

**Clarification Regarding Filing Appeals and Applications under Section 22 and 23 of the
R P Act 1950**

An appeal against the rejection of an application under Section 22 or Sections 23, after final publication of Electoral Rolls, lies to the District Election Officers concerned (to the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal in case of Kolkata Electoral District), or to the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal within 15 days from the date of such rejection. The appeal should be in the form of a memorandum signed by the appellant and accompanied by a copy of the order appealed from and fee of Rs 5/-. This fee should be paid either by means of non-judicial stamp or deposited in a Government Treasury or the Reserve Bank in favour of Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal. The appellant should enclose with the appeal receipt issued by the officer in proof of the fee having been paid.

The appeal shall be presented within a period of 15 days from the date of the order appealed from or by registered post so as to reach the appellate authority within the period. The Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal or District Election Officer concerned , as the case may be , has power to condone any delay in the presentation of the appeal, if he is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not presenting it within the time prescribed.