

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 2nd phase of the Panchayat Elections 2018, being held in 9 phases, will take place on 20th November. As per the detailed schedule published on 22nd October 2018, the nomination process for 468 halqas having 3610 Panch constituencies commenced on 26th October 2018. While 90 Sarpanch and 1069 Panch have been elected unopposed, polling will take place for 281 sarpanch and 1286 panch seats, with 4014 candidates in fray. An electorate of 329818 will be voting for sarpanch constituencies while it is 207796 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, 2179 polling stations are being set up - 828 in Kashmir Division and 1351 in Jammu Division. Of these, 601 have been categorized as Hypersensitive - 490 in Kashmir Division and 111 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 1st phase, the State has witnessed a polling % of 74.1% - in the Kashmir Division 64.5% and in the Jammu Division 79.4%. Re-poll was held for Ward No 3 – Atholi-C of Panchayat Atholi, Block Padder, Kishtwar on 18th November. Results have been announced for all these by the respective Returning Officers. Repoll is also being held for Sarpanch Constituency of Panchayat Nambla–B, Block Uri in district Baramulla and for Sarpanch Constituency of Panchayat Halqa Upper Sanai, Block Surankote in district Poonch. Also, in two panch constituencies, namely PC-III & PC-IV of the Panchayat Halqa Hajitara, Block Teetwal of district Kupwara, the poll will be held after completion of the election process as per law.

As in the first phase, for the phase 2 too, 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 19-11-2018

District	Blocks	Total Panchayat Halgas	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
Kupwara	3	43	337	13	156	29	26900	71	128	15476	273	233
Bandipore	2	14	102	2	40	11	14398	38	46	8561	123	81
Baramulla	2	47	395	16	48	7	11126	16	0	0	0	65
Ganderbal	1	32	248	17	45	4	5013	12	3	643	7	34
Budgam	2	33	257	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anantnag	2	54	410	12	34	7	12341	15	2	461	4	58
Kargil	6	37	277	6	217	31	25615	83	60	7972	126	232
Leh	5	31	227	14	211	17	13341	40	16	2325	33	125
Kishtwar	3	18	130	0	45	18	19208	66	85	13043	193	130
Doda	2	29	209	0	51	29	31848	106	158	20785	383	209
Ramban	1	24	174	0	75	24	29828	86	88	16233	190	174
Udhampur	4	34	274	0	36	34	47647	151	237	42197	603	274
Kathua	3	25	195	0	26	25	32705	110	169	28543	431	195
Rajouri	2	19	145	1	21	18	25107	68	124	23320	302	143
Poonch	2	28	230	1	59	27	34741	86	170	28237	398	226