

Panchayat Election 2013

State Government has notified dates of Panchayat General Elections which will be held in 17 districts of West Bengal (except the district of Darjeeling) in **three phases** as mentioned below:

• **1st Phase on 2nd July, 2013** in the districts of North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Purulia, Howrah, Hooghly and Burdwan.

• **2nd Phase on 6th July, 2013** in the districts of Nadia, Malda, Murshidabad and Birbhum.

• **3rd Phase on 9th July, 2013** in the districts of Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur.

2. West Bengal State Election Commission will issue Notification appointing dates for various stages of election on **27.05.2013, 31.05.2013 and on 03.06.2013 respectively.**

The Model Code of Conduct will come into force all over West Bengal (except Darjeeling and Urban areas) w.e.f. today, the 27th May, 2013.

3. Stages of Election :

| | For the districts where elections will be held in 1 st Phase | For the districts where elections will be held in 2 nd Phase | For the districts where elections will be held in 3 rd Phase |
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| (a) Date of issue of Notice of Election inviting Nominations | 29.05.2013 | 03.06.2013 | 05.06.2013 |
| (b) Last date for making nominations | 05.06.2013 | 10.06.2013 | 12.06.2013 |
| (c) Date for the scrutiny of nominations | 07.06.2013 | 12.06.2013 | 14.06.2013 |
| (d) Last date for withdrawal of candidature | 10.06.2013 | 15.06.2013 | 17.06.2013 |

4. Number of Constituencies and seats :

| Tier | No. of Constituency | Seat |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Gram Panchayat | 48,699 | 48,800 |
| Panchayat Samiti | 9,240 | 9,240 |
| Zilla Parishad | 825 | 825 |
| TOTAL | 58,764 | 58,865 |

5. Number of Electors :

4,44,57,536

6. Number of Polling Stations :

57,233

7. Observers will be appointed for each of the 329 Blocks going for the Panchayat General Elections, 2013 in addition 1(one) observer will also be engaged for each of the 17 districts.