

# Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Jammu & Kashmir

“ Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy ”

## PRESS RELEASE

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The poll for the last phase of the 4 phase Municipal Elections 2018 will take Place on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The poll timings shall continue to be **6 am to 4 pm** in order to facilitate the voters. Additional poll staff will be deployed at polling stations with large number of electors.

The poll % in the first three phases has been 41.9% in the State. In the third phase polls on 13<sup>th</sup> October, the poll % has been 16.4%, with ULB wise detail as per Annexure A. In third phase Baramulla district had a poll % of 75.3 while it was 81.5% in Samba district.

In the fourth phase, for 37 wards, there are 156 candidates in fray and 308 polling stations are being established for 250794 electors of two ULBs. The details are enclosed at Annexure B.

Campaigning including public meetings, processions, etc. has to end 24 hours before the start of poll. Orders have been issued prohibiting conduct of Exit poll till half an hour after closing of the last poll which is on 16/10/18. Orders declaring dry day have also been issued.

The Government has declared public holiday on the day of poll, including under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and, therefore Government as well as Private establishments are required to comply. School Education department and Labour Department have been specifically instructed to ensure adherence to this order. Usual facility to Central Government officials for casting their vote shall be provided.

To ensure free and fare election, observers have been deployed, including micro-observers at hypersensitive polling stations. The model code of conduct is being enforced strictly across the state to give level playing field to all the political Parties and candidates. Control Rooms have been set up in the concerned districts. All the standard practices are being followed including preparation of EVMs, randomization, etc. in presence of political parties/ candidates, videography of critical events and so on. Photo voter Slips have been distributed among the voters. Necessary security arrangements have been made including deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

The Municipal Elections 2018 are being held in four phases, covering 79 municipal bodies with an electorate of about 17 lakhs. A total of 3372 nominations have been filed for 1145 wards with poll dates of 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, October.

The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K appeals to the electors to cast their valuable vote and express their choice.

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**Annexure - A to Press Release Dated 15.10.2018**

**(Details of Voter Turnout Phase - III)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Urban Local Body</b>	<b>Poll %age</b>
1	Anantnag Municipal Committee (ward 23 PS No. 4)	5.9
2	Bari Brahamna Municipal Committee	85.7
3	Mattan Municipal Committee	2.8
4	Ramgarh Municipal Committee	82.6
5	Samba Municipal Committee	78.8
6	Srinagar Municipal Corporation	1.8
7	Uri Municipal Committee	75.3
8	Vijyapur Municipal Committee	83.9

## Annexure B to Press Release dated: 15.10.2018

### Details of Phase IV

District	Municipal Body	Total Electors	No. of Poll going wards	No. of Polling Stations	Candidates in fray
Ganderbal	Ganderbal	8491	12	12	38
Srinagar	SMC(1 to 5 & 54 to 72)	241043	24	295	113
Srinagar	Repoll in SMC Ward No. 41, PS No. 9	1260	1	1	5
<b>Phase IV Total</b>		<b>250794</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>156</b>