

Socio-Economic and Political Issues: A Case Study in the Englishbazar Municipality

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ABSTRACT

An attempt has been made to explore the urban development and political issues of Malda District of West Bengal special case study on English Bazar Municipality. The concept of development lies in the both qualitative and quantitative process of dimension. To improvement of living standards, established new technology, adoption the new institution etc are also indicators of the urban development. Malda district established in the year 1813 and it was southernmost district. Englishbazar Municipality was established in 1868 of British period. Englishbazar Municipality is an urban area in the Malda district. Urban development is depend on the literacy rate, transportation facilities, sources of income, growth of super market and business, industries, administrative branches, and so on. In this article experimented about the present scenario of urban development in Englishbazar Municipality.

1. Introduction

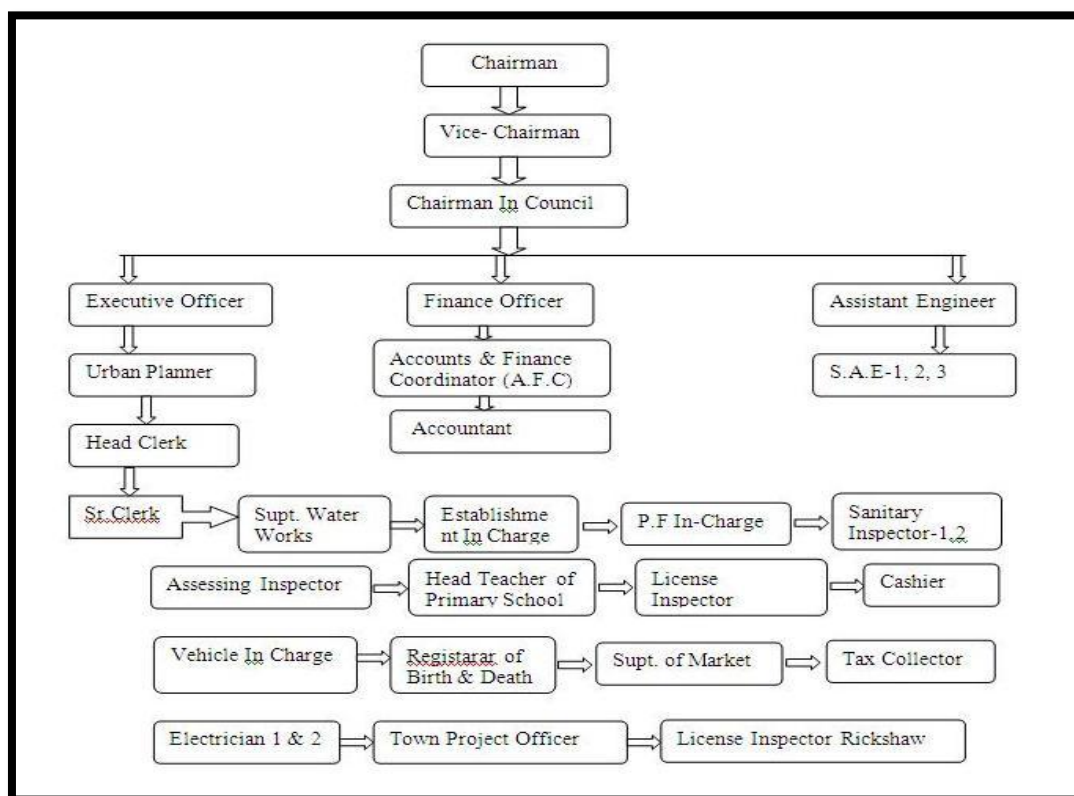
Englishbazar Municipality is situated between historical place Gour and Paudua which is in the Malda district of west Bengal. British took a leading role in the formation of Englishbazar Municipality. In 1680, the company bought fifty six bighas lands from the owner of Raja Rai Chowdhury at Mokdumpur. In 1680, the company built a factory and an office over the land. The merchants of the silk traders around the factory and the merchants settled in their houses. In this way the place is named after Englishbazar, or rongrej bazaar or sometimes Engelzvad. In 1813, there was a need to build a Municipality in order to build a business for the need for various jobs in the district, to recruit employees for government work, to

collect revenue from the citizens, and to provide necessary services to the citizens. The Municipality was formed on 1st April 1869 as Englishbazar Municipality.¹

Socio-Economic and Political Issues of Englishbazar Municipality: Under mentioned points will help us to find out the socio-economic and political issues of the Englishbazar Municipality.

