

Government of West Bengal
Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs
“NAGARAYAN”,
DF – 8, Sector – I, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700064

ORDER

No.947/UDMA-15011(22)/19/2025-LS-MA SEC

Dated, Kolkata, the 16th December, 2025

WHEREAS a petition dated 17.11.2025, signed by heads of different Institutions and Business Organisations (hereinafter referred to as the “said petition”) within Chakdah Municipal Area, has been received by this Department wherein attention was drawn to the disruption of civic amenities within Chakdah Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the “said Municipality”) in the district of Nadia;

AND WHEREAS in the said petition, complaint has been made on the following disruption of municipal services in said Municipality:

- (1) The process of removing the waste materials and garbage in the municipal area has totally collapsed. As a result, a large part of the municipal area is filled with accumulated waste materials which cause pollution and an unpleasant smell. The stench of rotten garbage has made the situation horrible. It is hazardous to public health;
- (2) The broken roads, streets and lanes of the Municipality are not at all suitable for walking. The pedestrians find it difficult to move. Cycle, motorcycle, toto, rickshaw etc. face regular problems. It causes extensive damage to those vehicles. The authority of the said Municipality takes no responsibility for maintenance and repairing the roads, streets and lanes;
- (3) The drainage system of the said Municipality is very poor, too. The prominent areas of the town are unbearably filthy, dirty and full of foul odour.

AND WHEREAS the allegation made in the said petition has also been supported by number of pictures which show accumulation of garbage in municipal roads, broken streets and unhealthy environments within the said Municipality;

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) (hereinafter referred to as the “said Act”) 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. 855/UDMA-15011(22)/19/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 21st November, 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 said Act;

AND WHEREAS in response of the said show cause order, the Chairman of the said Municipality, vide Memo No. 2397/CM/2025-26, dated 02.12.2025 read with Memo No. 2345/CM/2025-26, dated 27.11.2025, has communicated the submission of the Board of Councillors, as resolved in the meeting held on 26.11.2025, on the allegations made in said petition. It has been resolved that the Municipality has no permanent dumping ground for disposal of waste/ garbage within the municipal area. It has also been stated that a land outside the municipal area has been selected for dumping ground jointly with Talta-2 Gram Panchayat, but it cannot be made functional till date, resulting disruption in disposal of solid wastes within the said Municipality. It has submitted further that implementation of some projects like Sewerage Treatment Plant, Project for Surface Water Supply Connection and project for underground House to House fuel connection within that municipal area are in interim stage and restoration of broken roads and damaged drains will be processed after completion of those projects. Thus the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality has accepted the allegations of broken municipal roads and poor condition of drainage system;

AND WHEREAS the office record of the Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs reveals that though the Budget Estimate for the year 2025-26 was prepared but it has not been adopted following the relevant provision of section 82 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS the District Magistrate, Nadia has been requested vide letter No. 856/UDMA-15011(22)/19/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 21st November, 2025 to cause an enquiry on the said allegations of disruption of municipal services in the said Municipality and to send a report thereof to this Department;

AND WHEREAS from the enquiry report received from the District Magistrate, Nadia vide Memo No.235/MA dated 12.12.2025 it has been revealed that:

1. There is a clear lack of coordination and vision, particularly in waste management and drainage maintenance. It is evident from the various complaints and media report that the public is facing problems due to this.
2. The Board has initiated corrective actions, but many are still ongoing and not fully achieved.
3. The gaps appear to be due to a combination of administrative laxity, inadequate planning and insufficient manpower management.
4. The Board's explanation is not satisfactory and deficiencies in routine civic service delivery remain evident.
5. Continuous supervisory intervention is essential to ensure compliance with statutory duties.

AND WHEREAS on the basis of the findings mentioned in above report, the District Magistrate, Nadia has concluded that there is indeed a disruption of municipal services and issues of health hazards persist within the Chakdah Municipality. Thus, the Board of Councillors of Chakdah Municipality has not performed its duties and responsibilities towards the citizens of the municipal area nor responded adequately to the Department's show cause and has thereby violated its obligations under the Municipal Act and Rules;

AND WHEREAS considering the submission of the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality, the findings made by the District Magistrate, Nadia through enquiry and the record of the Department, as mentioned hereinabove, it can be stated that the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality 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 Chakdah 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,

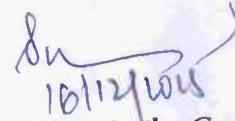


Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

No. 947/1(9)/UDMA-15011(22)/19/2025-LS-MA SEC Dated, Kolkata, the 16th December, 2025

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the -

- 1) Secretary, State Election Commission, West Bengal, 18, Sarojini Naidu Sarani, Kol - 17.
- 2) Director of Local Bodies, Government of West Bengal.
- 3) District Magistrate, Nadia, P.O. – Krishnanagar, Dist. - Nadia.
- 4) Director, State Urban Development Agency.
- 5) Sub-divisional Officer, Kalyani, Nadia.
- 6) Chief Engineer, Municipal Engineering Directorate (South Zone), West Bengal.
- 7) P.S. to Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, UD & MA Department, Govt. of West Bengal
- 8) Executive Officer, Chakdah Municipality, he is requested to circulate it to all concerned at once.
- 9) Sr. P S to Principal Secretary, UD & MA Department, Govt. of West Bengal.


16/12/2025

Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

