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**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**  
**PANCHYAT & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**  
**(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SOUTH ANDAMAN)**  
**PORT BLAIR**

*Port Blair dated the 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.*

**PRESS RELEASE**

As the date of forthcoming Panchayat and Municipal elections is approaching nearer, the election machinery has been geared up for final arrangements. The work of printing of ballot papers is got over and the same will be transported to various Tehsils amidst adequate security arrangements. The arrangements for distribution of polling materials to concerned Returning Officers have been reviewed and instructions have been issued to vidiograph the same to ensure the safety and transparency. The design of counting centers is being finalized keeping in mind the speedy and convenient counting of votes.

The arrangements for randomization of polling personnel have been completed and it will be done on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the presence of representatives of political parties. It will be ensured that at least one female polling personnel will be allotted at each polling station for the convenience of female voters.

The randomization of electronic voting machines shall be carried out on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The polling station wise list of number of EVMs has already been finalized and work of making the EVMs ready for the poll will be done on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Training of master trainers from all the Tehsils will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 3.00 pm at conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner (SA) office. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of training of Presiding Officers has been conducted at ALHW Recreation Hall, Campbell Bay. The activities for voter's awareness have been started in all the areas by erecting hoardings, banners and pasting posters at public places. The teams of Sector Officers have inspected the group meetings & public meetings conducted by the political parties at various places at Campbell bay and ensured the adherence of model code of conduct.

A few complaints have been received against Government Servants of participation in political activities. These are being enquired and if found correct, stringent action shall be taken against them. The confidential cell constituted for the purpose has been keeping close watch on such activities. All the Government Servants are once again cautioned to restrain from such activities.

A few instances of significant increase of sale of liquor have also come in to the notice of the Authorities. Hence the teams for enforcing model code of conduct have been instructed to keep close watch on the illicit sale of liquor. Private bar owners and ANIIDCO liquor outlets are once again directed to strictly adhere the existing rules otherwise their license shall be liable to be cancelled.

Acting upon the complaints of misuse of vehicles on election duty, their status has been reviewed and the numbers have been rationalized keeping in mind the current requirement.

The teams constituted for preventing the violation of Modal Code of Conduct have been keeping constant vigil. Total 1548 (One Thousand Forty Eight) & 208 (Two Hundred Eight) number of defacements have been removed from Public & Private property in South Andaman District & North Andaman District respectively. The general public and others are appealed to report any case of violation of Modal Code of Conduct to Election Cell on 03192-238881 and 03192-240127.

**Additional District Magistrate  
South Andaman**

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1. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams & Dweep Samachar with the request to publish the same in the news papers on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2015.
2. The Director, Doordarshan for telecasting the same 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2015.
3. The News Editor, All India Radio for broadcasting the same 10<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2015.
4. The Officer-in-charge, Publicity Division, IP for information and necessary action.
5. The In-charge, NIC, District Office, Port Blair with the direction to upload the above data in the website.

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1. PA to the Deputy Commissioner (SA) for kind information of the Deputy Commissioner (SA).

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