

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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Press Note

Subject: - Deployment of ECI Special Team to assist CEO West Bengal.

There has been news reports published in some newspapers quoting that ECI to deploy Special Team for the first time in West Bengal, which is misinterpretative and misrepresentative of the fact and instructions issued by the Commission. The Commission has been sending teams to different States during the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections based on the need in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officers of the State.

Election Commission of India has decided to send five Special teams to assist CEO West Bengal and the Commission in assessing the preparedness of the electoral machinery at the grass root level. The visit of such teams will be for period as determined by ECI in consultation with Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal and see the performance of ECI direction at grass root level by Official machinery.

At District level, the teams will interact closely with the District Magistrates/ District Election Officers and the Superintendents of Police

The Special Teams will take inputs from the CEO, West Bengal beforehand district wise and make a visit to the districts. On their return, they will give their feedback to the CEO and to the Commission. The Special Team are being sent in batches to Assam and West Bengal. The other teams will also visit to other poll going states in the near future.

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