

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

**ORDER**

**No. 966/UDMA-15011(22)/16/2025-LS-MA SEC**

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

WHEREAS a Mass Petition, dated 09.11.2025 (hereinafter referred to as the “said petition”) has been received from the inhabitants of Basirhat Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the “said Municipality”) in the district of North 24 Parganas containing complaint on disruption of municipal services and allegations on administrative irregularities, corruption and misuse of municipal authority in said Municipality;

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

- (1) Irregular and inadequate water supply, causing immense hardship to households.
- (2) Accumulation of garbage and lack of proper waste disposal, leading to unhygienic conditions and health hazards.
- (3) Damaged municipal roads and poor maintenance, making daily commute and transportation extremely difficult.
- (4) Non-functional street lights, creating insecurity and safety concerns, especially during night hours.
- (5) Neglected drainage cleaning and repair, resulting in water logging even after minor rainfall.
- (6) Arrogant and uncooperative behavior of the office bearers and their associates.
- (7) Lack of responsiveness to public grievances.
- (8) Administrative irregularities, corruption and misuse of municipal authority by the office bearers.

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. 832/UDMA-15011(22)/16/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 18th November, 2025 to show cause (hereinafter referred to as the said show cause order) 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 in response of the said show cause order, the Chairman of the said Municipality, vide Memo No. 5333/BM, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 read with Memo No. 5155/BM/GEN, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 has communicated the submission of the Board of Councillors, as resolved in the meeting held on 20.11.2025, on the allegations made in said petition. It has been resolved that the Municipality has no role to play in the matter of water supply as it is managed by the Public Health Engineering Department. Number of personnel has been engaged under different schemes of Solid Waste Management Programme. Projects for development of municipal roads are being taken by the said Municipality with the fund allocated by the State Government as the Municipality has very little sources of internal revenue. Statistics of number of street lights and electricity bill for street light have been placed. To ensure permanent solution of water logging, the BOC of the said Municipality has taken up a proposal for implementation of an integrated drainage development project and Detail Project Report of the proposal is presently under process. It has also been submitted that the Municipality has framed a dedicated mechanism for dealing and redressal of public grievances. In regard to allegation on corruption, it has been mentioned that upto date audit (both accounts audit and transaction audit) of the Municipality has been done by the Auditors of the office of Auditor General, but no audit para was raised which corroborates the allegation of corruption.

AND WHEREAS the Vice-Chairman and other 8 (eight) elected Councillors of the said Municipality has sent a letter dated 20.11.2025 wherein they have fully concur with every allegations mentioned in the said show cause order.

AND WHEREAS the office record of the Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs reveals that reply to major audit queries have been pending for 10 years or more despite of providing necessary guidance from the Directorate of Local Bodies, West Bengal as well as by this Department;

AND WHEREAS the District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas has been requested vide letter No. 834/UDMA-15011(22)/16/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 to cause an enquiry on the said allegations of disruption of municipal services and administrative irregularities of the said Municipality and to send a report thereof to this Department;

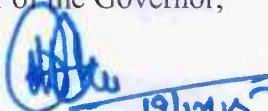
AND WHEREAS the report received from the District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas vide Memo No.2258/DMA/N24PGS, dated 17.12.2025 reveals that:

1. Water logging- It was observed that water logging remains a serious and recurring problem in several parts of Basirhat Municipality, particularly during the rainy season. Ward Nos. 18, 19 and 20 are found to be fully affected, with large stretches remaining waterlogged for prolonged periods after rainfall. This results in severe inconvenience to residents, disruption of daily activities, and increased risk to public health. The existing drainage infrastructure appears to be inadequate to handle seasonal rainfall, and routine desilting and maintenance activities are either insufficient or irregular.
2. Irregular and inadequate water supply-The complaints regarding irregular and inadequate water supply were reported in several wards. During interactions with the locals, it emerged that such issues occur intermittently and are more pronounced during certain periods, particularly after heavy rainfall or disruption of supply.
3. Condition of Municipal Roads-The condition of roads under Basirhat Municipality was found to be unsatisfactory. Several roads are damaged, uneven, and poorly maintained, making them unsafe for vehicular as well as pedestrian movement. Potholes, broken surfaces, and lack of proper drainage along road margins were observed at multiple locations. Poor Road conditions also contribute to water logging and sanitation issues, thereby compounding existing problems.
4. Sanitation-Sanitation services, including regular road sweeping and waste removal, were found to be inadequate. In many wards, sweeping is not being carried out regularly, and accumulated waste was noticed along roadsides, drains, and public spaces.
5. Drainage System-. The inspection revealed deficiencies in the drainage system across almost all wards of Basirhat Municipality. In many locations, drains are either choked or damaged, resulting in stagnation of water instead of smooth flow.
6. Street Lighting and Public Safety-Maintenance of street lighting infrastructure was found to be Inadequate. Insufficient lighting adversely affects public safety, particularly for women, elderly persons and commuters, and also increases the risk of accidents and unlawful activities. Regular inspection, timely repair, and replacement of street lights appear to be lacking.

AND WHEREAS considering the submission of the Board of Councillors of the said Municipality, the findings made by the District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas 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 Basirhat 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,

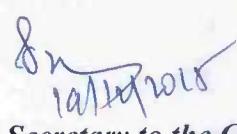


Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

**No. 966/1(9)/UDMA-15011(22)/10/2025-LS-MA SEC      Dated, Kolkata, the 19<sup>th</sup> 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, North 24 Parganas, P.O. – Barasat, Dist. - North 24 Parganas.
- 4) Director, State Urban Development Agency.
- 5) Sub-divisional Officer, Basirhat, North 24 Parganas.
- 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, Basirhat 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

