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Press Note

1. Bye Elections to 42-Chincholi and 70-Kundgol Assembly Constituencies:

Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	22.04.2019 (Monday)
Last Date of Nominations	29.04.2019 (Monday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	30.04.2019 (Tuesday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	02.05.2019 (Thursday)
Date of Poll	19.05.2019 (Sunday)
Date of Counting	23.05.2019 (Thursday)
Date before which election shall be completed	27.05.2019(Monday)

2. Nominations:

Poll date 19-05-2019

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	No. of Candidates filed Nomination	Rejected during scrutiny	withdrawn	No. of finally contesting candidates
1	42- Chincholi	27	0	10	17
2	70-Kundgol	23	1	14	8

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	Contesting Candidates			National/ State parties	Registered un-recognised parties	Independents
		Male	Female	Total			
1	42- Chincholi	15	2	17	3	3	11
2	70-Kundgol	6	2	8	2	0	6
TOTAL		21	4	25	5	4	17

42- Chincholi - Contesting Candidates:

Sl. No.	NAME OF CANDIDATE	PARTY AFFILIATION
1	Dr. AVINASH UMESH JADHAV	BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY
2	GOUTAM BOMNALLI	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY
3	SUBHASH. V. RATHOD	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
4	SHRIVENKATESWAR MAHA SWAMIJI (KATAKADHONDA Dee.G)	HINDUSTAN JANATA PARTY
5	MARUTHI GANJAGIRI	BAHUJAN MUKTI PARTY
6	VIJAY JADHAV	SARVA JANATA PARTY
7	K. DEEPA. G. MALGE	INDEPENDENT
8	DODDAMANI NAGENDRAPPA	INDEPENDENT
9	PRAVEENKUMAR. D. BELLUNDAGI	INDEPENDENT
10	BHAGYA SANTHOSH TALWAR	INDEPENDENT
11	Dr. MALLIKARJUN. N. GAJARE	INDEPENDENT
12	RAMESH BHIMSINGH CHAVAN	INDEPENDENT
13	BHOVI VISHWESHWARAYYA	INDEPENDENT
14	SHAMRAO GANGARAM	INDEPENDENT
15	SHAMARAO CHANDRAPPA DEGALMADI	INDEPENDENT
16	SHAMRAO MALLESHAPPA HEROOR. K	INDEPENDENT
17	HANUMANTHA RAMANAIAK. M.B	INDEPENDENT

70-Kundgol Contesting Candidates:

Sl. No.	NAME OF CANDIDATE	PARTY AFFILIATION
1	KUSUMAVATI CHANNABASAPPA SHIVALLI	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
2	CHIKKANAGOUDRA SIDDANAGOUDA ISHWARAGOUDA	BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY
3	BHANDIWAD ISHWARAPPA SHETTEPPA	INDEPENDENT
4	TULASAPPA KARIYAPPA DASAR	INDEPENDENT
5	RAJU. ANANTSA NAIKWADI	INDEPENDENT
6	GONI, SHAILA SURESH	INDEPENDENT
7	SIDDAPPA SATYAPPA GODI	INDEPENDENT
8	SOMANNA CHANABASAPPA METI	INDEPENDENT

3. **Electoral Rolls:** An accurate and error free electoral roll are the foundation of free, fair and credible elections and intensive and sustained focus is laid on improving their quality, heath and fidelity. Final publication of electoral rolls in respect of Karnataka has been done on 16.01.2019. Electoral rolls have been updated till the last date of nominations and the rolls are made available on the web site of CEO—www.ceokarnataka.kar.nic.in.

a. General Voters

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
1	42- Chincholi	99047	94806	16	193869
2	70-Kundgol	97501	91938	5	189444
TOTAL		196548	186744	21	383313

b. Service Voters

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
1	42- Chincholi	79	0	0	79
2	70-Kundgol	56	3	0	59
TOTAL		135	3	0	138

c. FIRST TIME VOTERS (18-19 AGE GROUP)

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	Male	Female	Others	Total
1	42- Chincholi	2085	1118	0	3203
2	70-Kundgol	2775	1929	1	4705
TOTAL		4860	3047	1	7908

d. YOUNG VOTERS (18-21 AGE GROUP)