1. Administrative structure of Englishbazar Municipality

Englishbazar Municipality consist of one executive officer, finance officer, urban planner, and accountant. Englishbazar Municipality total strength of staff is 398 (Group A stuff 03, group B staff 04, group C staff 114 and group D staff 277).²



II: Education of Englishbazar Municipality

Education systems in India is divided into a several parts like primary education, secondary, higher secondary, under graduate education, post graduate education. In the year 1848 first vernacular school was established in Englishbazar Municipality.³ As per census of 2011 in the Englishbazar Municipality total literate population is 1, 48,766 out of which male literate is 78, 235 and the female literate 70, 531. The area of municipality is divided into two like urban circle and urban circle-1. In urban circle there are 36 primary schools and the urban-1 circle in Englishbazar Municipality total 39 primary schools are there. Under E.B.M in urban circle there are three secondary schools. Under E.B.M urban-1 circle there are three secondary schools and three upper primary schools. In the urban circle of Englishbazar Municipality there are eleven high

schools. In the urban circle of Englishbazar Municipality total eleven high schools. Englishbazar Municipality is the highly educated area in the Malda District. Under this Municipality one university, one medical college, two degree colleges, one ITI collage and one government facilitated teachers training collage are here.

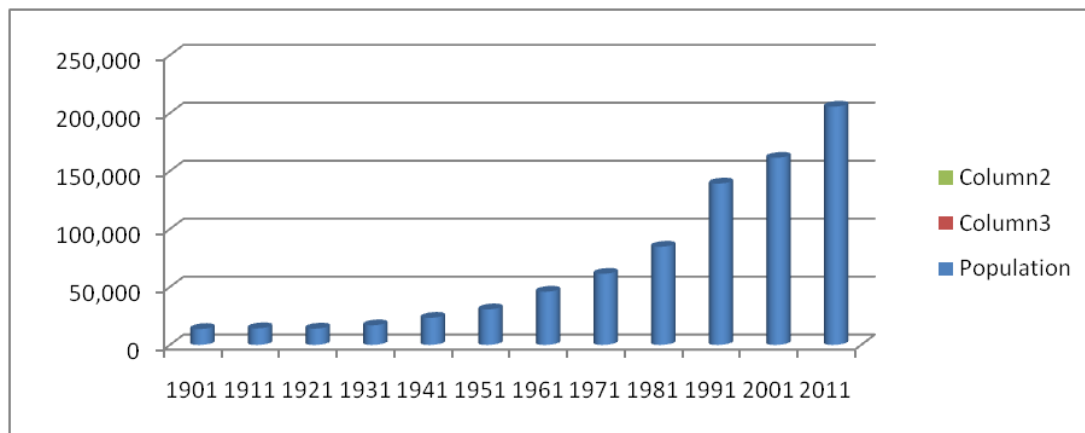
III Population growth of Municipality:

Englishbazar Municipality population are increasing day by day. In the year 1901 there were 13,667 population in this Municipality after that this number of population growth gradually uprising in the census report of 2011. We have observed the under mentioned population growth from 1901-2011 in the English Municipality.⁴

Population of the Englishbazar Municipality in year 1901 up to 2011

Year	Population
1901	13,667
1911	14,322
1921	14,057
1931	16,907
1941	23,334
1951	30,663
1961	45,900
1971	61,335
1981	84,665
1991	1,39,204
2001	1,61,448
2011	2,05,521

The diagram shows the population growth in Englishbazar Municipality



IV Demography of Englishbazar Municipality

The table shows the ward wise population in the Englishbazar Municipality.

