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**GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOK SABHA 2024**  
**and Bye election to 36-Shorapura Legislative Assembly Constituency 2024**  
**PRESS NOTE**

**1. Absentee Voters employed in Essential Services (AVES):**

The casting of votes by AVES category will commence from 19.04.2024 to 21.04.2024 from 09:00am to 05:00pm in the following Postal Voting Centres (PVC) of Phase 2 - 14 Parliamentary Constituencies going for poll on 26.04.2024.

Sl. No	PC No.	PC Name	Postal Voting Centre (PVC) address
1	15	Udupi-Chikkmagalur	Returning Officer's Office, Control Room, 'A' Block, District Complex, Rajatadri, Manipal-576104, Udupi
2	16	Hassan	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Hassan
3	17	Dakshina Kannada	Room No: 105-Information Centre, 1st Floor, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru
4	18	Chitradurga	Office of the Assistant Returning Officer, Chitradurga, Chitradurga
5	19	Tumkur	Tehsildar's Court Room, Taluk Office, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Tumkur
6	20	Mandya	Department of Arts, Mandya University, M.C. Road, Mandya
7	21	Mysore	Room No: 10, Ground Floor, Joint Director, District Treasury Office, Deputy Commissioner Offices Complex, Bannur Road, Siddhartha extension, Mysore
8	22	Chamarajanagar	Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner's Office, District Administration Building Old KDP Hall, Room No. 06, Chamarajanagar.
9	23	Bangalore Rural	Court Room No. 305, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara
10	24	Bangalore North	Karnataka State Government Revenue Employees' Association Building, Auditorium Room, Ground Floor, Behind Revenue Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560009.
11	25	Bangalore Central	Returning Officer's Office Premises, 25-Bangalore Central Lok Sabha Constituency, Room No-17, Ground Floor, Beside Public Relations Officers Office, BBMP Head Office, Narasimha Raju Circle, Bangalore - 560002.
12	26	Bangalore South	Returning Officers Office Premises, 26-Bangalore South Lok Sabha Constituency Zonal Commissioner's Office (South), 2nd Floor Room No:1, Corporation Offices Complex, 2nd Block, 9th Cross, Jayanagar Bangalore - 560011
13	27	Chickballapur	Tehsildar's Office, Devanahalli Mini Vidhana Soudha, Devanahalli.
14	28	Kolar	District Administration Building Room No.: G-4, Deputy Director of Land Records, Court Hall Kolar, Kumbarahalli Village, Tamaka Post Office, Kolar.

This information was shared with the media on 17.04.2024. However, the media is requested to provide wide publicity to ensure that essential service department voters are made aware of the above date and time for casting votes at the specified PVCs through their newspapers and channels at no cost.

## **2. Restriction on Presence of Political functionaries in a constituency during the last 48 hours:**

During the course of campaign in an election, the political parties mobilize their supporters, including from outside the constituency of poll, in order to bolster that campaign. In view of the fact that after the closure of campaign period no campaign can take place within the constituency, presence of political functionaries and party workers, who have been brought from outside the constituency and who are not voters of the constituency, should not remain present in the constituency as their continued presence after end of campaign period may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll. Hence, the Election Commission has directed that the district election administration / police administration shall ensure that all such functionaries leave the constituency immediately after the campaign period is over.

The election administration / police administration may take all necessary measures which may include:

- (i) Checking of kalyan mandapams / community halls etc., to find out whether any outsiders have been accommodated in these premises
- (ii) Verification of lodges and guesthouses to keep a track of the list of occupants
- (iii) Set up check-posts at the constituency borders and track the vehicular movement from outside the constituency
- (iv) Verify identity of the people / group of people in order to find out whether they are voters or not and to establish their identity

This restriction will be applicable in phase 2 14 Parliamentary Constituencies going for election on 26.04.2024 from 06:00pm on 24.04.2024.

The same may be widely publicised to make aware political parties, candidates and general public at no cost.

## **3. Ban on Exit Poll:**

In exercise of the powers under **sub-Section (1) of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951**, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, notified the period between 7.00am on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 (Friday) and 6.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024 (Saturday) as the period during which conducting and publishing or publicizing exit poll by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the current General Elections to Lok Sabha

As per **Section 126(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951** displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, is prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll in the respective polling areas in each phase of the General election and byelections.

**As per paragraph 5 - Voluntary Code of Ethics of Chapter 8 - Regulations & guidelines for media coverage during elections in Handbook on Media matters for CEOs & DEOs**, following code of ethics introduced:

To ensure free, fair & ethical use of social media platforms in elections, Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) on behalf of its members had agreed to observe the "Voluntary Code of Ethics" during General Elections to Lok Sabha 2019 and Legislative Assemblies scheduled along with the Lok Sabha election. The said code has been in effect from 20.03.2019 and is applicable for all elections including Legislative Assembly elections, subject to ECI being the Nodal office for all types of communication with social media platforms.

