

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
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PRESS NOTE

**Subject: Second Randomization of EVMs and VVPATs and Preparation of
EVMs and VVPATs to be used in General Election to WBLA, 2026**

Second Randomization of EVMs and VVPATs is done by the Returning Officer to randomly allocate EVMs and VVPATs Polling Station-wise through EVM Management System (EMS) developed by Election Commission of India. Detailed instructions on Second Randomization of EVMs and VVPATs are mentioned in Manual on Electronic Voting Machine, which is available in ECI website: <https://www.eci.gov.in/evm-vvpat>

Schedule of Second Randomization and Preparation of EVMs and VVPATs to be used in the General Election to WBLA, 2026 is as under:

Name of District	Date of Second Randomization
Alipurduar	10.04.2026
Bankura	10.04.2026
Birbhum	10.04.2026
Coochbehar	10.04.2026
Dakshin Dinajpur	10.04.2026
Darjeeling	10.04.2026
Jhargram	10.04.2026
Jalpaiguri	10.04.2026
Kalimpong	11.04.2026
Maldaha	10.04.2026
Murshidabad	10.04.2026
Paschim Bardhaman	10.04.2026
Paschim Medinipur	10.04.2026
Purulia	10.04.2026
Purbo Medinipur	10.04.2026
Uttar Dinajpur	10.04.2026
Hooghly	14.04.2026
Howrah	14.04.2026
Kolkata North	14.04.2026
Kolkata South	14.04.2026
Nadia	15.04.2026
North 24 Parganas	14.04.2026
Purbo Bardhaman	14.04.2026
South 24 Parganas	14.04.2026 (except 148-Bhangar AC)

These processes will be done in the presence of the contesting candidates/their representative. The lists of EVMs and VVPATs allocated Polling Station-wise and reserve EVMs and VVPATs will be shared to all the contesting candidates. These EVMs and VVPATs only will be used in allocated Polling Stations on poll day.

Sd/-

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