

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Office of the District Magistrate & Collector**  
**Purba Medinipur**

**Press Note dated 11/3/2019 on General Election to Lok Sabha, 2019**

**A. Schedule of Election:-**

As per the schedule announced by the Election Commission of India, the schedule of election pertaining to the Lok Sabha Constituencies falling in this district are as follows:-

<b>Parliamentary Constituencies falling in the district:- 30-Tamluk, 31-Kanthi, 32-Ghatal (Part), 34-Medinipur (Part)</b>	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Date of issue of Gazette Notification	16/4/2019
Last Date of Nominations	23/4/2019
Date of scrutiny of nominations	24/4/2019
Last date of withdrawal of candidature	26/4/2019
Date of Poll	12/5/2019 (Sunday)
Date of counting	23/5/2019
Date before which election shall be completed	27/5/2019

**Basic statistics relating to election:-**

**No. of electors:-**

<b>Parliamentary Constituency / Assembly Segment</b>	<b>No. of electors as per electoral roll published with respect to 1/1/2019</b>				<b>No. of Service Elector</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Third Gender</b>	<b>Total</b>		
30-Tamluk PC	875023	815854	34	1690911	2444	1693355
31-Kanthi PC	856184	799237	17	1655438	2846	1658284
205-Panskura Paschim AC under 32-Ghatal PC	135607	126335	14	261956	444	262400
218-Egra AC under 34-Medinipur PC	142088	132553	2	274643	278	274921
<b>Total</b>	<b>2008902</b>	<b>1873979</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>3882948</b>	<b>6012</b>	<b>3888960</b>

**# No. of Polling Stations:- 4354**

**# No. of Polling Station premises:- 3722**



## **B. Some Special Features relating to Lok Sabha Election, 2019 :-**

1	PWD (People with Disabilities) electors have been identified in the district and their database has been prepared for making special arrangements for them so that they can cast their votes smoothly at the Polling Stations on the day of poll. Number of PWD electors identified in the district is 17449.
2	Under the Voter Verification and Information Programme (VVIP), Toll-free helpline No. 1950 has been made operational at the District Contact Centre and it will function round-the-clock for Information, Feedback, Suggestions and Complaints (IFSC). Except this, complaint can also be lodged through 'cVigil' Andriod App with or without disclosing identity and also through National Grievances Service Portal (NGSP).
3	Awareness programmes on EVM and VVPAT at various localities of the district are going on and till date 3616 Polling Stations have been covered.
4	Like previous elections, Photo Voter Slips (PVS) will be distributed to the electors before the poll for their facilitation. But this time, PVSs shall not be used as alternate identity document.

## **C. Some Important Provisions of Law:-**

### **Sec. 77(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951**

**77. Account of election expenses and maximum thereof.**—(1) Every candidate at an election shall, either by himself or by his election agent, keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure in connection with the election incurred or authorized by him or by his election agent between the date on which he has been nominated and the date of declaration of the result thereof, both dates inclusive.

*Explanation 1.*—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that—

(a) the expenditure incurred by leaders of a political party on account of travel by air or by any other means of transport for propagating programme of the political party shall not be deemed to be the expenditure in connection with the election incurred or authorised by a candidate of that political party or his election agent for the purposes of this sub-section.

(b) any expenditure incurred in respect of any arrangements made, facilities provided or any other act or thing done by any person in the service of the Government and belonging to any of the classes mentioned in clause (7) of section 123 in the discharge or purported discharge of his official duty as mentioned in the proviso to that clause shall not be deemed to be expenditure in connection with the election incurred or authorised by a candidate or by his election agent for the purposes of this sub-section.

*Explanation 2.*—For the purposes of clause (a) of *Explanation 1*, the expression “leaders of a political party”, in respect of any election, means,—

(i) where such political party is a recognised political party, such persons not exceeding forty in number, and

(ii) where such political party is other than a recognised political party, such persons not exceeding twenty in number, whose names have been communicated to the Election Commission and the Chief Electoral Officers of the States by the political party to be leaders for the purposes of such



election, within a period of seven days from the date of the notification for such election published in the Gazette of India or Official Gazette of the State, as the case may be, under this Act:

Provided that a political party may, in the case where any of the persons referred to in clause (i) or, as the case may be, in clause (ii) dies or ceases to be a member of such political party, by further communication to the Election Commission and the Chief Electoral Officers of the States, substitute new name, during the period ending immediately before forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the last poll for such election, for the name of such person died or ceased to be a member, for the purposes of designating the new leader in his place.

### **Sec. 127A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951**

**127A. Restrictions on the printing of pamphlets, posters, etc.—**(1) No person shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and the publisher thereof.

(2) No person shall print or cause to be printed any election pamphlet or poster—

(a) unless a declaration as to the identity of the publisher thereof, signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known, is delivered by him to the printer in duplicate; and

(b) unless, within a reasonable time after the printing of the document, one copy of the declaration is sent by the printer, together with one copy of the document,—

(i) where it is printed in the capital of the State, to the Chief Electoral Officer; and

(ii) in any other case, to the district magistrate of the district in which it is printed.

(3) For the purposes of this section,—

(a) any process for multiplying copies of a document, other than copying it by hand, shall be deemed to be printing and the expression "printer" shall be construed accordingly; and

(b) "election pamphlet or poster" means any printed pamphlet, hand-bill or other document distributed for the purpose of promoting or prejudicing the election of a candidate or group of candidates or any placard or poster having reference to an election, but does not include any hand-bill, placard or poster merely announcing the date, time, place and other particulars of an election meeting or routine instructions to election agents or workers.

(4) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

### **Section 171H of The Indian Penal Code**

**171H. Illegal payments in connection with an election.—**Whoever without the general or special authority in writing of a candidate incurs or authorises expenses on account of the holding of any public meeting, or upon any advertisement, circular or publication, or in any other way whatsoever for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of such candidate, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees: Provided that if any person having incurred any such expenses not exceeding the amount of ten rupees without authority obtains within ten days from the date on which such expenses were incurred the approval in writing of the candidate, he shall be deemed to have incurred such expenses with the authority of the candidate.