Ward Wise population of the Englishbazar Municipality, Malda

Word no.	Total population	SC Population	ST Population
1	9366	1305	224
2	11227	1066	306
3	8050	1142	269
4	9306	799	181
5	8582	1019	29
6	5463	470	21
7	7419	592	106

8	9350	732	78
9	6032	766	66
10	3953	87	0
11	7240	253	10
12	6807	703	12
13	4956	212	2
14	5784	747	8
15	6950	273	12
16	6511	390	13
17	6339	541	5
18	6488	221	27
19	6740	187	21
20	7306	763	50
21	5941	735	53
22	6287	277	14
23	6488	1208	50
24	6021	960	112
25	7953	399	46
26	5710	193	29
27	9168	2071	62
28	8764	768	608
29	5320	874	107
Total population	2,05,521	19,753	2,521 ⁵

V: Chairman of Englishbazar Municipality

This Municipality was established in the year 1868. The first chairman is selected by the British government. The first

election was held in the year 1925 and Nilmoni Ghatak was the elected as the Chairman of this Municipality.⁶

Table: 7
Name of the Chairman of the Englishbazar Municipality (year wise)

SI No.	Name of the chairman	Year
1	Government nominated chairman	1868 –1924
2	NilmoniGhatak (1 st elected chairman)	1925– 1929
3	RaiBahadurJadunandanChawdhury	1929- 1932
4	RaiBahadurPanchananMajumder	1932-1935
5	RaiBahadurProbodh Kr. Roy	1935-1937
6	UpendraNathMoitra	1937-1939
7	RohiniNandan Das	1939-1943
8	Md. Ziauddin	1943-1945
9	Nanda Dulal Dutta	1945-1947
10	MonomohonSaha	1947-1952
11	Makhan Dutta Shastri	1952-1955
12	SachindraMohon Mishra (Nominated)	1955-1958
13	Kamal Krishna Sanyal	1958-1963
14	DhirendraNathMoitra	1963-1967
15	ShibDayalAgarwala	1967-1968
16	PhaniBhusan Roy	1968-1972
17	Administrator's Period	1972-1981
18	ProvatAcharya (Two Term)	1981-1991
19	Ashok Bhattacharya (Govt. Nominated)	1991- 1995
20	Krishnendu Nr. Chawdhury	1995- 1997
21	Smt. UshaChawdhury	1997-1998
22	Sanjib Roy	1998-2000
23	Krishnendu Nr. Chawdhury	2000- 2005
24	NiharGhosh	2005-2006
25	NarendraNathTiwari	2006-2010
26	Krishnendu Nr. Chawdhury	2010-2015
27	Krishnendu Nr. Chawdhury	2015-2016
28	NiharRanjanGhosh	2016- present

(Information collected from Municipality Office)

VI: Wards and Councillors of Englishbazar Municipality

In the year 1937, Englishbazar Municipality was formed with four wards. Only taxpayers had right to vote. Five councillors were elected from ward No.1 and ward No.2 and

four councillors were elected from 3rd and 4th wards. In the year 1964 total fourteen wards were in this Municipality. In 1968 the number of ward is increased up to eighteen⁷. In the year 1990 the ward had increased and total 25 wards are here in

Englishbazar Municipality. In the present status the total 29 wards are here in Englishbazar.

