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**General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024
and Bye election to 36-Shorapura Legislative Assembly Constituency 2024**

PRESS NOTE

1. Alternative Photo Identity Documents:

The Election Commission in their Order No.3/4/ID/2024/SDR/VOL.I dated: 19th March, 2024 directs that for the **current General Election to the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim, 2024 and Bye-elections to 26 Assembly Constituencies in 13 States to be notified on 20.03.2024, 28.03.2024, 12.04.2024, 18.04.2024, 26.04.2024, 29.04.2024, 07.05.2024**, all electors who have been issued EPIC are expected to produce the EPIC for their identification at the polling stations before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity:

- (i) Aadhaar Card,
- (ii) MNREGA Job Card,
- (iii) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- (iv) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- (v) Driving License,
- (vi) PAN Card,
- (vii) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- (viii) Indian Passport,
- (ix) Pension document with photograph,
- (x) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies,
- (xi) Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and
- (xii) Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

2. Election Expenditure Monitoring:

a. Seizures:

CASH				
Enforcement teams	Seizure on previous day		Progressive seizure	
FS/SST/Police	3,97,29,430		5,65,24,180	
Income Tax	0		20,00,000	
Total			5,85,24,180	
FREEBIES				
Enforcement teams	Seizure on previous day		Progressive seizure	
FS/SST/Police	42,350		5,87,350	
OTHERS				
Enforcement teams	Seizure on previous day		Progressive seizure	
FS/SST/Police	1,83,000		1,83,000	
LIQUOR				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Ltr)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Ltr)	Value (Rs.)
FS/SST/Police	5,22,491	2,12,056.43	2,174	7,45,890
Excise	89,626	2,87,82,759	6,82,115	21,40,75,247
Total			6,84,289	21,48,21,164
DRUGS/NARCOTICS				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
FS/SST/Police and Excise	13.42	4,48,090	24.30	15,21,520
PRECIOUS METALS				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
Gold (FS/SST/Police)	0.08	4,50,000	0.08	4,50,000
Gold (Income Tax)	0	0	0	0
Gold Total	0.08	4,50,000	0.08	4,50,000
Silver (FS/SST/Police)	2.00	1,60,000	2.00	1,60,000
Gold and Silver Total	2.08	6,10,000	2.08	6,10,000
Grand Total		7,00,07,685		27,62,47,214

3. Cases Booked:

- Flying Squads, SSTs and Police authorities have booked **205** FIRs with regard to seizures of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metal and Freebies.
- 47,868** arms have been got deposited, **827** arms were impounded, **8** arms licenses have been cancelled, **2,173** cases are booked under preventive sections of CrPC, out of which **2,725** persons were bounded over.
- Excise Department has booked **249** Heinous Cases, **206** cases for Breach of Licence Conditions, **13** NDPS and **822** cases under Section 15 (a) of Karnataka Excise act 1965 and also **156** different types of Vehicles have been seized.

4. Special Report:

- Vijayapura Cyber Economic & Narcotics (CEN) Police Station Team has seized Cash **Rs. 2,93,50,000** in Bijapur Parliamentary Constituency, Vijayapura Taluk & District.
- SST Team has seized Cash **Rs. 32,92,500** in Siraguppa Taluk, Bellary Parliamentary Constituency, Bellary District.
- SST Team has seized Cash **Rs. 50,00,000** in Bannikoppa Checkpost, Yelaburga Taluk, Koppal Parliamentary Constituency, Koppal District.

5. Public Grievance Redressal:

Out of the **1,740** calls received through Voter Helpline, **1,737** people have sought information, **1** have given feedback, **0** have made suggestions and **3** have registered complaints. Cumulatively **1,740** calls have been disposed off. In addition, **6,943** complaints have been registered by the citizens on NGSP portal, out of which, **6,368** complaints have been disposed off.

6. cVIGIL:

1,120 Complaints have been received through cVIGIL application. Major complaints received are related to Posters/Banners without permission **663**, Posters without mandatory declaration **89**, property defacement **15**, Money Distribution **06**, Distribution of gifts/coupons **07**, Campaigning during ban period **06**, Distribution of Liquor **03**, Vehicle or convoy without permission **04**, Religious or communal speeches/messages **02**, Display of Firearms, Intimidation **01** out of which **913** Complaints are found to be correct and action has been taken.

7. Media:

The complaints have been received through emails **05**, and letters **08**, Newspapers **02**, TV Channels **03** and Social Media **11** Out of the total **29** Complaints, **29** have been disposed off.

8. ENCORE:

Under ENCORE, **125** Applications for permissions have been received; out of which **65** have been accepted and **34** have been rejected. **01** are in progress, **21** are pending and **04** are cancelled.
