

*Copy to all SDOs for Compliance 22-03-09*

*Reli + Sec*

20 MAR 2009

REG. NO. 1666

19.3.09

Office of the District Registrar

REGISTERED

LETTER

19 MAR 2009

2143

239

2013.09

ADM (L.R.)

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**HOME (C & E) DEPARTMENT**

ELECTION WING

21, N'S ROAD, KOLKATA-700001

No. 1189-Home (Elec)  
R10E13/2006

Kolkata, 16 March 2009

**From: Joint Chief Electoral Officer  
West Bengal**

**To: All District Election Officers**

**Subject: Appointment of Booth Level Officers - regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Election Commission of India's circular, bearing No 23/BLO/2009/ERS of 27 February 2009 on the above subject, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

The Commission has now decided that the physically challenged persons, including those with impaired vision or speech and those who are hard of hearing may not be requisitioned for appointment as BLOs unless they express their willingness for the same. Further, when such a person is requisitioned unwittingly, he/she may be exempted from the BLO duty if asked for.

You are requested to communicate the Commission's said instructions to all the EROs and the AEROs for compliance.

Receipt may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

*(Signature)*  
**(Sabyasachi Ghosh)**  
Joint Chief Electoral Officer  
West Bengal

**No.1189/1-Home(Elec)**

**Kolkata, 16 March 2009**

Copy forwarded for information to:

Shri Ashish Chakraborty  
Under Secretary,  
Election Commission of India

-This has reference to the Commission's circular, bearing No 23/BLO/2009/ERS of 27 February 2009.

*(Signature)*  
Joint Chief Electoral Officer  
West Bengal

(2009)S. Ghosh/c1

*Copy forwarded to the copy of enclosure forwarded to the SDOs*

*(Signature)*

1/253  
09.03.09

By e-mail/speed post

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.

No. 23/BLO/2009/ERS

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: Appointment of Booth Level Officers– regarding.

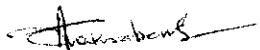
Sir,

Kindly refer to the existing instructions of the Commission regarding appointment of Booth Level Officers given in Para-8, Chapter-II of Handbook of Electoral Registration Officers (2008 edition). The Commission has since decided that physically challenged persons (including visually handicapped and hearing and speech impaired persons), may not be requisitioned for duties of Booth Level Officers unless they express willingness to take up the work. EROs shall take due precaution and give exemption in such cases after he or she is satisfied about the disability of the person concerned. As the ERO may not be aware of the physical disability of any person in advance, he/she should sympathetically consider the request for exemption on the above ground as soon as the same comes to his notice/brought to his notice by the person appointed as BLO.

The above instructions shall be brought to the notice of all DEOs & EROs for compliance. A copy of the instruction issued may be forwarded to Commission for record.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Ashish Chakraborty)  
Under Secretary