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	Male	Female	Others	Total
1	42- Chincholi	5452	3368	2	8822
2	70-Kundgol	6401	4663	1	11065
TOTAL		11853	8031	3	19887

e. PWD VOTERS

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	Male	Female	Others	Total
1	42- Chincholi	1135	619	99	1853
2	70-Kundgol	1477	1010	0	2487
TOTAL		2612	1629	99	4340

Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	Visual	Speech	Locomotor	Others	Total
1	42- Chincholi	331	209	906	417	1853
2	70-Kundgol	206	219	1150	918	2487

f. Photo Electoral Rolls

Photo Electoral Rolls will be used during this Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies and photo percentage in Photo Electoral Rolls of Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies are 100 % in each of the Constituency.

g. Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPIC)

Identification of the voters at the polling booth at the time of poll shall be mandatory. Electors who have been provided with EPIC shall be identified through EPIC. Presently, the EPIC coverage in Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies are 100 % in each of the Constituency.

h. Photo Voter Slips (PVS) – No Longer a standalone identification document for Voting:

To facilitate the voters to know where he/she is enrolled as a voter at a particular polling station and what is his/her serial number in the Electoral roll, the voter slip bearing the Photo of the elector (wherever present in the roll) has already been distributed. The Commission has in its instruction dated 28th February 2019, on alternate document has specified that the Photo Voter Slips shall not be accepted as a stand-alone identification document for voting, the words "THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION IN POLLING STATION. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY EPIC OR ONE OF THE 11 ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION FOR VOTING" has been printed on the Photo Voter slip.

i. Alternative Documents:

The Commission has vide its direction dated 28th February 2019, notified 11 alternate photo ID card to establish their identity. In order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figures in the Electoral Rolls, and the voter is not able to produce his Voter ID card, then he may produce any of the following photo ID cards to establish his identity –

1. Passport.
2. Driving License.
3. Service identity Card with photography issued to employees by Central/State Government/PSUs/Public Limited Companies.
4. Passbooks with Photographs issued by Bank/Post Office.
5. PAN Card.
6. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR.
7. MNREGA Job Card.

8. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour.
9. Pension document with photograph.
10. Official Identity Cards issued to MPs / MLAs / MLCs and
11. Aadhaar Card.

j. Measures to prevent impersonation of Absentee Voters:

BLOs have visited door to door and identified a list of voters found absent from their place of residence. Similarly the names of dead, shifted shall also be added to the list. ASD list has already been prepared and there are **4,285** and **4,083** identified Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies respectively.

4. Polling stations.

All the below mentioned Polling Stations are having Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) such as Drinking water, toilet, Ramp, electricity etc.

Details of No of Polling Stations		
Sl. No.	Name of the Assembly Constituency	No of Polling Stations
1	Kundgol	214
2	Chincholi	241

5. Model Polling Stations (Sakhi, PWDs and Ethnic):

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Sl. No.	Name of AC	Polling Stations established	
		Sakhi	PwD
1	Kundgol	2	1
2	Chincholi	2	1
	Total	4	2

6. Facilities provided for PwD voters:

		Facilities provided / availed PwDs in the bye elections to Kundgol and Chincholi					
Sl. No.	Name of PC	Facilities					
		Wheel Chairs	Magnifying Glasses	Vehicles	Sign Language Interpreter	Assistants	Volunteers
		Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided
1	Chincholi	241	241	81	0	237	37
2	Kundgol	134	214	134	1	22	428
	Total	375	455	215	01	259	465

7. EVM/VVPAT :

EVM/VVPAT- **Total 695 CUs, 1051 BUs, 916 VVPATs are to be used in the 455 polling stations** of Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies including reserve.

Sl. No.	Assembly Constituency Name	Polling Stations	No. Of BU	Total CU to be used	Total VVPAT to be used
1	Kundgol	214	380	268	380
2	Chincholi	241	671	427	536

8. EVM-VVPAT Training and Awareness:

In order to create awareness among the electors about the use of VVPAT, special teams are arranged equipped with VVPATs and EVMs. These teams have visited various parts of the Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies with these machines and explained to the people about the use of VVPATs and also it's functioning. The voters are allowed to use the machines and see how it works by casting their votes. The details of voter's participation and vote casted in awareness campaign are given below. A total of **3,83,305 voters** have participated and **2,35,785 voters have casted their votes** during the awareness programme in Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies, going for poll on 19.05.2019.

