

ORDER

WHEREAS, the State Government, in consultation with the State Election Commission, has, in exercise of powers conferred under section 42 of the West Bengal Panchayat Elections Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), issued a **Notification No. 3473/PN/O/1/1E-01/2023 dt. 08th June, 2023**, fixing the **08th day of July, 2023 (Saturday)** as the day on which the poll for election to the Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis and Zilla Parishads, to be constituted under the West Bengal Panchayat Act 1973 (West Bengal Act XLI of 1973) will be held.

AND

WHEREAS, in view of ensuing Panchayat Election, 2023, there is every possibility of a rise in political tension, which may result in political clashes and violence, the unsuspecting victims of which could be the general public end.

AND

WHEREAS, it is expedient to minimize the scope of arms and ammunition in the coming days until the completion of the electoral process, so as to ensure a peaceful atmosphere conducive to free and fair elections.

AND

Now, therefore, after applying my mind to all aspects of the matter and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Sub-Section (1) of Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (Act 2 of 1974), **I, Vineet Kumar Goyal, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata & an Executive Magistrate for the Metropolitan area of Kolkata** and in the district of South 24 Parganas within the limits of the suburbs of Kolkata, being specially empowered as an Executive Magistrate for the Metropolitan area of Kolkata by the State Government, under the Notification No. 2104-P.S. Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.II) dated 31.12.2021 read with the Notification No. 2102-P.S. Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 31.12.2021 and the Notification No. 2105-P.S. Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 31.12.2021 read with the Notification No. 2103-P.S. Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 31.12.2021 and Notification No. 2106-P.S.-Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 31.12.2021 as defined in Home (Police) Department Notification No. 3000-PL dated 1st July 1960 since modified vide Notification No. 4926-PL/PI/8C-08/11 dated 24th November, 2011 read with Notification No. 958-PL/PB/14M-19/17 dated 10.03.2017 under section 1 of the Calcutta Suburban Police Act 1866 (Bengal Act-II of 1866) to be the District Magistrate for the purpose of exercising power under section 7 of the explosive Substances Act. 1908 (6 of 1908) within the aforesaid areas **do hereby prohibit use, transport, display and carrying of arms and ammunition by any person in the jurisdiction of Kolkata Leather Complex (KLC) Police Station** with immediate effect and until the completion of Election process. This order, however, will not apply to uniformed personnel of the Central and State Government, who are authorized by law to bear arms in the discharge of their **bonafide** official duties.

A copy of this order will be circulated to the Kolkata Leather Complex Police Stations under Kolkata Police for wide publicity and strict compliance;

SINCE this prohibitory order is aimed at the public in general and therefore, does not admit of issuing individual notices, this order is being issued "**ex-parte**" in the interest of maintenance of public order and public peace with a view to conduct peaceful, free and fair election process. Any person / organization aggrieved by this order and who wishes to contest the order is at liberty to represent himself personally before the undersigned within seven days from the issuance of this order with justifiable grounds.

Given under my hand and seal, this day the 13th day of June, 2023.


(VINEET KUMAR GOYAL)
Commissioner of Police, Kolkata
&

Executive Magistrate of the Metropolitan City of Kolkata
and South 24 Parganas District
(within the limits of the Suburbs of Kolkata
falling under the jurisdiction of Kolkata Police)