      | 106170                            |
| <b>State total</b> |                         | <b>1388283</b>                            | <b>187739</b>                              | <b>1607517</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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