List of the councillors of Englishbazar Municipality

Term /year	Total Number of wards	Name of the councillors and Political Party)	Name of the political party formed Municipality Board	Name of the Chairman
2000-2005	25	Sandha Das(Cong), SumalaAgarwal(Cong), Krishna Mandal(Cong), ToponChakrabarty(C.P.M), NargisaAaraKhatun(Cong), DundobiSaha(C.P.M), SubrataSardar(Cong), Sanjit Das(Cong), PoliSarkar(Cong), Rita Roy(Cong), BiswanathGuha(Cong), Gobinda Ch. Barman(B.J.P), Binoy Das(C.P.I), Doly Chaudhury(B.J.P), Habib Ali(C.P.I), Krishnendu Narayan Chaudhury(Cong), FalguniBiswas(C.P.M), Sanjiv Roy(C.P.M), BiplobMajumder(C.P.M), JharnaSikdar(B.J.P), DulalSarkar(Cong), Prodip Kar(Cong), Parul Das(B.J.P), SosankaBasak(C.P.M), Dulal Nanda Chaki(C.P.M).	Congress	Krishnendu Narayan Chaudhury
2005-2010	25	Sandha Das(Cong), SumalaAgarwal(Cong), KakaliChawdhury(C.P.M), AsokSaha(Cong), Ramaprasad Banerjee(Cong),PapiyaChaki(C.P.M), SubrataSardar(Cong), Surajit Das(Cong), Prativa Singha(Cong), SantunuSaha(Cong), BiswanathGuha(Cong), Kakali Chaudhury(Cong), AmlanBhaduri(B.J.P), SumanaHor(C.P.M), ManwaraBegam(C.P.M), NiharGhosh(C.P.M),Arjun Roy(C.P.M), AsisKundu(Ong), Runu Das(C.P.M), PravatAcharjee(C.P.M), DulalSarkar(Cong), NarendraNathTiwari(Cong), Mitra Chaudhury(C.P.M), Sutapa Das(C.P.M), DulalNandanChaki(C.P.M).	C.P.M (2005-2006) Congress (2006-2010)	NiharGhosh (2005-2006) NarendraNathTiwari (2006-2010)
2010-2015	25	Sandha Das(T.M.C), SumalaAgarwal(T.M.C), Krishna Mandal(T.M.C), SabariNathSaha(T.M.C), Ramaprasad Banerjee(Cong), Sipra Roy(C.P.M), SubrataSardar(T.M.C), Jayanta Chaudhury(T.M.C), Prativa Singha(T.M.C), Krishnendu Narayan Chaudhury(T.M.C), Sanjay Kumar Dey(C.P.M), Kakali Chaudhury(T.M.C), AmlanBhaduri(T.M.C), BishnuBasak(C.P.M), BuluChawdhury(C.P.M), NiharGhosh(C.P.M),Arjun Roy(C.P.M), AsisKundu(Cong), Runu Das(C.P.M), ChaitaliSarkar(T.M.C), DulalSarkar(T.M.C),AnjuTiwari(Cong), SubhadeepSanyal(C.P.M), SutapaDas(C.P.M), Chandra Das(C.P.M).	T.M.C	Krishnendu Narayan Chaudhury
2015-2020	29	RajibChampati(B.J.P), SumalaAgarwal(T.M.C), ParitoshChawdhury(T.M.C), Ashok Saha(T.M.C), Sumita Banerjee(T.M.C), Shipra Roy(T.M.C), SubrataSardar(T.M.C), Kakali Chaudhury(T.M.C), Sanjib Sharma(B.J.P), Krishnendu Narayan Chaudhury(T.M.C), RajashreeDey(T.M.C), Prasenjit Das(T.M.C), amlanbhaduri(T.M.C), SampaSaha(T.M.C), NiharRanjanGhosh(T.M.C),GayatriGhosh(T.M.C), SubhamayBasu(T.M.C), AsisKundu(T.M.C), Runu Das(T.M.C), DulalSarkar(T.M.C),ChaitaliSarkar(T.M.C), NarendraNathTiwari(Cong), BarnaleeHaldar(T.M.C), Sutapa Das(T.M.C), DulalNandanChaki(T.M.C), AnjuTiwari(Cong), SubhadeepSanyal(T.M.C), PrasenjitGhosh(T.M.C), SumitaSarkar(T.M.C).	T.M.C	Krishnendu Narayan Choudhury (2015-2016) NiharRanjanGhosh (2016-Upto Present)

(Information collected from Municipality office)

