

# Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

13, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001

No. 43/CEO/PN/2026

Dated: 18.04.2026

## 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 conduct of polls characterized by the highest standards of transparency, impartiality, safety and security across all the 294 Assembly Constituencies.

### ➤ Enforcement and Seizure

The cumulative enforcement report of the State regarding itemized summary of seizure is provided in the table below –

#### **Seizure of Cash, Liquor, Drugs/Narcotics, Precious Metals & Freebies (Report as received up-to 9 p.m. on 17.04.2026)**

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 2361.10 Lakhs
2	Liquor	3369428.23 Liters / ₹ 8526.06 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	5790701.16 gm / ₹ 10053.89 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	439530.10 gm / ₹ 5400.88 Lakhs
5	Freebies and Other Items	78487614.47 / ₹ 17256.98 Lakhs
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>		<b>₹ 43598.90 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 up to 1 p.m. 17.04.2026)**

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026
1	<b>No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized</b>	
	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons (PCs) 348
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs	Cartridges (PCs) 558
		Explosives 128.8 KGs & 10364 PCs
Bombs (PCs) 1137		
2	a) Total Licensed Arms (PCs)	52869
	b) Deposited (PCs)	41695

## **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 up-to 9:00 pm, 17.04.2026)**

<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	65717	21535	87252
2)	Alipurduar	10442	3587	14029
3)	Jalpaiguri	65536	11448	76984
4)	Kalimpong	1196	30	1226
5)	Darjeeling	54641	24467	79108
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	26797	5464	32261
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	45961	32750	88920
8)	Malda	41679	633	42312
9)	Murshidabad	131162	13177	144347
10)	Nadia	37714	587	38301
11)	North 24 Parganas	145197	2270	147651
12)	South 24 Parganas	78632	965	80273
13)	DEO Kolkata South	33854	1	33856
14)	DEO Kolkata North	134968	37	135005
15)	Howrah	48695	2246	52253
16)	Hooghly	102571	302	103725
17)	Purba Medinipur	113617	7906	121524
18)	Paschim Medinipur	82173	5845	88018
19)	Jhargram	14525	63	14588
20)	Purulia	26655	2767	29937
21)	Purba Bardhaman	46482	2067	51782
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	256559	60112	316719
23)	Bankura	26097	1355	27452
24)	Birbhum	78690	37667	134680
<b>State total</b>		<b>1669560</b>	<b>237281</b>	<b>1942203</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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