

CEO NAGALAND ADDRESSES MEDIA PERSONNEL ON THE EVE OF POLL

Addressing the media persons at the Conference Hall, AMK Building on 26th February, 2018, CEO, Abhijit Sinha, IAS said there are 2156 Polling Stations. Except some in Dimapur, 2051 polling parties have already been dispatched, 103 polling parties were dispatched the day before. There are some polling stations where one needs to walk also. We are using IVRS system to contact the polling parties to know if they have reached, he added.

Besides Security Personnel and CAPF, about 17500 people are involved in the election process. Number of vehicles requisitioned is about 8000 where 3000 vehicles are from Assam- 2400 from Guwahati and another 600 from other districts. Around 5800 vehicles are LMV.

He mentioned that all Polling stations are under CCTV Surveillance and 432 Micro Observers who are Central Government employees are also being deployed. One requires to prove his/her identity before voting, in case there is no EPIC, 12 alternative photo documents can be used.

CEO stated that 2156 machines will be used, 820 VVPATS, 634 Control Units and 787 Ballot Units will be in reserve. 282 Sector Officers will be deployed to change the machines if required. The Sector officers are stationed in sector where not more than 30 minutes will be required to reach the polling station.

Reporting on Seizures, Sinha said 5443 arms have been deposited, preventive actions were taken for 2700 people, 84 check posts were set up all over the State, 41 FIRs have been filed and 81 persons were arrested. 144 CrPc is being imposed in Mokokchung, Tseminyu sub-division, Dhansiripar sub-division and surrounding areas of Phek. More than Rs.1.4 Crore was seized. One death was recorded in Mokokchung and there are 23 injuries related to Elections.

Mock Poll process should be finished by 6:30 – 6:40 am and actual poll will start at 7 am till 4 pm except those 103 polling stations where poll timing is till 3 pm, Tokens will be provided to voters in the polling stations to vote beyond the time limit if required, CEO said.

On 28th February, at 11 am Scrutiny will be conducted by the respective ROs and General Observers along with either the Candidate or his/her agent and after the recommendation the Commission decides what is to be done. On 3rd March, Counting will be done at 8 am at 59 halls in 12 locations in the State. I appeal to everyone to come out and vote in a clean, ethical and informed manner, CEO said.

Additional CEO said the general public and the electors are free to move around except the candidate and party people are not allowed to ferry voters. The persons allowed inside the Polling Station are Electors, polling officers, candidate, candidate's agent and one polling agent of each candidate at a time, persons authorised by the ECI, public servants on duty, child in arms accompanying an elector, a person helping a voter who cannot move and other persons the presiding officer may decide from time to time for purpose of identifying a voter or assist him/her to vote.

The total number of voters who will be exercising their franchise for the 2018 General Elections in Nagaland is 1170548 with 591440 Male voters and 579108 Female voters. There are 26900 first time electors between the age of 18-19 years, 14077 Male and 12823 Female. There are 5884 Service Voters in total with 43 female and 5841 male voters. 4- Ghaspani-I AC has the most number of voters with 65643 electors and 27- Mokokchung Town AC has the least number of voters with 7129 voters.

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