

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

ORDER

No. 949/UDMA-15011(22)/18/2025-LS-MA SEC

Dated, Kolkata, the 16th December, 2025

WHEREAS a Mass Petition, dated 03.11.2025 (hereinafter referred to as the “said petition”) has been received from the inhabitants of Purulia Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the “said Municipality”) in the district of Purulia containing complaint on disruption of municipal services and allegations on apathetic behavior of the Chairman and other office bearers of the said Municipality.

AND WHEREAS in the said petition, complaint has been made on the following disruption of municipal services in said Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the “said allegations”):

- (1) Stoppage of cleansing of municipal roads and cleaning of drainages.
- (2) Irregular and inadequate water supply.
- (3) Accumulation of garbage due to lack of proper waste disposal by the municipal authority.
- (4) Wastes generated due to irregular cleaning of drainage causing different health hazards including vector borne disease like malaria, dengue etc.
- (5) Apathetic behavior of the Chairman and other office bearers of the 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. 842/UDMA-15011(22)/18/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 19th 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. 2607-M.G., dated 01.12.2025 read with Memo No. 2527 M.G., dated 26.11.2025, has communicated the submission of the Board of Councillors, as resolved in the meeting held on 01.12.2025, on the allegations made in said petition. The proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Councillors held on 01.12.2025 reveals that the Councillors elected from different ward constituencies raised problems on supply of drinking water, disposal of solid waste, dilapidated condition of market office, non cleaning of drainage, water logging and accumulation of garbage and the Chairman has tried to give explanation on those problem raised in the house;

AND WHEREAS the office record of the Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs reveals the following lacuna in respect of the said Municipality:

1. Slow progress in implementation of “PMAY – Housing for All” scheme in the said Municipality;
2. The said Municipality has not taken any initiative to resolve outstanding audit paras.
3. Though the Budget Estimate for the year 2025-26 was prepared but it has not been adopted following relevant provision of section 82 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS the District Magistrate, Purulia has been requested vide letter No. 843/UDMA-15011(22)/18/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 19th November, 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 the enquiry report received from the District Magistrate, Purulia vide Memo No.201/MA dated 09.12.2025 revealed that:

1. Municipal authorities have failed to clear accumulated heaps of garbage. Out of the 62 metric tonne waste generated daily only 50 metric tonne waste is collected by the Municipality despite having adequate staff. This has resulted in insanitary conditions favorable for spread of vector borne diseases. Lack of Solid Waste Management unit and micro plan for waste management has further aggravated the situation.
2. Irregular and inadequate cleaning of drains, blockage of drains has led to water logging in ward no. 3, 7 and 16 during rainy season leading to increased risk of diseases like dengue, malaria and diarrhoea.
3. The municipality failed to manage staff strikes during September 2025. The Chairman and other office bearers have shown apathy in ensuring smooth municipal functioning, reflected in irregular convening of Board of Councillors (BOC) meetings.
4. The municipality has failed to ensure adequate water supply. Against the target of 21,124 household water connections, only 12,496 connections have been completed in over three years. Water scarcity continues in Ward No. 6, 5 and Ward No. 23.

5. The municipality does not maintain a complaint register or functional grievance redressal system, except through Sorasori Mukhyamantri, where several complaints remain unresolved for over three months despite repeated reminders.

AND WHEREAS on the basis of the findings mentioned in above report, the District Magistrate, Purulia has concluded that the Chairman and Board of Councilors Purulia Municipality have shown negligence in performing their duties resulting in disruption of essential municipal services which is detrimental to public interest;

AND WHEREAS considering the submission of the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality, the findings made by the District Magistrate, Purulia through enquiry and the record of the Department, 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 Purulia 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,

A blue ink signature of the Governor, which appears to be a stylized 'A' or 'M'.

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

No. 949/1(9)/UDMA-15011(22)/18/2025-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, Purulia, P.O. – Purulia, Dist. - Purulia.
- 4) Director, State Urban Development Agency.
- 5) Sub-divisional Officer, Purulia Sadar, Purulia.
- 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, Purulia 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.

8/11/2025
Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

