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

Port Blair dated the 19th September, 2015.

PRESS RELEASE

The Election machinery is ready for conduction of Poll on 20th September 2015 ^{at 8.00AM to 4.00PM} for Panchayat & Municipal Elections. The Polling Materials have been distributed to all Polling Parties and they have moved to their respective Polling Stations.

The Basic Minimum Facilities at all Polling Stations have been ensured and adequate security arrangements have been made for free & fair elections. The arrangements have also been made for collection of Two (02) hourly report of the Poll from all constituencies and collection of EVMs & Ballot Boxes after completion of the Poll as well.

To prevent any illicit attempt to allure the voters on the eve of the Poll, the various teams under Senior Officers of District Administration have conducted Patrolling during night & early morning hours.

The second round of training on counting and declaration of results shall be conducted on 21st September 2015. All concerned are directed to attend the same without fail.

It is once again informed for information of voters that during the poll the following alternative documents apart from Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) may be used for established the identity of those voters who have not been provided with (EPIC card)

- a) Indian Passport.
- b) Motor Vehicle Driving License.
- c) Pan Card issued by Income Tax Department.
- d) Serving Identity Card issued to their employees by the Central Government, Public Sector Undertaking, Local bodies or Public Limited Companies.
- e) Service Identity Card issued to its employee by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.
- f) Bank/Kisan/Post Office Passbook having photo affixed on it.
- g) Valid Student Identity Card issued by Recognized educational Institutions.
- h) SC/ST/OBC Certificates issued by the competent authority.
- i) Pension documents, such as, ex-servicemen's Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order
- j) Freedom Fighter Identity Card.
- k) Arms License.

- l) Certificate of Physically Handicapped issued by the competent authority.
- m) Aadhar Card.
- n) Islander Identity Card.

The above alternative documents for identification will also apply in respect of such odd electors, who have been supplied with EPICs but are not able to produce them for reasons beyond their control.

It is again informed for the information of the voters that a SMS based facility has been developed to facilitate the voters to know their name, polling station details and voters serial number etc. by adopting the following procedure...

TYPE 10 Characters EPIC NO. Without space e.g. "PRI1222868" and sending SMS to 9434289934.

It is brought to the notice of all voters of 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 mobile phones shall not be allowed inside the polling booth. Even the mobile phones of polling personnel should remain switched off inside the polling booths.

**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 20th Sept., 2015.
2. The Director, Doordarshan for telecasting the same 20th Sept., 2015.
3. The News Editor, All India Radio for broadcasting the same 20th 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).

**Additional District Magistrate
South Andaman**