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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs
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ORDER

No. 755/UDMA-15011(22)/10/2025-LS-MA SEC

Dated, Kolkata, the 27th October, 2025

Date: 27.10.2025

WHEREAS a letter has been received by the Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs containing some allegations on complete breakdown of municipal services and total stoppage of civic amenities within Krishnanagar Municipality in the District of Nadia (hereinafter referred to as the said Municipality);

AND WHEREAS a Mass Petition has also been received by this Department from inhabitants of Krishnanagar Municipality containing complaint on disruption of municipal services;

AND WHEREAS the following allegations (hereinafter referred to as the said allegations) have been raised in the aforesaid two communications received by this Department:-

- 1. Due to non-cooperation of the elected Councillors, meeting of the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality could not be convened regularly;
- 2. Krishnanagar Municipality has failed to provide basic civic services like garbage removal, drainage cleaning and public grievance redressal etc and due to lack of supervision, allegations of corruption against staff of the said Municipality are raising and vendors are not being paid on time;
- 3. Regular municipal services like building plan approval, collection procedure of property tax, sanitation etc have been suspended due to non-occurrence of the meeting of the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality at regular intervals;
- 4. The wastes generated due to irregular cleaning of drainage may cause environmental pollution and different health hazards including vector borme disease like malaria, dengue etc.:

AND WHEREAS considering the said allegations of gross negligence in the performance of the duties imposed upon the said Municipality by or under the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993 (West Ben. Act. XXII of 1993) and the rules

made thereunder and the stalemate situation of the said municipality, the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality has been directed vide order No. 549/UDMA-15011(22)/10/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 29th July, 2025 to show cause within seven (7) days from the date of issuance of the order why it shall not be dissolved on the grounds of the charges mentioned hereinabove in terms of provisions of sub-section (1) of section 431 of the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993;

AND WHEREAS no reply from the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality has been received by this Department after expiration of period of seven (7) days.

AND WHEREAS individual reply from twenty two (22) elected Councillors out of twenty five (25) elected Councillors in response to the show cause order vide No. 549/UDMA-15011(22)/10/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 29th July, 2025 have been received by this Department wherein the incidents of disruption of municipal services and the stalemate situation of the said Municipality have been pointed out in all the letters. In those aforesaid letters, the office bearers of the said Municipality have stated that they are not individually responsible for disruption of municipal services and the stalemate situation of the said Municipality and blamed some other office bearers for this situation;

AND WHEREAS the District Magistrate, Nadia has been requested vide letter No. 615/UDMA-15011(22)/10/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 20th August, 2025 to cause an enquiry on the said allegations of disruption of municipal services and stalemate situation of the said Municipality and to send a report thereof to this Department;

AND WHEREAS from the report received from the District Magistrate, Nadia vide Memo No.167/CG dated 27.10.2025 it has been revealed that:

- (a) The Board of Councillors has failed to hold statutory meetings as required under rule 9(3) of the West Bengal Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Rules, 1995, thereby stalling all policy and administrative decisions.
 - Persistent factionalism among Councillors, culminating in a requisition and special meeting for removal of Chairperson under section 18(3) of the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993. has rendered the Board ineffective and non-functional.
- (b) Essential civic services, including sanitation, garbage removal, drainage cleaning and public grievance redressal have been severely disrupted for an extended period, directly affecting the health and well-being of residents.
- (c) Due to absence of effective leadership and non-approval of financial and operational proposals, the Executive machinery has been unable to discharge statutory responsibilities. The condition of public health infrastructure, solid waste management and drainage maintenance remains highly unsatisfactory and poses a significant risk in spread of various health hazards.

AND WHEREAS the Director of Local Bodies, West Bengal has been requested vide letter No. 623/UDMA-15011(22)/10/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 21st August, 2025 of this Department to provide information on whether the Budget Estimate for financial year 2025-26 is passed by the Krishnanagar Municipality following the relevant provisions of section 82 of the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993 or not, to this Department;

AND WHEREAS the Director of Local Bodies, West Bengal has replied vide letter No. 1350/DLB-99/5/2021-SEC(DLB)-DLB, Dated, the 21st August, 2025 that the budget estimate for the year 2025-26 of Krishnanagar Municipality is not adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 82 of the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993;

AND WHEREAS considering the findings made by the District Magistrate, Nadia through enquiry as well as the individual submission of the Councillors of the said municipality and the report of Director of Local Bodics, West Bengal on the failure to perform statutory duties like adoption of annual budget in accordance with law, as mentioned hereinabove, it can be stated that the said Board of Councillors is not in a position to carry out its functions and to provide normal civic services. The State Government is of the opinion that the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality has shown its incompetence in the performance of the duties or in the exercise of the functions, imposed on it by or under the said Act and rules made thereunder or any other law for the time being in force;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 431 of the said Act, the Governor is pleased hereby to declare the Board of Councillors of the Krishnanagar Municipality to be incompetent to exercise the statutory functions imposed on it and to dissolve the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality with immediate effect.

By order of the Governor.

Sd/-MD. GHULAM ALI ANSARI

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal