

F.No.DCR/Election/PR/2015/208
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
PANCHYAT & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SOUTH ANDAMAN)
PORT BLAIR

Port Blair dated the 26th August, 2015.

PRESS RELEASE

The process of filing nominations has been completed peacefully. On the final day of filling of nominations for Panchayat & Municipal Elections, 2015, total 1853 no. of nominations were received for various posts. On the completion of the nomination process, the nominations for councilor PBMC, Member Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti Member, Gram Pradhan and Gram Panchayat Members are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of constituencies	No. of nominations received on 26/08/2015	Progressive Total on the closing of nominations
1.	Zilla Parishad	100	160
2.	Panchayat Samiti Member	175	267
3.	Gram Pradhan	183	290
4.	Gram Panchayat Member	1276	2035
5.	Municipal Ward	119	208
	Total	1853	2960

The scrutiny of nominations shall be done tomorrow on 27/08/2015 amidst adequate security arrangement and videography shall also be done of the process for Municipal seats. The Returning Officers are informed that nominations will not be rejected for non receiving of Form-A and the same shall be made available by the office of the Director, Panchayat and Municipal Elections if not provided yet.

The first round of training of Presiding Officers/Polling Officers were held today on 26th August, 2015. Out of 896 polling officials, 744 persons attended the training and the remaining have been directed to attend the training on second day without fail. Show cause notices have been issued to the polling personnel who have failed to attend the training even after receiving the notice and the process of registering of FIR and disciplinary action upon the concerned officials have been initiated.

The employees engaged for election duty are again directed to report for their duty immediately and any request for exemption from election duty shall be considered in genuine cases and extraordinary circumstances only. The departments are requested to not to sanction leave to their staff related to election duty without obtaining concurrence from Director Panchayat and Municipal Elections.

The Bar licencees and ANIIDCO Ltd have been directed to submit the daily report of their sale of liquor in the prescribed format. The teams constituted for enforcement for modal code of conduct have also been entrusted the responsibility of monitoring and keeping vigil on bars/liquor shops. The intelligence personnel are also being deployed in civil dress to check any irregularity in the sale of liquor so as to prevent its misuse in the forthcoming elections.

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

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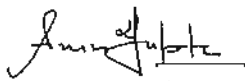
The randomization for Tehsils of Port Blair, Ferrargunj, Little Andaman and Campbell Bay shall be done in the office of the Director Panchayat and Municipal Elections (DPME) (Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman) while that for Diglipur, Mayabunder and Rangal Tehsil shall be done by DEO, N&M Andaman (Deputy Commissioner, N&M Andaman) at Mayabunder.

For the purpose of randomization, the software developed by the office of DPME shall be used.

There will be three stages of Randomization. In the First stage, required number of polling personnel shall be identified for the district. The place of appointment shall not be disclosed. Polling personnel will know whether he/she is a Presiding Officer or a Polling Officer, the venue and time of training.

In the Second stage, Polling parties shall be formed and assigned to each Returning Officer along with 20 percent reserve. At this stage only the Returning Officer will be known to the polling official. Polling Station or the appointment status (regular or reserve) will NOT be known. The second randomization shall be carried out in presence of political parties not before six to seven days from the day of poll. The day of Poll has been declared as 20th September 2015.

In the Third stage Orders will be kept in sealed cover to be opened by the Returning Officer at the distribution centre at the time of dispersal of Polling Parties to the Polling Station on 19.09.2015. However polling officials assigned to distant and difficultly accessible polling stations shall be informed on 18.09.2015 to report for collection of Polling Materials.



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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 27th August, 2015.
 2. The Director, Doordarshan for telecasting the same on 27th August, 2015.
 3. The News Editor, All India Radio for broadcasting the same on 27th August, 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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