Mock poll report of Bye Elections to Kundgol and Chincholi Assembly Constituencies			
Sl. No	Name of District	Total electors participated in Awareness Campaign	Total votes cast in Awareness Campaign
1	Chincholi	193871	123464
2	Kundgol	189434	112321

9. The personnel engaged for elections (Polling, Police, etc.,)

Personnel:

A total number of Personnel deployed for election duty is **1016**. Out of which **409** are Polling Personnel, **396** are Police Personnel, **121** are Transport Personnel and other Personnel are **90**.

Polling Personnel Details (District Wise)						
Sl. No.	District	Poll	Police	Transport	others	Total
1	Chincholi	265	276	29	0	570
2	Kundgol	144	120	92	90	446
TOTAL		409	396	121	90	1016

10. Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct

For effective enforcement of MCC during the upcoming bye elections, the following enforcement teams have been formed.

Sl. No.	Type of teams	Total number of teams for the state	
		Chincholi	Kundagol
1	Flying Squad	15	15
2	Static Surveillance Team	30	18
3	Sector officers	22	18
4	Excise Teams	04	5
5	Commercial tax	04	3
6	Transport	01	2
7	Check posts	10	06

11. Election Expenditure Monitoring

The following expenditure monitoring teams have been formed and are trained in addition to MCC enforcement teams. They have been activated from the time of announcement of bye elections by the Commission.

Sl. No.	Type of teams	Teams per AC	Total number of teams formed across the state	
			Chincholi	Kundagol
1	Video Surveillance teams	3	4	15
2	Video Viewing teams	1	1	2
3	Accounting Team	1	1	2
4	AEOs	1	1	3

12. Critical Polling Stations

Name of Assembly Constituency	Total polling stations	Critical polling stations	Normal polling stations	% of critical to Total polling stations
Kundagol	214	25	189	11.68%
Chincholi	241	60	181	24.89%

13. Coverage of Critical Polling stations:

Critical polling stations	Kundagol	Chincholi
▪ CAPF Coverage	8	11
▪ Web cameras coverage	25	25
▪ Micro observers	16	30
▪ Videographers	1	5

14. Issuance of Orders Under 144 Cr.Pc:

The District Magistrates of Assembly Constituencies have issued orders under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 , as per ECI guidelines and it is specifically clarified in the order passed that, this order does not restrict house-to-house visits during 48 hours in connection with door-to-door campaigning.

15. Restriction on presence of political functionaries in a constituency after the campaign period is over:

The Presence of the Political functionaries and persons who are not voters of the constituencies is restricted after the campaign period is over i.e., from 6.00 pm of 17.05.2019.

16. Excise Enforcement:

Dry days have been declared in the ACs where Elections are being held on 19.05.2019 i.e., from 6.00 pm of 17.05.2019 to 6.00 am of 20.05.2019.

17. Use of Loudspeaker:

There is a restriction on use of loudspeakers during 48 hours i.e., from 6.00 pm of 17.05.2019 onwards.

18. Media Matters:

a. Restrictions on exit poll & opinion poll:

All the Political Parties, Media Houses have been apprised of the restriction on Exit of Poll & Opinion Polls as per ECI directions i.e., from 7.00 am of 11th April 2019 (Thursday) to 6.30 pm of 19.05.2019 (Sunday).

b. Election Media Monitoring Centre (EMMC):

Separate cell has been created to ensure timely sending of ATRs on EMMC Reports.

19. Seizures :

A.C. wise seizure report for Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies is given below.

