COMMUNICATION OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, WEST BENGAL ON PROPOSED 24 HR. STRIKE ON 28TH FEB, 2012. NO. 283(60)-PS DATED THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 2012.

SOME CENTRAL TRADE UNIONS HAVE GIVEN A CALL FOR 24 HOURS INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ALL OVER INDIA COMMENCING FROM 6 HOURS ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY. 2012 IN SUPPORT OF THEIR VARIOUS DEMANDS. ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO VIOLATION OF LAW AND ORDER AND THAT NO UNTOWARD INCIDENT TAKES PLACE. ATTEMPTS AT FORCIBLY CLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SHOPS, MARKETS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ETC. SHOULD BE FIRMLY DEALT WITH. ALL STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL REMAIN OPEN ON THAT DAY AND ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SHOULD REPORT FOR DUTY. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WILL NOT BE GRANTED ANY LEAVE ON THAT DAY. VITAL INSTALLATIONS SHOULD BE SPECIALLY GUARDED. NORMAL VOCATION OF THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE DISTURBED. IN PARTICULAR IT SHOULD BE ENSURED THAT THERE IS NO INTERRUPTION IN NORMAL FLOW OF ROAD TRAFFIC OR STOPPAGE OF MOVEMENT OF TRAINS DUE TO SQUATTING OR OTHER TYPES OF BLOCADES. IT IS DESIRED THAT SUCH SITUATIONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP AND PROMPT ADVANCE ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH THEM. EXTENSIVE ROAD PATROLLING SHOULD BE ARRANGED AND ADEQUATE RESERVE POLICE FORCE BE KEPT WITH VEHICLES AT STRATEGIC CENTRES SO THAT WHENEVER REQUIRED THEY MAY BE DEPLOYED QUICKLY TO DEAL WITH ANY UNTOWARD SITUATION. FIRE BRIGADE SHOULD BE ASKED TO BE IN READINESS FOR DEALING WITH ARSON CASES, IF ANY. IT SHOULD BE ENSURED THAT NO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY INCLUDING THE PROPERTY OF RAILWAYS AND OTHER CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND UNDERTAKINGS IS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED IMMEDITELY OF THE DEVELOPMENTS. REPORTS ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION CONCERNING HIS DISTRICT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE UNDERSIGNED ON THAT DAY AT 11 AM AND 3 PM AND FURTHER ON A REGULAR BASIS. SIGNED/- (SAMAR GHOSH), CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL.