

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

ORDER

No. 16/UDMA-15011(22)/21/2025-LS-MA SEC

Dated, Kolkata, the 2nd January, 2026

WHEREAS a mass petition received by this Department on the 28th November, 2025 from the inhabitants of the Gayeshpur Municipality (hereinafter referred to as the “said Municipality”) in the district of Nadia wherein it has been alleged that from last one and a half year the inhabitants of Gayeshpur Municipal Area are deprived of getting services mutation of holdings, sanction of building plans and other civic services from the Municipality as the municipal authority are not holding the meeting of Board of Councillors on regular basis. An instance of exemption of huge amount of property tax has also been cited in the said petition;

AND WHEREAS a letter dated 03.07.2025 received by this Department jointly from the 10 elected Councillors of the said Municipality, wherein it has been alleged that the meeting of Board of Councillors of the said Municipality are not holding from last 10 (ten) months and thus causing following violations of statutory provisions:

- (1) Revised Budget for the financial year 2024-25 cannot be presented and adopted by the BOC;
- (2) Budget estimate for the financial year 2025-26 cannot be adopted by the BOC;
- (3) Illegal expenses are being made without approval of the BOC;
- (4) Disruption of municipal services like mutation of holdings sanction of building plan, issuance of legal heir certificate etc;

AND WHEREAS a letter dated 28.07.2025 has been also received by this Department jointly from the 10 elected Councillors of the said Municipality, wherein attention has been drawn to the Property tax receipt No. 20250-2026/F/2476, dated 18.06.2025 wherein a rebate of Rs. 2,45,58,438/- has been accorded in respect of the Bill amounting to Rs. 2,87,58,437.67/- without knowledge of the Board of Councillors of 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. 945/UDMA-15011(22)/21/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 16th December, 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. GM/GL/3011/2025, dated 29.12.2025, has submitted the minutes of proceedings of the special meeting of the Board of Councillors held on 22.12.2025, convened in regard to the allegations mentioned in the show cause order. It has been resolved in the aforesaid meeting in presence of 16 (sixteen) Councillors out of 18 (eighteen) Councillors that the Chairman, Gayeshpur Municipality is responsible for showing gross negligence in the performance of statutory duties as mentioned in order No. 945/UDMA-15011(22)/21/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 16th December, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the District Magistrate, Nadia has been requested vide letter No. 946/UDMA-15011(22)/21/2025-LS-MA SEC, Dated, Kolkata, the 16th December, 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.250/MA dated 24.12.2025 it has been revealed that:

1. It has been observed that meetings of the Board of Councillors of Gayeshpur Municipality have not been held regularly for a considerable period. In particular, meetings have reportedly not been convened for the last several months, which has adversely affected the functioning of the Municipality;
2. Delivery of essential municipal services such as mutation of holdings, sanction of building plans, issuance of legal heir certificates and other civic services have been adversely impacted;
3. Implementation of Government schemes, including APAS and Pathashree-IV, has also been hampered due to the lack of effective decision-making at the level of the Board of Councillors;



4. A no-confidence motion against the Chairman, Gayeshpur Municipality was raised by 11 (eleven) Councillors out of a total of 18 (eighteen) Councillors, as reported by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Kalyani vide Memo No. 24/CS-Kly dated 10.01.2025 and Memo No. 83/CS-Kly dated 22.01.2025;

AND WHEREAS it has been found from the report received from the District Magistrate, Nadia that the enquiry findings indicate prolonged administrative dysfunction in Gayeshpur Municipality, leading to disruption of essential civic services and non-compliance with statutory requirements under the West Bengal Municipal Act, 1993. The absence of regular meetings of the Board of Councillors has significantly affected municipal governance and public service delivery;

AND WHEREAS it has also been found from the report received from the District Magistrate, Nadia that there is indeed a disruption of municipal services within Gayeshpur Municipality. Thus, the Board of Councillors of the Municipal area has not performed its duties and responsibilities toward the citizens of Municipal area and has thereby violated its obligation 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, 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;

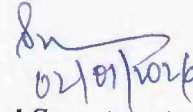
NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 431 of the said Act, the Governor is pleased hereby to declare the Board of Councillors of the Gayeshpur Municipality to be incompetent to exercise the statutory functions imposed on it and to dissolve the Board of Councillors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

By order of the Governor,


02/01/26
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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, Gayeshpur 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.
- 10) Section Officer, IT Wing, UD & MA Department, Govt. of West Bengal.


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Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal