

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AND DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER
MALDA**

PRESS NOTE

SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTION TO THE WEST BENGAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2021

The Election Commission of India has declared the schedule for the General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, 2021. The District Election Officer, Malda 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 in two phases i.e. on **26th April 2021 and 29th April 2021**

Schedule of Election

Phase	Name of Assembly Constituencies	Schedule
7 th Phase [6 ACs]	43- Habibpur (ST) 44- Gazole (SC) 45- Chanchal 46- Harischandrapur 47- Malatipur 48- Ratua	Issue of Notification: 31/03/2021 (Wednesday) Last Date for filing Nominations: 07/04/2021 (Wednesday) Scrutiny of Nominations: 08/04/2021 (Thursday) Last date for withdrawal of Candidature: 12/04/2021 (Monday) Date of Poll: 26/04/2021 (Monday) Counting of Votes: 02/05/2021 (Sunday) Date before which the election shall be completed 04/05/2021 (Tuesday)
8 th Phase [6 ACs]	49- Manikchak 50- Maldaha (SC) 51- Englishbazar 52- Mothabari 53- Sujapur 54- Baishnabnagar	Issue of Notification: 31/03/2021 (Wednesday) Last Date for filing Nominations: 07/04/2021 (Wednesday) Scrutiny of Nominations: 08/04/2021 (Thursday) Last date for withdrawal of Candidature: 12/04/2021 (Monday) Date of Poll: 29/04/2021 (Thursday) Counting of Votes: 02/05/2021 (Sunday) Date before which the election shall be completed 04/05/2021 (Tuesday)

Electoral Roll w.r.t. 01.01.2021 as qualifying date published on 15.01.2021

AC No. & Name	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total Elector	Gender Ratio	EP Ratio	80+ Electors
43- Habibpur(ST)	125674	123628	9	249311	984	0.71	2763
44- Gazole (SC)	134564	132318	5	266887	983	0.70	3010
45- Chanchal	127530	121730	5	249265	955	0.72	2848
46- Harischandrapur	129749	122588	6	252343	945	0.72	2504
47- Malatipur	117603	114131	17	231751	970	0.73	2752
48- Ratua	144770	136537	13	281320	943	0.73	4476
49- Manikchak	131088	121665	4	252757	928	0.70	2999
50- Maldaha (SC)	123502	121800	3	245305	986	0.71	2554
51- Englishbazar	137049	137554	10	274613	1004	0.72	3428
52- Mothabari	99031	97237	7	196275	982	0.61	2197
53- Sujapur	126682	123915	6	250603	978	0.72	2386
54- Baishnabnagar	125824	120683	13	246520	959	0.67	3344
District Total	15,23,066	14,73,786	98	29,96,950	968	0.70	35,261

Polling Station

AC No. & Name	Polling Stations			Polling Locations							Nos of Sector
	Main	Auxiliary	Total	1s	2s	3s	4s	5s	6s and above	Total	
43- Habibpur(ST)	247	107	354	70	88	15	12	3	0	188	22
44- Gazole (SC)	248	134	382	71	119	10	8	1	1	210	24
45- Chanchal	243	105	348	73	110	9	7	0	0	199	22
46- Harischandrapur	241	114	355	63	74	26	15	0	1	179	20
47- Malatipur	231	91	322	61	74	24	9	1	0	169	16
48- Ratua	270	126	396	48	76	27	21	2	3	177	21
49- Manikchak	241	114	355	65	112	11	7	1	0	196	24
50- Malda (SC)	238	107	345	58	74	14	16	4	2	168	24
51- Englishbazar	266	127	393	36	78	24	11	4	9	162	21
52- Mothabari	188	89	277	62	74	13	7	0	0	156	17
53- Sujapur	234	122	356	29	50	21	37	2	1	140	17
54- Baishnabnagar	237	110	347	43	67	27	21	1	0	159	20
District Total	2884	1346	4230	679	996	221	171	19	17	2103	248

Model Code of Conduct

- Model Code of Conduct has already come into operation with immediate effect from the date of press note of the Election Commission of India.
- Defacement will be removed from all Govt. building and offices (within 24 hrs) from public places (within 48 hrs) and from private buildings (within 72 hours)
- For smooth implementation of MCC, monitoring teams have been formed upto Block and Municipality level.
 - Flying Squad Team - 36,
 - Video Surveillance Team- 36
 - Static Surveillance Team- 36
- 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 the following mechanism are already in force.
 - National Grievance Redressal System of ECI for Online complaint Monitoring.
 - The app cVGIL will be used for receiving of live complaint, any one can be downloaded from google play store.
 - 1950- District Voter Help Line (District Contact Center) is TOLL FREE number and is also active for receiving complaint/ suggestion.

Media Monitoring and certification Committee:

As per instructions of the Commission District MCMC has been formed. The District level committee will decide on the matter of paid news. All political advertisements in print and electronic media have to be pre-certified by the RO level committee before they are published.

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.

As per provisions of section 127A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 regarding printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters etc. which are reproduced below :

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.

New Inclusion in ensuing WBLA -2021

1. All Polling Personnel are being vaccinated before going to Poll.
2. Booth App will be used in all Polling Stations of 51- Englishbazar LAC for electors attendance at Polling Station
3. Postal Ballot will be issued as an option to only intending PWD Electors, 80+ Electors and Covid Patients / Suspected Electors
4. Covid Protocols like Scanning of Temperature of every electors by Thermal Scanner, Mask, Gloves and Sanitizer etc. will be used in all Polling Stations.
5. Webcasting shall be done in all critical polling stations and all polling stations in vulnerable areas, or, at least in 50% of total polling stations including auxiliary polling stations, whichever is higher.

Returning Officer

SI	LAC No	Name & Designation
1	43- Habibpur (ST)	Sri Abhishek Chakraborty, WBCS (Exe) Senior Deputy Collector, Malda
2	44- Gazole (SC)	Smt Esther Lepcha, WBCS (Exe.) District Planning Officer, Malda
3	45- Chanchal	Sri Sanjoy Paul, WBCS (Exe.) Sub-Divisional Officer, Chanchal, Malda
4	46 - Harischandrapur	Sri Joygopal Pal, WBCS (Exe) Deputy Magistrate & Deputy Collector - 2, Chanchal, Malda
5	47- Malatipur	Sri Manojit Naskar, WBCS (Exe.) Deputy Magistrate & Deputy Collector - 1, Chanchal, Malda
6	48- Ratua	Sri Khurshid Alam, WBCS (Exe.) OC Genl., Malda
7	50- Maldaha (SC)	Sri Maniruddin Faruki, WBCS(Exe) District Officer for Minority Affairs, Malda
8	49 Manikchak	Sri Samrat Mandal, WBCS (Exe.), District Panchayat & Rural Development Officer, Malda
9	51 English Bazar	Sri Suresh Chandra Rano, WBCS (Exe.), Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Malda
10	52- Mothabari	Sri Sanjay Thatal, WBCS (Exe.), O/C Disaster Management & Civil Defence, Malda
11	53- Sujapur	Sri Kauser Ali, WBCS(Exe), Special Land Acquisition Officer, Malda
12	54 - Baisnabnagar	Sri Debojit Bose, WBCS (Exe.) Dy. Secretary, Malda ZP