

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
&  
DISTRICT PANCHAYAT ELECTION OFFICER, HOOGHLY.  
JUDICIAL MUNSHIKHANA SECTION

**ORDER**

Whereas the Panchayat General Election, 2018 has been announced by the State Election Commission, West Bengal on 31.03.2018 vide Notification No. 515-SEC/1E-88/2017 Dt. 02/04/2018 of the State Election Commission, West Bengal.

**AND**

Whereas as per direction of the State Election Commission, West Bengal vide Notification No. 515-SEC/1E-88/2017 Dt. 02/04/2018 District level screening committee has scrutinized the status of licensed holders of Arms in the District of Hooghly.

Whereas, it is expedient to impose restriction regarding holding of Licensed Arms.

**AND**

Whereas, in order to conduct the ensuing Panchayat General Election, 2018 peacefully in the entire areas of the district of Hooghly, it is necessary to impose certain restriction on licensed Arms.

**AND**

Whereas, license holders and licensed arms in this district based on the criteria such as persons involved in criminal cases, violence and rioting, released on bails and or apprehension that they may misuse their fire arms or may get involved in any law and order problem or in threatening the other persons, some preventive measures are required to be taken.

Therefore, I Shri Sanjay Bansal, IAS, District Magistrate, Hooghly, in exercise of the power conferred upon me u/s.17(3)(b) of the Arms Act,1959( Act. No. 54 of 1959) and the Arms Rules, 1962 read with the Indian Arms Act, 1878 do hereby direct as per provisions of Section 21(1) of the said act that all the licensees of Fire Arms of this district shall mandatorily deposit their firearms to the respective police stations and the same will remain deposited till one week after the counting is over i.e. till completion of Election Process. Institutional license holders like Banks, Financial Institutions, Factories; Persons engaged with Security Agencies or any other person may apply for exemption, with reasons, to the concerned Police Station who has jurisdiction of the area, from this order, making out their case with appropriate documents.

The sportsmen who are the members of National Rifle Association, at different levels and have to participate in various sporting events in which they use their rifles, will be exempted from these restrictions.

Further, order is passed to the effect that the respective Inspector-in-Charge / Office –in-Charge of the Police Stations shall deposit the fire arms of the licensee in the armory of the police stations under a proper acknowledgement to the licensee and would hand over back the said Fire Arms to the licensee on or after 15/05/2018. They are also directed to serve the notices to all the licensed arms holder of the District immediately.

The licenced arms shall be deposited by the licensee within 7 days after the receipt of notice if not otherwise exempted.

  
District Magistrate  
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District Panchayat Election Officer,  
Hooghly.

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Memo.No. 432(26)/Jm.

Dated: 06.04.2018

Copy forwarded for information to the:

1. Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Home Department, Nabanna, 325 Sarat Chatterjee Road, Mandirtala, Shibpur, Howrah- 711102 .
2. Commissioner, State Election Commission, West Bengal, Sarojini Naidu Road, Kolkata – 700 017.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Burdwan Division, Chinsurah, Hooghly.
4. Commissioner of Police, Chandannagar Police Commissionerate, Chinsurah, Hooghly with a request to kindly make necessary arrangement for passing order regarding deposition of arms in safe custody of respective Police Stations for smooth conduct of the ensuing Panchayat General Election 2018 in your jurisdiction.
5. Superintendent of Police(Rural), Hooghly with a request to kindly communicate this order to all Police Stations, along with the direction to implement this order at the earliest.
- 6-9 Additional District Magistrate, General/ Development/ ZP/ LR, Hooghly
10. Project Director, DRDC, Hooghly
11. PO-cum-DWO, Hooghly.
- 12-15 Sub- Divisional Officer, Sadar/ Chandannagore/ Serampore/ Arambagh, Hooghly.
16. District Information & Cultural Officer, Hooghly with a request to publish a copy of this order in two local dailies for information of all concerned and also issue a press note.
17. District Informatics Officer, Hooghly with a request to upload a copy of this order in District Website.
- 18-26. President/Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Political parties (All).

  
District Magistrate  
&

District Panchayat Election Officer,  
Hooghly.