

OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY

UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT, 1989

(CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JAMMU AND KASHMIR)

“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”

PRESS RELEASE

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Polling in the 5th phase of the 9 phase Panchayat Elections 2018 will take place on 29th November. As per the detailed schedule published on 22nd October 2018, the nomination process for 541 halqas having 4297 Panch constituencies commenced with the issuance of notification on 3rd November 2018. While 118 Sarpanch and 1046 Panch have been elected unopposed, polling will take place for 309 sarpanch and 1534 panch seats, with 4763 candidates in fray. An electorate of 404283 will be voting for sarpanch constituencies while it is 270295 for panch constituencies. Photo Voter Slips have been distributed among the voters to inform them of their polling station. The district wise details are in the enclosed Annexure.

In this phase, 2512 polling stations are being set up - 769 in Kashmir Division and 1743 in Jammu Division. Of these, 848 have been categorized as Hypersensitive - 755 in Kashmir Division and 93 in Jammu Division. Basic Minimum Facilities (BMF) have been ensured in all the polling stations for facilitating the voters. Security arrangements have been made including deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

In the 4th phase, the State has witnessed a polling percentage of 71.3% - in the Kashmir Division 32.3% and in the Jammu Division 82.4%. Results have been announced for all these by the respective Returning Officers.

Orders have been passed in various complaint cases as well as on directions of the Hon'ble Courts and wherever necessary Notifications appointing the election schedule have been issued. All such orders/notifications are available at website of CEO J&K.

In order to ensure free and fair polls, general observers, expenditure observers and micro observers have been appointed apart from magistrates. Control Rooms established in all the districts are responding to any complaints of violation of the Model Code of Conduct or any other election related matter. The legal provision of end of campaigning including public meetings, processions, etc. 48 hours before the hour fixed for the end of poll stands enforced in the areas going to poll. Necessary orders pertaining to declaration of dry day have also been issued.

The timing of poll is from 8 am to 2 pm. The State Government has declared holiday on the day of poll, including under the Negotiable Instruments Act, and, therefore, it is enjoined upon all establishments, whether Government or Private to observe the same strictly. Also, provision of Special casual leave for state government employees has been made. Central government offices shall also afford reasonable facility to its employees who desire to vote.

The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K appeals to the voters to come forward and exercise their right to franchise in order to choose their local self government to address their local needs.

ANNEXURE TO PRESS RELEASE DATED 28TH NOVEMBER 2018

District	Blocks	Total Panchayat Halqas	Total Panch Wards	Sarpanch Elected Unopposed	Panch Elected Unopposed	Poll Going Sarpanch Seats	Electors for Sarpanch Seats	Candidates in fray for Sarpanch Seats	Poll Going Panch Seats	Electors for Panch seats	Candidates in fray for Panch Seats	Polling Stations set up
Kupwara	3	68	582	15	290	51	57183	125	84	10501	177	442
Bandipora	1	20	146	12	53	7	8207	14	15	2145	32	51
Baramulla	3	45	395	20	93	11	15922	25	16	3050	33	96
Ganderbal	1	9	71	2	40	7	10848	24	10	2345	23	55
Budgam	2	35	303	16	66	6	5367	14	18	2109	40	56
Pulwama	2	37	291	16	38	1	2199	2	3	434	6	14
Shopian	2	14	104	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kulgam	2	25	185	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anantnag	2	61	457	26	66	7	9684	15	12	2365	24	55
Doda	3	36	258	0	59	35	37442	133	192	30301	480	251
Ramban	2	18	134	0	29	18	20281	71	105	16784	248	134
Udhampur	4	43	325	0	51	43	57483	184	274	48986	713	325
Reasi	2	23	183	1	29	22	26305	93	153	23985	369	182
Jammu	4	48	374	1	46	47	78272	174	327	71355	787	374
Rajouri	3	40	330	1	108	39	56982	158	220	40466	501	327
Poonch	1	19	159	4	54	15	18108	55	105	15469	243	150