

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal

13, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001

No. 46/CEO/PN/2026

Dated: 20.04.2026

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.

➤ Key event of Election on 20/04/2026

Phase	Date of Poll	Event
PHASE - I	23/04/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Functioning of Election Duty Postal Ballot Facilitation Centre at RO Head quarter.

➤ Elector data for Phase 1

District	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total Elector
Districts going to poll Total (Phase – I)	18499496	17577210	465	36077171

➤ 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 19.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Item	Cumulative Seizure (Since 26.02.2026)
1	Cash	₹ 2619.35 Lakhs
2	Liquor	3645669.32 Liters / ₹ 9349.56 Lakhs
3	Drugs / Narcotics	6152746.50 gm / ₹ 10126.36 Lakhs
4	Precious Metals	365094.82 gm / ₹ 5486.66 Lakhs
5	Freebies and Other Items	78518512.47 / ₹ 17542.12 Lakhs
TOTAL VALUE		₹ 45124.05 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 (As received up to 1 p.m. 19.04.2026)

Sl. No.	Items	Cumulative from 15/03/2026
No of unlicensed arms/ explosives seized		
1	a) Arms / Weapons	Arms / Weapons (PCs) 363
	b) Cartridges / Explosives / Bombs	Cartridges (PCs) 577
		Explosives 128.8 KGs & 10364 PCs
		Bombs (PCs) 1159
2	Licensed Arms	a) Total Licensed Arms (PCs) 52869
		b) Deposited (PCs) 41698

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, 19.04.2026)**

Sl. no	Name of District	Public Property Defacement Removed	Private Property Defacement Removed	Total no of Cases recorded
1)	Cooch Behar	68207	22718	90925
2)	Alipurduar	10507	3589	14096
3)	Jalpaiguri	70809	12742	83551
4)	Kalimpong	1310	30	1340
5)	Darjeeling	72523	28297	100825
6)	Uttar Dinajpur	27375	5765	33140
7)	Dakshin Dinajpur	47791	33791	93352
8)	Malda	45049	634	45683
9)	Murshidabad	142766	14768	157542
10)	Nadia	40515	587	41102
11)	North 24 Parganas	157003	2620	159815
12)	South 24 Parganas	81502	1091	83540
13)	DEO Kolkata South	35461	1	35463
14)	DEO Kolkata North	139971	37	140008
15)	Howrah	52367	2650	56351
16)	Hooghly	106291	345	107566
17)	Purba Medinipur	116276	8311	124588
18)	Paschim Medinipur	84699	5921	90620
19)	Jhargram	15114	72	15186
20)	Purulia	27678	3061	31330
21)	Purba Bardhaman	48565	2149	54121
22)	Paschim Bardhaman	258804	60447	319280

23)	Bankura	27138	1431	28569
24)	Birbhum	84929	40861	144668
State total		1762650	251918	2052661

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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