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Bye-elections to 6-Agartala and 8-Town Bordowali Assembly constituency:
DM takes measure under Section 144 for peaceful voting

Voting will be held on June 23, 2022 from 8 am to 5 pm in the bye-elections of 6-Agartala and 8-Town Bordowali Assembly Constituencies. The district magistrate of West Tripura district has taken some steps under section 144 of the CRPC in order to maintain peace, harmony and law and order for free and peaceful voting as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

The district magistrate said in the order that five or more persons could not assemble at any place of the two assembly constituencies concerned with or without sticks, iron rods, bamboo, stones etc. In 6-Agartala and 8-Town Bordowali areas, public meetings, processions, gatherings with or without loud instruments cannot be held. The order states that two or more bikes or cars cannot run together without permission. This order will not be effective in the case of 48-hours door-to-door campaign fulfilling other conditions. This order of the District Magistrate will come into force from today 5 pm of June 21 to 5 am of June 24, 2022.

The District Magistrate said in the order that poll workers, CRPF or police personnel engaged in polling, their vehicles, news personnel with passes, drivers and assistants and election vehicles would be excluded from the order. The order provides exemptions for voters who come on foot or in private vehicles with voter ID cards and who stand in the polling station in a disciplined manner. Outside the 200 meter area of the polling station, there is an exemption for the vehicles of the family members of the voters who come to vote only with the identity card issued by the Election Commission. In case of government employees, police, CAPF or the armed forces, if they gather at educational institutions during the day for educational work, routine work of government or private office, ordinary passengers they will be exempted. In case of gatherings for general worship at religious places, there are exemptions for social ceremonies such as weddings, birthdays, etc. However, no cash or items may be distributed at such events. Exemption in this order are also for vehicles of the Returning Officer, approved candidates or vehicles allowed by the appropriate election authority. The district magistrate's order said that legal action would be taken against those who violate the order.
