

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

**ORDER**

**No. 968/UDMA-15011(22)/20/2025-LS-MA SEC**

**Dated, Kolkata, the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

WHEREAS a Mass Petition, dated 20.11.2025 (hereinafter referred to as the “said petition”) has been received from the inhabitants of Jangipur Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the “said Municipality”) in the district of Murshidabad containing complaint on deplorable condition of civic amenities due to ongoing administrative negligence prevailing in Jangipur Municipality in the District of Murshidabad;

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

- (1) Irregular cleansing of municipal roads;
- (2) Irregular cleaning of drainages;
- (3) Accumulation of garbage due to lack of proper waste disposal by the municipal authority and non unavailability of permanent dumping ground;
- (4) Non cooperative behavior of the Chairman and other Councillors of Jangipur Municipality.

AND WHEREAS the allegation made in the said petition has also been supported by number of pictures which show water logging in municipal roads, broken condition road, accumulation of garbage in municipal drains 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) (hereinafter referred to as the “said Act”) and the rules made thereunder, the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality has been directed vide order No. 876/UDMA-15011(22)/20/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 2256/En/101/25/J.M, dated 01.12.2025 read with Memo No. 2337/101/25/J.M, dated 10.12.2025, 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 due to heavy rainfall and works done under different projects, the condition of block top road were poor, but presently it were partly restored. Due to problems of dumping ground, garbage were accumulated for few days, however at present problems have been solved and drains have been partly cleaned and disposal of solid wastes has been started in new dumping ground. Thus the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality has accepted the allegations of broken municipal roads and accumulation of garbage;

AND WHEREAS the office record of the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department reveals the following:

1. Delay and inefficient implementation of SWM project;
2. Unauthorised collection of Mutation fees;
3. Loss of own fund revenue to the tune of Rs.20.31 lakh in leasing out Ferry Ghats during the years 2011-23;
4. Audit paras outstanding for more than 12 years have not yet been resolved;
5. 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, Murshidabad has been requested vide letter No. 877/UDMA-15011(22)/20/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 26<sup>th</sup> 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, Murshidabad vide Memo No. 86-C/En, dated 16.12.2025, it has been revealed that:

- (1) Irregular Cleansing of Municipal Roads- During the enquiry, it was observed that road sweeping across multiple wards of Jangipur Municipality is irregular and inadequate. Routine cleansing activities are not being carried out as per schedule, particularly in densely populated localities, leading to accumulation of refuse, market waste, and household garbage along public roads. Waste remains unattended for extended periods, resulting in unhygienic conditions conducive to vector breeding. As a consequence of the prevailing sanitation conditions, eighteen (18) dengue cases have been reported in the municipal area during the past one year, highlighting serious public health concerns.



- (2) Irregular Cleaning and Maintenance of Drainage System-The enquiry revealed widespread deficiencies in the municipal drainage system. High drains across almost the entire municipality were found to be choked with plastic waste, silt, and stagnant water, indicating prolonged absence of regular desilting operations. Several drain covers were also found to be broken or missing. As a result, multiple localities experience severe water logging during the rainy season, even after moderate rainfall, causing obstruction to movement, aggravation of mosquito breeding, and significant inconvenience to the general public. Despite repeated complaints from residents, timely remedial action was not undertaken by the municipal authorities.
- (3) Accumulation of Garbage due to Lack of Proper Waste Disposal-The enquiry established that garbage accumulation across the municipality was exacerbated by the absence of a permanent and functional dumping ground and lack of effective waste disposal planning by the municipal authority, leading to paralysis in decision-making and a near-complete breakdown of waste collection and disposal operations, with large-scale accumulation of garbage in public spaces and residential areas. In view of the emergent public health situation, the SOM office intervened and facilitated the identification and arrangement of a permanent dumping ground, enabling resumption of waste disposal operations and mitigation of the accumulated waste.
- (4) Non-cooperative Conduct of the Chairman and Councillors-It was also observed during the enquiry that the Chairman and certain Councillors of Jangipur Municipality exhibited non-cooperative behaviour, which significantly hampered coordinated decision-making and effective implementation of sanitation and waste management measures. The lack of consensus and administrative leadership contributed to delays, inaction, and eventual breakdown of waste collection and disposal mechanisms. Owing to this governance vacuum, intervention by the SOM office became necessary to restore basic waste management operations and prevent further deterioration of public health and sanitation conditions.

AND WHEREAS the enquiry report received from the District Magistrate, Murshidabad mentioned in above reveals that the report substantiates the complaints against Jangipur Municipality regarding inadequacies in the provision of basic municipal services;

AND WHEREAS considering the submission of the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality, the findings made by the District Magistrate, Murshidabad 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 Jangipur 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,

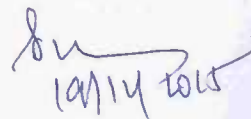


*Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal*

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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, Murshidabad, P.O. – Berhampore, Dist. - Murshidabad.
- 4) Director, State Urban Development Agency.
- 5) Sub-divisional Officer, Jangipur, Dist. - Murshidabad.
- 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, Jangipur 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.



*Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal*