<u>A.C. Wise seizure report for Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies as on 15.05.2019</u>							
Sl. No	Name of AC	Cash Seizure (Value in Rs.Cr.)	liquor Seizure (Value in Rs.Cr.)	Drugs/ Narcotics seizure (Value in Rs.Cr.)	Precious Metals Seizure (Value in Rs.Cr.)	Other items/ Freebies seizure (value in Rs.Cr.)	TOTAL seizure (value in Rs.Cr.)
1	Chincholi	Rs. 6,82,150	134.440 Litres worth Rs. 60,624	-	-	-	Rs.7,42,774
2	Kundgol	Rs. 42,00,000	35.29 Litres worth Rs. 21691	-	1.11 Kg worth Rs. 30,00,000	Rs. 480	Rs.72,22,171
Total		Rs. 48,82,150	169.73 Litres worth Rs.82,715	-	1.11 Kg worth Rs. 30,00,000	Rs. 480	79 ,64,945

20. Cases under IPC/KP and RP Act:

The cases registered during the **Bye Elections** to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies is given below:

CASES REGISTERED UNDER IPC/KP & RP ACT DURING Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies UP TO 15.05.2019					
Sl. No.	AC Name	Criminal cases booked (Offences under IPC, KP Act and RP Act)	Cases booked under the provisions of the IPC/RP Act regarding Distribution/intimation to induce voters.	Violent Incidents of violence related to poll campaign policies, rivalry etc.	No. of incidents occurred under atrocities Act 1989 during election
1	Chincholi	0	0	0	0
2	Kundgol	0	1	0	0
Total		0	1	0	0

Note: All cases mentioned above are under Investigation

21. Cases booked by Enforcement teams:

The details of cases registered MCC Violations Cases are given below:

Details of District wise Cases Registered for Violation of Model Code of Conduct as on 15.05.2019				
Sl. No.	AC Name	Flying Squad (FS)		Static Surveillance Team (SST)
		B8 Cash & Other Seizures	B9 MCC Related Complaints	B10 Seizure of Cash & other items
01	Chincholi	0	0	0
02	Kundgol	3	1	1
Total		3	1	1

22. Excise Cases:

The cases booked by the Excise Department are given below.

Excise Crime Report till 15.05.2019						
Sl. No.	AC Name	Heinous	BLC (Breach of License)	Section 15(A) of Karnataka	NDPS	Total
01	Chincholi	11	3	17	NIL	31
02	Kundgol	2	NIL	5	NIL	7
Total		13	3	22	NIL	38

23. Vehicle Deployment:

Sl No		Jeeps	KSRTC buses	Pvt. Maxi cabs	Others including Pvt Vehicles	Total
Chincholi						
1	Required	0	29	0	57	86
2	Availability	0	29	0	57	86
Kundagol						
1	Required	24	30	12	2	68
2	Availability	24	30	12	2	68
Grand Total Availability		24	59	12	59	154

The rate for the vehicles in consultation with the Transport Commissioner is fixed and GO is issued. Around 301 vehicles of different types will be needed for transportation of PWDs for Bye-elections to Chincholi and Kundagol Assembly Constituencies.

24. Welfare measures, including health, for polling personnel and voters.

The DEOs have been instructed to have separate review on the subject, identifying the concern and asked to take advance measures to address facilitation.

Nodal officers for welfare in the district will coordinate and supervise the polling personnel welfare measures.

- (a) The information about the training program, despatch and reception in proper and timely manner.
 - (b) Facilities and proper arrangement at training venue like help desk, drinking water, and toilet.
 - (c) Proper facilities at the despatch centre like drinking water, toilet
 - (d) Timely despatch and proper transport arrangement
 - (e) Coordination between police personnel to be deputed for election duty.
 - (f) Proper health care response teams to attend in medical emergency conditions.
 - (g) Food arrangement
 - (h) The timely relieving of the poll personnel from the election duty
 - (i) The arrangement for the polling personnel to be transported back to home after the reception at the earliest
 - (j) Cashless transfer of honorarium to the polling personnel in advance
- Exclusive chapter on welfare measures in the DEMP
- (k) Ex-Gratia compensation in case of death of Polling Personnel while on duty to be sanctioned at the earliest.
 - (l) Meeting with the Secretary, Health Department and Commissioner, Health Department was conducted and were requested to issue necessary instructions to the Field Officers to look after the welfare of the Polling Personnel's.

