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निदेशक का कार्यालय पंचायत तथा नगरपालिका चुनाव
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR PANCHAYAT & MUNICIPAL ELECTION
(उपायुक्त दक्षिण अंडमान)
(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SOUTH ANDAMAN)

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Port Blair dated the 18th September 2015

PRESS RELEASE

It is notified for information of the electors of Port Blair Municipal Council and Gram Panchayats of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as well as the officials/officers on Election Duty inside the polling stations on the day of poll on 20-09-2015, that no voter shall bring mobile phone inside the polling booth. Even the cell phones of polling personnel should remain switched off inside the polling booths.

It is further notified that elaborate arrangements have been done for counting of votes on 21-09-2015 at JNRM (For Port Blair Gram Panchayats) and at Government Girls Senior Secondary School (For Port Blair Municipal Council).

- (a) The mobile phones shall not be allowed to be taken inside the counting halls.
- (b) Mobile phones shall not be used from anywhere else within the campus.

All Media Persons shall be accommodated in the media room. Use of mobile phones and other communication equipment shall be allowed from the media centre.

It is further clarified that nobody (not even the candidate or RO/ARO etc) except the observers appointed by the Director, Panchayat and Municipal Elections shall be allowed to carry a mobile phone inside the counting hall.

A Public Communication Room at both the counting hall has been earmarked for safe-keeping of the mobiles etc of the candidates and their agents/representatives to make use of their mobile phones in case of any need.

No camera- still or video of the media except for official recording of the entire counting process is allowed to be fixed inside any counting hall. No camera stand should therefore be allowed to be taken inside counting hall by media and journalists. Hand held cameras will be allowed to the authorized pass holders. Further, while taking audio video coverage of the counting process, with camera carried in hand or on shoulders by the media/press, under no circumstances, the actual votes recorded on an individual EVM or ballot papers is to be photographed or covered by audio visual coverage. The exact location, up to which the still and video camera of the media and press can move, shall be indicated by the Returning Officer in advance, marked by a line or a string for guidance of all concerned.


Additional District Magistrate
South Andaman

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1. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegram with the request to publish the above press release in the issue for consecutive days starting from 19th September 2015 till 22nd September 2015.
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4. The Officer-in-Charge (IP), Directorate of IP & T, Port Blair with the request to publish the above press release in the local newspapers.
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