

OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY

UNDER PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT, 1989
(CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JAMMU AND KASHMIR)

“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”

PRESS RELEASE

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Polling in the 6th phase of the 9 phase Panchayat Elections 2018 will take place on 1st December. As per the detailed schedule published on 22nd October 2018, the nomination process for 590 halqas having 4546 Panch constituencies commenced with the issuance of notification on 6th November 2018. While 111 Sarpanch and 1052 Panch have been elected unopposed, polling will take place for 406 sarpanch and 2312 panch seats, with 7156 candidates in fray. An electorate of 597396 will be voting for sarpanch constituencies while it is 464260 for panch constituencies. Photo Voter Slips have been distributed among the voters to inform them of their polling station. The district wise details are in the enclosed Annexure.

In this phase, 3174 polling stations are being set up - 410 in Kashmir Division and 2764 in Jammu Division. Of these, 771 have been categorized as Hypersensitive - 410 in Kashmir Division and 361 in Jammu Division. Basic Minimum Facilities (BMF) have been ensured in all the polling stations for facilitating the voters. Security arrangements have been made including deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

In the 5th phase, the State has witnessed a polling percentage of 71.1% - in the Kashmir Division 33.7% and in the Jammu Division 85.2%. In Poonch district a Re-poll for Sarpanch seat in Sanai Panch Halqa of block Surankote

returned a turnout of 79.78% and deferred polling in Panchayat Halqa Nonabandi returned a turnout of 92.23%. Results have been announced for all these by the respective Returning Officers.

Orders have been passed in various complaint cases as well as on directions of the Hon'ble Courts and wherever necessary Notifications appointing the election schedule have been issued. All such orders/notifications are available at website of CEO J&K.

In order to ensure free and fair polls, general observers, expenditure observers and micro observers have been appointed apart from magistrates. Control Rooms established in all the districts are responding to any complaints of violation of the Model Code of Conduct or any other election related matter. The legal provision of end of campaigning including public meetings, processions, etc. 48 hours before the hour fixed for the end of poll stands enforced in the areas going to poll. Necessary orders pertaining to declaration of dry day have also been issued.

The timing of poll is from 8 am to 2 pm. The State Government has declared holiday on the day of poll, including under the Negotiable Instruments Act, and, therefore, it is enjoined upon all establishments, whether Government or Private to observe the same strictly. Also, provision of Special casual leave for state government employees has been made. Central government offices shall also afford reasonable facility to its employees who desire to vote.

The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K appeals to the voters to come forward and exercise their right to franchise in order to choose their local self government to address their local needs.

ANNEXURE TO PRESS RELEASE DATED 30TH NOVEMBER 2018

District	Total Panchayat Halqas	Total Panch Wards	Sarpanch Elected Unopposed	Panch Elected Unopposed	Poll Going Sarpanch Seats	Electors for Sarpanch Seats	Candidates in fray for Sarpanch Seats	Poll Going Panch Seats	Electors for Panch seats	Candidates in fray for Panch Seats	Polling Stations set up
Bandipora	15	107	10	63	4	3794	10	9	1326	18	28
Baramulla	24	188	12	21	3	5873	7	0	0	0	29
Ganderbal	24	180	7	74	15	16142	44	31	5332	70	115
Srinagar	9	79	4	14	3	4363	6	4	470	8	27
Budgam	25	181	15	87	4	5731	10	11	1843	23	32
Pulwama	29	229	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shopian	11	91	5	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kulgam	38	302	20	61	6	8359	12	5	741	11	44
Anantnag	52	382	24	156	18	24040	41	12	1956	25	135
Doda	47	329	1	79	46	51263	194	250	41612	599	327
Ramban	18	136	1	34	17	23871	69	102	19166	229	133
Udhampur	47	367	0	69	47	61059	228	298	52659	740	367
Reasi	21	181	1	32	20	28283	75	149	25683	351	174
Kathua	54	420	0	75	53	97228	263	338	81421	879	413
Samba	36	284	0	23	35	64976	149	252	60743	649	275
Jammu	50	406	0	40	50	104075	208	366	96197	950	406
Rajouri	58	416	4	104	54	60364	191	312	48606	693	406
Poonch	32	268	1	95	31	37975	98	173	26505	388	263