

ORDER

WHEREAS the General Election to West Bengal Legislative Assembly – 2026 is due to be announced by The Election Commission of India shortly;

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 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023 read with the Sub-Section (3) of the said Section, I, **Shri Supratim Sarkar, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata being an Executive Magistrate for the Metropolitan area of Kolkata as well as in the district of South 24 Parganas** (within the limits of the suburbs of Kolkata falling under Kolkata Police jurisdiction) as appointed and specially empowered by State Govt. vide, Notification No. 200-PS Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.) dt. 31.01.2026 read with the Notification No. 201-PS Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.) dated 31.01.2026 and the Notification No. 202-PS Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt) dated 31.01.2026 read with the Notification No. 203-PS Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.) dated 31.01.2026 and Notification No. 204-PS Cell/HR/O/3P-13/05 (Pt.) dated 31.01.2026 as defined in Home (Police) Department Notification No. 3000-PL dt. 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 Notification No. 2109-PL/PA/1C-05/2023 dated 16.08.2023 and Order No. 2156-PL/PA/1C-05/2023, dated 22.08.2023 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 (Act No. VI 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 the 05th day of March, 2026.


(SUPRATIM SARKAR)

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)