This information is provided for the information of all media and needful action.

#### 4. Phase 3 Nominations of 14 Parliamentary Constituencies:

Details of candidates filed nominations on **18.04.2024** and since **12.04.2024**

Parliament Constituency	No. of Nominations Received on 18.04.2024				No. of Nominations Received since 12.04.2024				Candidates (18.04.2024)				Candidates (since 12.04.2024)			
	Total	Male	Female	Others	Total	Male	Female	Others	Male	Female	Others	TOTAL	Male	Female	Others	TOTAL
Chikkodi	8	4	4	0	19	15	4	0	4	1	0	5	13	1	0	14
Belgaum	4	4	0	0	24	24	0	0	4	0	0	4	16	0	0	16
Bagalkot	14	12	2	0	25	22	3	0	11	2	0	13	17	2	0	19
Bijapur (SC)	7	7	0	0	25	23	2	0	7	0	0	7	13	2	0	15
Gulbarga (SC)	10	8	2	0	24	21	3	0	6	1	0	7	14	1	0	15
Raichur (ST)	7	7	0	0	14	14	0	0	5	0	0	5	9	0	0	9
Bidar	10	10	0	0	28	27	1	0	8	0	0	8	23	1	0	24
Koppal	8	8	0	0	30	29	1	0	7	0	0	7	19	1	0	20
Bellary (ST)	1	1	0	0	16	14	2	0	1	0	0	1	8	1	0	9
Haveri	8	6	2	0	27	23	4	0	6	2	0	8	14	3	0	17
Dharwad	6	6	0	0	32	31	1	0	5	0	0	5	17	1	0	18
Uttara Kannada	6	6	0	0	29	26	3	0	6	0	0	6	15	2	0	17
Davanagere	10	9	1	0	34	27	7	0	9	1	0	10	25	4	0	29
Shimoga	5	5	0	0	24	21	3	0	4	0	0	4	18	1	0	19
<b>Phase III Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>241</b>

Phase 3 - Consolidated party wise nomination received since 12.04.2024 & number of candidates given in **Annexure**.

#### 5. Nominations for 36-Shorapura Legislative Assembly Constituency:

Party	CANDIDATES						NOMINATIONS					
	During the day			Till this day			During the day			Till this day		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Bharatiya Janata Party	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	3	4	0	4
Indian National Congress	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
Independent	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

#### 6. Home Voting of Absentee Voters:

**34,934 (95.22%)** voters in the age group of 85+ have casted their votes at their homes out of **36,689** voters approved for home voting. Similarly, **11,643 (97.68%)** PwD voters have casted their votes at their home out of **11,920** voters approved for home voting on 13.04.2024. In total **46,577 (95.82%)** voters have cast their votes out of **48,609** voters approved.

## 7. Election Expenditure Monitoring: Seizures:

Items of seizure		Value Rs. in Crore										
		Police, FST & SST		Excise		Income Tax		Commercial Taxes		Grand Total		
		Previous day	Progressive	Previous day	Progressive	Previous day	Progressive	Previous day	Progressive	Previous day	Progressive	
<b>Cash</b>	Value	18.45	61.89	-	-	-	12.75	-	-	18.45	74.64	
<b>Liquor</b>	Qty (in lakhs ltrs)	0.0030	0.16	0.48	146.17	-	-	-	-	0.48	146.33	
	Value	0.01	0.72	1.94	175.17	-	-	-	-	1.96	175.88	
<b>Drugs</b>	Qty (KGs)	24.72	424.77	-	70.62	-	-	-	-	24.72	495.39	
	Value	0.23	10.35	-	0.28	-	-	-	-	0.23	10.63	
<b>Precious Metal</b>	<b>Gold</b>	Qty (KGs)	0.89	70.36	-	-	-	1.62	-	36.31	0.89	108.29
		Value	0.70	43.09	-	-	-	0.96	-	13.51	0.70	57.56
	<b>Silver</b>	Qty (KGs)	4.75	293.95	-	-	-	-	-	7.59	4.75	301.54
		Value	0.04	1.11	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	0.04	1.17
	<b>Dimond</b>	Qty (grams)	-	-	-	-	-	4.23	-	-	-	4.23
		Value	-	-	-	-	-	0.09	-	-	-	0.09
<b>Freebies</b>	Value	0.02	2.18	-	-	-	-	-	5.95	0.02	8.13	
<b>Others</b>	Value	0.09	11.88	-	0.02	-	-	-	60.31	0.09	72.21	
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>		<b>19.54</b>	<b>131.22</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>175.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79.83</b>	<b>21.48</b>	<b>400.32</b>	

## 8. Cases Booked:

- Flying Squads, SSTs and Police authorities have booked **1872** FIRs with regard to seizures of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metal and Freebies.
- Excise Department has booked **2,523** Heinous Cases, **3,440** cases for Breach of Licence Conditions, **139** NDPS and **19,813** cases under Section 15 (a) of Karnataka Excise act 1965 and also **1,578** different types of Vehicles have been seized.