25. Usage of IT and Apps.

a. CHUNAVANA Mobile App:

Search Your Name:

The CEO Karnataka urges the citizen to download the Chunavana Mobile Application from the Google Play Store or the App Store and verify their names, polling stations and the part and serial numbers for easy identification of their names in the electoral roll by the polling officials for a quicker voting. They can also use the following services:

- Navigation to the Polling Station
- Know Your Candidate
- Poll Day Turnout Percentage
- Queue Status at Urban Polling Stations
- Emergency Services (Police Stations and Hospitals Near You)
- And more....

Citizen can visit also our official website <https://ceokarnataka.kar.nic.in> and check their names in the electoral roll published recently for the Bye Elections to Kundgol and Chincholi Assembly Constituencies. They can visit our Karnataka Election Information System (<https://kgis.ksrsac.in/election>) for various election related statistics and information.

Citizen can also use our SMS Facility **KAEPIC<SPACE><10 DIGIT EPIC NUMBER>** to **9731979899** by which they can know about their polling station and verify their name.

b. Report MCC Violations:

The CEO Karnataka also urges the citizen to download the **cVIGIL Mobile App** from the Google Play Store or the App Store and report the MCC Violations happening on the last day before poll and campaigning during the ban period and other unethical campaigning by the candidates and political parties for the field units to take immediate action.

26. Complaints monitoring

a. 1950 Voter helpline

State and Districts Voter Helplines are setup for receiving grievances and complaints from the citizens regarding various electoral matters and redressal of the same. The details of calls made by the citizens for obtaining information, providing feedback and suggestion and filing complaints and their disposal is given below. A total of **1349** calls (Information- **1326**, Feedback- **11**, Suggestion-**0** and complaints- **12**) have been received in Bye Elections to Chincholi and Kundgol Assembly Constituencies, out of which **1349** have been disposed of. A total of **1**calls (Information- **1**, Suggestion- **0** and complaints**0**) have been received in the State Voter Helpline, out of which **1** calls have been disposed of.

Details of Calls/Complaints from 9th April 2019 (as on 15.05.2019)

Helpline	AC	Information	Feedback	Suggestion	Complaints	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Disposal
District Voter Helpline	Chincholi	712	11	0	7	730	730
	Kundgol	613	0	0	5	618	618
State Voter Helpline	Chincholi	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kundgol	01	0	0	0	01	01
Grand Total		1326	11	0	12	1349	1349

Strategy for Voter Facilitation

*Wide publicity has been given regarding the availability of electoral services in District and State Voter Helplines. The Helplines have received **1349** calls for seeking **information (98.29%)**, **giving suggestion (0.%)** **feedback (0.82%)** and for **registering complaints(0.89%)**.*

*People can reach the **District Voter Helpline** by dialling toll free number **“1950”** or **State Voter Helpline** by dialling toll free number **“1800 4255 1950”***

b. Complaints other than voter helpline

The complaints were also received through e-mails and letters, newspaper reports, TV channels, social media, cVIGIL application and NGRS web portal and application. Out of the total **43** complaints, **38** have been disposed of.

Category of Complaint	No. of Complaints Received in Chincholi LAC	No. of Complaints Disposed in Chincholi LAC	No. of Complaints Received in Kundagol LAC	No. of Complaints Disposed in Kundagol LAC	Total No. of Complaints Received	Total No. of Complaints Disposed
Complaints by letters and emails	03	03	01	01	04	04
cVIGIL	01	01	02	02	03	03
NGRS	24	22	12	9	36	31
Total	28	26	15	12	43	38

27. SUVIDHA:

- Under Suvidha 190 Applications for permissions have been received, out of which 175 have been accepted, 10 are in progress within stipulated time and 5 have been rejected.
- Out of the total applications, BJP (50), Congress (83), JD(S) (03), BSP (05), Independents (44), CPI (00), CPI (M) (01) and others (04) have sought permissions.

Application for door to door canvassing	1
Application for opening of Temporary Party Office	5
Application for permission to hold meeting and Loud Speaker	53
Application for Permit for Street Corner Meeting and Loud Speaker	5
Application for Permit to take out Procession and Loud Speaker	34
Application for Vehicle Permit	27
Application for vehicle with loudspeaker permit	57
Permit for construction of Rostrum/Barricade	8
