

WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
Bldg. 10A, Block-LA, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700 098

AN APPEAL TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES

Use of Microphones :

You are aware that West Bengal has played a pioneering role in control of sound pollution. This has happened largely because the people at large were annoyed at ear shattering decibels. We would like, and you would readily agree, that the peace that the people have been enjoying is not disturbed. We agree there cannot be a silent democracy. Nor could there be a decibel democracy. We can certainly strike a balance with your active co-operation.

After completion of the Higher Secondary Examination on 26-04-2004 at 5:00 P.M. Microphone may be used in the following manner for open air political meeting :-

- **Please use** microphone with
Sound Limiter – Always
between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- You **are requested** to ensure noise level as below

Area Code	Category of Area	Limit in dB(A) L_{eq}	
		Day Time (6 a.m. to 9 p.m.)	Night Time (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.)
A.	Industrial area	75	70
B.	Commercial area	65	55
C.	Residential area	55	45
D.	Silence Zone	50	40

- Please **do not** use microphones within 100 mtrs. around
Hospitals
Nursing Homes
Educational Institutions (during working hours)
Courts (during working hours)
- As you have always been doing please take prior permission of the **Local Police Station/Sub-Divisional Officer/District Magistrate.**
- During the time of any meeting in the street please keep necessary passage for passers by.

Use of Plastic

What better time than the elections – the time to exercise choice – to make people aware of the one prime enemy of environment, that non-biodegradable monster **PLASTIC.**

Please shun use of plastic sheets for flags, chain-flags, festoons and banners.