## 9. Special Reports:

- FST Team has seized Cash **Rs. 17,98,03,100** in Residence at Dasanakoppa Circle, Dharwad, Dharwad Parliamentary Constituency, Dharwad Dist.
- Karnataka Railway Police Team has seized 22.585 Kg Ganja worth **Rs. 22,50,000** in Wadi Railway Station, Raichur Parliamentary Constituency, Raichur Dist.
- FST Team has seized **0.89 Kg Gold** worth **Rs. 69,98,287** and **4.754 Kg Silver** value **Rs. 4,01,713** total worth **Rs. 74,00,000** in Karwar, Uttara Kannada Parliamentary constituency, Uttara Kannada Dist.
- FST Team has seized Cash **Rs. 19,70,000** in Chikkatotlukere Village, Kartagener, Tumkur Parliamentary Constituency, Tumkur Dist.
- Excise department has seized **1,150 case boxes (10,134 ltrs Beer)** worth **Rs. 28,65,527** KSBCL Depot, KSWC Godown, Vjayapura Road, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.at Chikkaballapura Parliamentary Constituency.
- Excise department has seized **1,150 case boxes (13,800 ltrs Beer)** worth **Rs. 46,14,064** KSBCL Depot, KSWC Godown, Vjayapura Road, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. Chikkaballapura Parliamentary Constituency.
- Excise department has seized **14,688 ltrs** of worth **Rs. 59,00,972** at KSBCL Depot, Chikkodi, Belagavi District. Chikkodi Parliamentary Constituency.
- Excise department has seized **7,344 ltrs** of IML **Rs. 51,06,842** Bankapura Toll Naka, Shiggaon Taluk, Haveri District. Haveri Parliamentary Constituency.

## 10. Public Grievance Redressal:

Out of the **22,121** calls received through Voter Helpline, **21,911** people have sought information, **28** have given feedback, **25** have made suggestions and **157** have registered complaints. Cumulatively **22,121** calls have been disposed off. In addition, **13,635** complaints have been registered by the citizens on NGRS portal, out of which, **13,306** complaints have been disposed off.

**11. cVIGIL:**

**24,869** Complaints have been received through cVIGIL application. Major complaints received are related to Posters/Banners without permission **14,742**, Posters without mandatory declaration **1,097**, property defacement **321**, Money Distribution **171**, Distribution of gifts/coupons **123**, Campaigning during ban period **50**, Distribution of Liquor **137**, Vehicle or convoy without permission **87**, Religious or communal speeches/messages **54**, Display of Firearms, Intimidation **30** out of which **23,474** Complaints are found to be correct and action has been taken.

**12. Media:**

The complaints have been received through emails **222**, and letters **626**, Newspapers **30**, TV Channels **36** and Social Media **60** Out of the total **974** Complaints, **974** have been disposed off.

**13. ENCORE:**

Under ENCORE, **6,725** Applications for permissions have been received; out of which **5,090** have been accepted and **995** have been rejected. **65** are in progress, **921** are pending and **284** are cancelled.

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## Annexure

**Phase 3 - Consolidated party wise nomination received since 12.04.2024 & number of candidates**

Parliamentary Constituency	No. of Nominations Received				Details of Nominations Party Wise received										NOTE: If one candidate files 1 or more nomination the candidate count must be considered as one.			
	Nominations				Recognised National/ State Parties							Registered Un Recognised Political Parties	Independent	Total	Candidates			
	Total	Male	Female	Others	BJP	INC	AAP	BSP	CPIM	NPP	JDS				Male	Female	Others	TOTAL
Chikkodi	19	15	4	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	19	13	1	0	14
Belgaum	24	24	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	10	24	16	0	0	16
Bagalkot	25	22	3	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	15	25	17	2	0	19
Bijapur (SC)	25	23	2	0	4	4	0	4	0	0	1	9	3	25	13	2	0	15
Gulbarga (SC)	24	21	3	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	10	5	24	14	1	0	15
Raichur (ST)	14	14	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	14	9	0	0	9
Bidar	28	27	1	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	10	10	28	23	1	0	24
Koppal	30	29	1	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	18	30	19	1	0	20
Bellary (ST)	16	14	2	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	16	8	1	0	9
Haveri	27	23	4	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	12	8	27	14	3	0	17
Dharwad	32	31	1	0	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	12	10	32	17	1	0	18
Uttara Kannada	29	26	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	17	29	15	2	0	17
Davanagere	34	27	7	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	9	19	34	25	4	0	29
Shimoga	24	21	3	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	4	13	24	18	1	0	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>241</b>