

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
&
DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, MALDA**

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Election to the House of the People, 2014

The Election Commission of India has already declared the schedule for the Election to the House of the People, 2014. The District Election Office has already taken several steps to implement the directives of the Commission in order to ensure peaceful and smooth conduct of the Election process. The Election for this District shall be held on 24th April 2014.

Schedule of Election

Issue of Notification: 29 Mar 14 (Sat)
Last Date for filing Nominations: 05 Apr 14 (Sat)
Scrutiny of Nominations: 07 Apr 14 (Mon)
Last date for withdrawal of Candidature: 09 Apr 14 (Wed)
Date of Poll 24 Apr 14 (Thu)
Counting of Votes: 16 May 14 (Fri)
Date before which the election shall be completed 28 May 14 (Wed)

Parliamentary Constituency

Name of Parliamentary Constituency	Name of Assembly segment
7- Maldaha Uttar	43- Habibpur (ST), 44-Gazole(SC), 45- Chanchal 46- Harischandrapur, 47- Malatipur, 48- Ratua 50- Malda(SC)
8- Maldaha Dakshin	49- Manikchak, 51- Englishbazar, 52- Mothabari 53- Sujapur, 54- Baishnabnagar, [55- Farakka, 56- Samserganj under Murshidabad District]

Electoral Roll

Name of PC	7- Maldaha Uttar	8- Maldaha Dakshin (excluding 2 ACs under Murshidabad district)
Elector as per final publication on 6/1/14	14,20,831	9,83,299
Male	7,37,883	509340
Female	6,82,948	473959
Service elector	1,342	1,345
Total elector	14,22,173	9,84,644

Highest and Lowest Electors

Polling station having highest no of Electors	AC-45, Ps No.-21- Bhatol Jr. High School (1364 Nos. of Elector)
Polling station having lowest no of Electors	AC-45, Ps No.-175- Bhabanipur Pry. School (298 Nos. of Elector)

EPIC Coverage

100% EPIC coverage achieved. Electors who have been provided with EPICs shall be identified through their EPICs only unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

Polling Station

No & Name of P.C	No. of Polling Station
7- Maldaha Uttar	1573
8- Maldaha Dakshin (except 55 & 56)	1073
Grand Total	2646

CATEGORY	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL
Total no of polling stations	192	2454	2646
Total no of polling premises	88	1889	1977
Total no of one booth polling premises	23	1363	1386

Total no of two booth polling premises	42	491	533
Total no of 3 booth polling premises	10	31	41
Total no of 4 booth polling premises	10	4	14
Total no of 5 booth polling premises	3	0	03
Total no of 6 and more booth polling premises	0	0	00

Temporary structures have been proposed to be constructed for 02 polling stations viz. 49/01 & 49/02 (Gharitola Prry. School at Gadai Char of Manikchak A.C.)

Electronic Voting Machines

3313(BU) and 3453 (CU) are presently available in this District. Pre 2006 EVMs will be used this time. The first level checking of the EVMs have been completed. Detailed awareness programme are being carried out at all levels upto polling station level. There shall be two stage randomisation for the EVMs as per direction of the ECI. The first phase of randomisation have been scheduled on 07/03/2014. Programme for second phase of randomisation shall be informed on a later stage.

Polling Personnel

The data base for polling personnel have already been finalised in this District. There shall be a three stage randomisation of polling personnel as per direction of the ECI. Each polling party shall consist of one Presiding Officer and three polling officers.

Total no. Of polling personnel required 12702 Nos. of Personnel.

Central Government Employees of A and B Category will be appointed as Micro Observer

Postal Ballot and ED votes

Postal ballots will be issued to service electors and those who will be on election duty outside his Parliamentary constituency. For others who will be on election duty inside his Parliamentary constituency, ED certificates will be issued so that they can cast their vote at the polling station.

Training

All election related officials/ staff have been trained properly including police personnel. All polling personnel will be given 2 trainings each.

Model Code of Conduct

Model Code of Conduct has already come into operation with immediate effect from the date of press note of the ECI. For smooth implementation of the MCC, fifteen monitoring teams have been formed till date upto Block and Municipality level. These teams have been trained, provided with video photographer and are already moving in the respective areas, enquiring into the complaints related to MCC. Complaint registers have also been opened at all levels for proper documentation and disposal of poll related complaints.

Media Monitoring and certification Committee:

As per instructions of the Commission MCMC team has been formed at the district. The District level committee will decide on the matter of paid news. RO level MCMC has been formed. All political advertisements in print and electronic media have to be pre-certified by the RO level committee before they are published. For 7 Maldaha Uttar applications will be submitted to SDM Chanchal and for 8 Maldaha Uttar applications will be submitted to SDM Sadar

The media is requested not to print or publish, or cause to be printed or publish, any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and the publisher thereof and without pre-certification by the MCMC.

EXPENDITURE MONITORING:

1. Ceiling of Expenditure for each candidate Rs. 70 lakhs
2. All the candidates have to open separate bank a/c either in his/her name or jointly with his/her Election agent.
3. There will be several teams in place at each RO/Subdivision level like Video surveillance team, Video Viewing team, Static surveillance team, Flying squads, Account monitoring team etc.
4. Control room at District level. No 03512- 221048.
5. Shadow expenditure register for each candidate shall be maintained.
6. Public in general are requested not to carry huge cash without proper document/justification
7. All cases of transactions exceeding Rs 10 lakh, any candidate or agent transacting more than 1 lakh per day, political party office bearers transacting amount of Rs 1 lakh or more and cases of RTGS/NEFT to multiple accounts with no such previous record of transaction in last two months will be under close monitoring.
8. Rates for item already circulated to all political parties for their opinion and till date no observation received, so it is presumed that the rates are acceptable and we will be finalising the same soon.

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