VII: Municipal functions and Departments

Under the 74th constitutional amendment act indicated the 18 type functions of the municipality. Englishbazar Municipality providing the basic services to the people like birth and death registration, birth and death certificate, water supply, road, street light, licence of rickshaw, health service, mutation, building, sanitation, plan approval, education service etc. There are 25 departments in the Englishbazar Municipality like i) General section, ii) Account section, iii) Conservancy section, iv) Water tax section, v) Assessment section, vi) Mid – day mill

section, vii) ST/SC/OBC section, viii) Law section, ix) health section, x) market section, xi) Electric section, xii) Water supply section, xiii) Vehicle section, xiv) NULM section, xv) Tax collecting section, xvi) NASP Section, xvii) Building section, xviii) Streets light section, xix) Mutation section, xx) Cash section, xxi) Birth and death section, xxii) Information Technology section, xxiii) UDDISMT section. This department has managed all municipal activity. ⁸

VIII: Wards committee

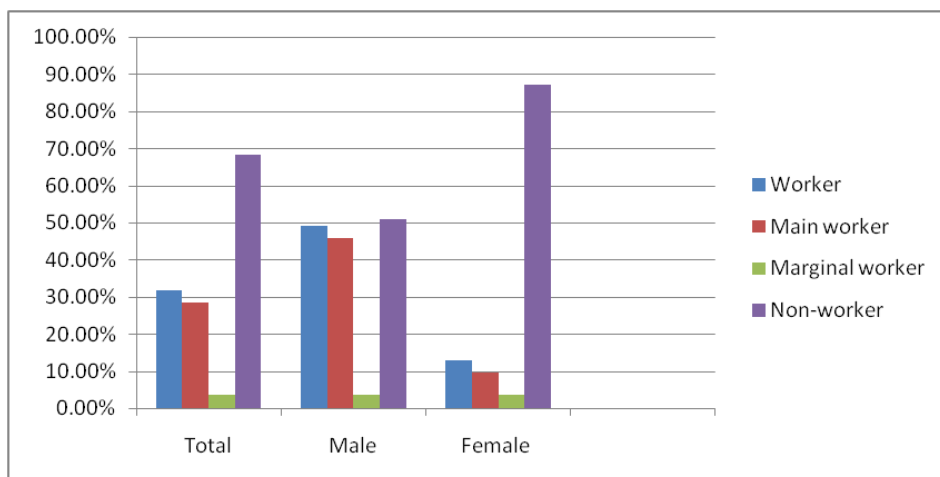
In this Municipality ward committee are important for the development and function of each and every ward. The total member of this ward committee is five to ten. The committee has several functions like to organise the meeting with citizen, to monitoring development work, submit the development proposal and various problem of the ward etc. In the present situation total 29 ward committees are there in this Municipality. The committee organised meeting one time in a month.

IX: Status and position of working people of Englishbazar Municipality

Working people are performing effectively in the municipality area. The working status of people in Englishbazar is given by chart.

Status and position of working class Englishbazar Municipality

	Workers	Main workers	Marginal workers	Non-workers
Total	31.8 %	28.3%	3.5%	68.2%
Male	49.1%	45.7%	3.5%	50.9%
Female	13%	9.5%	3.5%	87%



As per census report of 2011 Englishbazar Municipality there is 31.8 percent (64000 people) workers and 68.2 percent people is non-workers. Out of them the 31.8 percent the main workers is 28.3 percent and marginal workers is 3.5 percent. There are 49.1 percent male workers out of which the main worker is 45.7% and 3.5% is marginal workers and non-worker is 50.9 percent. Female workers are 13 percent out of which

9.5 is main workers 3.5 is marginal workers and female non-worker is 87 percent in this Municipality.⁹

X: Major Offices in Englishbazar Municipality

Englishbazar Municipality is the head quarter of district. Several administrative offices are there in this Municipality. Several administrative offices are given below.

