

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 219.Sankarankovil (SC) Assembly Constituency will be held on 18.3.2012 (Sunday) from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 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** for any election in that polling area. The above prohibition takes effect from 5-00 P.M. on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

2) 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.

3) No outsider who is not an elector of the constituency should be present inside constituency limit after 5.00 P.M. today. All lodges, marriage halls, community halls and other such places would be under close watch of the authorities.

4) As per the direction of the Election Commission of India, Flying Squads, Static Surveillance Teams and Video Surveillance Teams have been formed in 219.Sankarankovil (SC) Assembly Constituency. The teams are on the move round the clock. The above teams so far seized in cash Rs.63,28,205/- and article worth about Rs.8,65,749/- from 17.02.2012 to 15.03.2012. In this connection, cases have been registered in the Police station concerned and the cases are under investigation.

5) As per the directions of the Election Commission of India, the poll will be monitored by the Chief Electoral Officer's office as well as District Election Officer's office in Tirunelveli through the web casting / video coverage of the proceedings in all 242 polling stations located in 219.Sankarankovil (SC) Assembly Constituency.

6) 6 Companies of Central Armed Police Force have arrived in Tamil Nadu for the bandobust and ensuring free and fair poll in 219.Sankarankovil (SC) Assembly Constituency. 1 Company of Central Armed Police Force would stay back even after poll till counting is over.

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