



ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCILS, 2023

Kolkata, Friday, the 31st March, 2023

NOTIFICATION

**Duties of Election Observers in pursuance of sub-rule (1) of Rule 23 of
The Cost and Works Accountants (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006 read with Regulation
118 of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959**

No. EL-2023/15: In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of Rule 23 of Cost and Works Accountants (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006 read with regulation 118 of the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959, the duties of the election observers are as follows:

1. To monitor and report to the Returning Officer that the guidelines issued for election, particularly for polling booths as well as the counting venues and also in respect the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 as amended, the Cost and Works Accountants (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006 as amended and the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959 as amended and other applicable Acts, Rules and Regulations, are followed as per the said guidelines.
2. To perform their duties with respect to Code of Conduct issued by the Council of the Institute and also on the election expenses made by the contesting candidates. They shall report to the Returning Officer for the purpose.
3. To observe the polling, sorting and counting of votes and to monitor the fairness of the polling, sorting and counting procedures.
4. To ensure the impartiality of the persons in charge of the polling, sorting and counting of votes, and their commitment to the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 as amended, the Cost and Works Accountants (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006 as amended and the Cost and Works Accountants Regulations, 1959 as amended and other applicable Acts, Rules and Regulations.
5. To visit the geographical constituencies and polling and counting centres at any time without previous notice.
6. To attend all stages of the polling and counting, and particularly be present at the opening and closing of the ballot boxes.
7. To ascertain of the freedom and fairness of the elections and the secrecy of the polling, and write reports to the Returning Officer to that effect.
8. The observers shall not interfere in any manner with the work of the elections or the officials engaged therewith, provided that they may formulate questions verbally or in writing.

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Kaushik Banerjee
Returning Officer