No.4421-F(P2)

Dated, Howrah, the 24th October, 2024

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In view of bye-elections to 6-Sitai(SC), 14-Madarihat(ST), 104-Naihati, 121-Haroa, 236-Medinipur and 251-Taldangra Assembly Constituencies scheduled to be held on **13**th **November, 2024 (Wednesday)** vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/150/2024 dated 15th October, 2024 of the Election Commission of India, the undersigned is directed to say that the Governor is hereby pleased to declare the said date of Poll as public holiday under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 for the Government offices, Organizations, Undertakings, Corporations, Boards, Statutory and Local Bodies, Educational Institutions situated within the extent of the aforementioned Assembly Constituencies.

2. Labour Department will issue suitable instructions to shops, commercial and industrial establishments including Tea Gardens to declare the said date for the concerned Assembly Constituency as paid holiday for the workers to enable them to exercise their franchise in the election.

3. There may be cases where a person is ordinarily resident in any of the above-mentioned Constituencies and registered as an elector but serving or employed in an industrial undertaking or an establishment located outside the Constituency. In such a situation, such electors including casual workers working outside the constituency concerned will be entitled to the benefit of a paid holiday extended under section 135B(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

4. In case of re-poll, the employees/ workers shall be allowed to cast their votes on the date of re-poll also in the manner as in Para-2 and Para-3 above.

5. If the poll process continues up to late hours on the poll date, resulting in the late release of Polling Personnel from Reception Centres rendering it difficult for them to attend office in time on 14th November, 2024 (Thursday), special leave may be allowed for that day to deserving employees only.

For the Government Offices/Educational Institutions etc. which will be used as Polling Stations/Sector Office/ Distribution-cum-Reception Centre, local holiday may be declared for the said institutions/establishments by the Competent Authority on the date of dispatch i.e. 12th November (Tuesday).

Sd/- P.K.Mishra Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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- 11) The District Magistrate/District Judge/Superintendent of Police_____(All).
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