

Public (Elections-III) Department

PRESS RELEASE

The Bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 139.Srirangam Assembly Constituency is scheduled on 13.02.2015 (Friday) from 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. As per the provisions of Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, no person shall –

- (1) (a) convene, hold, attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election; or
- (b) display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus; or
- (c) propagate any election matter to the public by holding or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the member of the public thereto,

in any polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll.

Any person who contravenes the provision of sub-section (1) shall be **punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both.**

Now, the Election Commission of India has directed that presence of political functionaries / party workers / functionaries / campaign functionaries, etc., who have been brought from outside the district and who are not voters of the constituency, should not continue to remain present in the Tiruchirappalli District and the 139.Srirangam Assembly Constituency after campaign ends on 11.02.2015 at 18.00 hours.

SVEEP activities are being carried out to emphasise the importance of Ethical voting and for urging the electors to vote with conscience.

From 25.1.2015, the following activities are being carried out:-

- Posters and videos on ethical voting are displayed at public locations.
- Posters on NOTA option are also displayed at prominent locations.

- Dedicated Arasu cable TV channel is telecasting the ethical voting video contents and scroll messages.
- **Caller dial tone** Message with tone “urging voters to exercise their democratic duty” when they pick up the phone, till the date of poll are being done

Today (11.2.2015)

- 35000 handbills and pamphlets were distributed through newspapers.
- Ten autos fitted with loud speakers playing ethical voting messages and having pamphlets on ethical voting for distribution are being used.
- Publicity on the **citizen poll watch** android application is done through pamphlets, newspapers and auto campaigns.

To oversee and improve the effectiveness of these SVEEP awareness activities the Joint CEO (SVEEP) has been camping at 139-Srirangam Assembly constituency from 09.02.2015.

During the inspection by various squads, 22,204 vehicles have been checked and totally a sum of Rs.64,18,500/- has been seized so far and also 293 vehicles. Further, 464 persons are arrested under preventive sections; 1088 number of Arms deposited; 369 number of Non-Bailable Warrants against accused persons executed after announcement of elections and 150 number of persons bound over under preventive section CrPC. As on 10.2.2015, 411 FIRs have been booked and defacement removed from 1082 locations.

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