List of government offices and colleges,

SI No.	Name of the office	Ward No.
1	S. P. Office	Ward no- 8, 20, 7, 5, 2, 12
2	Collector office	Ward no- 8
3	Public Work.Department	Ward no- 2, 4
4	Zilla School	Ward no- 7
5	District Hospital	Ward no- 5
6	District Veterinary Office	Ward no- 6
7	Irrigation division office	Ward no- 2
8	Forest Office	Ward no- 7, 23
9	P.W.D(Roads) Highway	Ward no- 4
10	National Highway Division-Vii	Ward no- 20
11	MahanandaEmbarkment Div. Malda	Ward no- 2
12	W. B Small Industries Development Crop	Ward no- 17, 18
13	B.T .Collage	Ward no- 3, 7
14	Peddisilk Industries	Ward no- 17
15	Single Holding Under Taking Govt, Malda	Ward no- 4, 6, 7, 8, 18, 22, 24
16	Ex-Eng. Housing Construction Division	Ward no- 24
17	SabhapatiZilaPrishad	Ward no- 2, 8
18	Agriculture Firm	Ward no- 2
19	N.B.S.T.C	Ward no- 7
20	State Electricity Board	Ward no- 2, 6, 10, 25
21	B.S.N.L	Ward no- 8, 18, 25
22	Life insurance corporation office	Ward no- 7

23	Microwave	Ward no- 18
24	N.C.C	Ward no- 6
25	Englishbazar Municipality	Ward no- 8
26	Malda Collage	Ward no- 6
27	Post Office	Ward no- 8
28	I.T.I college	Ward no- 24
29	Women's college	Ward no- 6
30	Railway station	Ward no- 23
31	Malda district judge Court	Ward no- 8
32	Malda district jail	Ward no- 7
33	Dist. Central co-operative Bank	Ward no- 8
34	Dist. Primary school board	Ward no- 8
35	University of gour banga	Ward no- 3
36	B.L.R.O office	Ward no- 8
37	Gourkanya bus terminus	Ward no- 3

(Information collected from Municipality office)

XI: Market in Englishbazar Municipality

Under Englishbazar Municipality total 21 super markets are there. The Municipality collect tax from these markets in average per month thirty rupees per month. Total 2867 shops

are there under these twenty one super markets. Several shops like garments, shoes, kitchen shop, food shop, raw vegetable store and so on.

List of Super Markets under Englishbazar Municipality

Name of the Market	Location	Word Number	Total Number of Shops	Fire Proof or Not
Deshbandhu Chittarnjay Market	Raj Mahal Road	17	581	Yes
Atul Chandra Market	K.J.Sanyal Road	07	184	yes
Kazi Azaharuddin Market	Jhaljhalia	23	422	Yes
Rishi Bankim Chandra Market	Mokdumpur	08	154	Yes
Bidhan Chandra Roy Market	Madhabnagar	01	66	Yes
BinaySarker Market	Fulbari	14	49	No
Netaji Subhas Municipal Market	Rathbari	18	614	Yes
A.B.A.Gani Khan Choudhury Market	Rathbari	20	39	Yes
Bombay Road	Near Rathbari	17	04	No
Jadu Nandan Chaudhury Poura Market	K.J.Sanyal Road	07	150	Yes
Abhirampur Market	Abhirampur	02	30	No
Shib Ram Bhaban	R.K.Mission Road	08	16	No
Town Hall & Mukta Munch Market	BrindaboniMaidan	08	05	No
Hospital Area Market	N.H 34	05	118	Yes
N.S.Road Complex	N.S.Road	08	90	No
Kani More	Jhaljhalia	23	93	Yes
Sukanta Corner	New Bichitra Cinema	17	54	No
Malda Medical Centre	K.J.Sanyal Road	05	22	Yes
Dr. Kamal Krishna Sanyal Market	RabindraAvinye	06	37	No
Vidyasagar Market	Near ITI Collage	24	108	Yes
Park Ghat(GF)	R.K.Mission Road	08	31	No

(Information collected from Municipality General section)

2. Concluding Observation

From the above mentioned points on Englishbazar Municipality we have found that the research area is more prosperity in education, health, socio-economic and politically growing development municipality. After the establishment of British period the Englishbazar Municipality has been developed, growth extended the wards, population, government offices, and adoption of new super market etc day

by day. As the wards increased the function of the words has developed the working progress. Development indicators like Educational growth, and infrastructure development, banking facilities and public health facilities are increasing. In Present status literacy rate in high as well as working status of people is increased, public health status are to positive affect of urban development in Englishbazar municipality.

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