

ORDER

WHEREAS the Election Commission of India vide PN No. ECI/PN/23/2024 dated 16th March, 2024 has fixed the 1st June, 2024 as the day on which the poll will be held for the General Elections to the House of the People (Lok Sabha), 2024 within the jurisdiction of Kolkata Police and has fixed the 4th June, 2024 as the day on which the counting of votes will take place;

AND

WHEREAS in view of ensuing election, 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;

AND

WHEREAS there appears to be an urgent need to minimize the scope of arms and ammunition being used 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 by sub-section (1) of Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (Act 2 of 1974), I, Vineet Kumar Goyal, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata & an Executive Magistrate for the Metropolitan area of Kolkata as appointed and specially empowered by the State Govt. under the Notification No. 33- P.S. Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 08-01-2024 read with the Notification No. 26-P.S. Cell/HR/ O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 08-01-2024 and the Notification No. 34-P.S.Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 08-01-2024 read with the Notification No. 27-P.S.Cell/H.R./O/3P-13/05 (Pt.-II) dated 08-01-2024 and Notification No. 35- P.S. Cell/ HR/ O/ 3P-13/ 05 (Pt.-II) dated 08.01.2024 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 Home & Hill Affairs Department, Police Establishment Branch, Government of West Bengal Order No. 2156-PL/PA/1C-05/2023, dated 22-08-2023 and Notification No. 2109-PL/PA/1C-05/2023 dated 16-08-2023 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 Police and its suburbs 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 all the 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 the16th.....day of March, 2024.


(VINEET KUMAR GOYAL)
Commissioner of Police, Kolkata

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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)