Press Release

ECI holds Regional conference of CEOs and SPNOs of 7 States/UTs to review the ongoing Special Summary Revision (SSR) and other preparatory action for General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024.

Chennai, 9th November, 2023:

A team of the Election Commission of India (ECI) consisting of senior officers held one day conference cum review meeting with the Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) and State Police Nodal Officers (SPNOs) of 7 States and UTs. This being the second regional conference, the previous one held in Chandigarh for 8 States and Union Territories.

The ECI team consisted of Senior Deputy Election Commissioners Shri Dharmendra Sharma and Shri Nitesh Kumar Vyas, Deputy Election Commissioner Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, Senior Principal Secretary Shri N.N. Butolia, Directors Shri Ashok Kumar, Shri Pankaj Srivastava and Ms. Deepali Masirkar.

Chief Electoral Officers and State Police Nodal Officers of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Union Territories of Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep gave detailed presentations about the planning/preparations for the forthcoming Lok Sabha election due in the year 2024.

ECI team were apprised of the progress in ongoing SSR, law and order situation, voter enrolment efforts, Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) at polling stations and state of other polling infrastructure. ECI team directed all CEOs to ensure a healthy and inclusive electoral roll during SSR (Special Summary Revision 2024), in particular, ensuring stakeholder participation (including of Political Parties), improving various Roll indices, enrolment of all first time eligible voters, removal of dead and duplicate voters and special focus on enrolment of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups

(PVTGs), Transgender, sex workers SC/ST, PwD, 80+ and other identified vulnerable groups.

The SPNOs were specifically advised on the priority of ECI of ensuring inducement free and safe polls. CEOs and SPNOs were impressed upon to take all possible measures for forthcoming General Election and ensure peaceful, participative and inclusive elections.

Apart from this, a detailed review of the plan to increase voter turnout, maximising use of the various IT applications, expenditure management, training and capacity building of various polling related officers and staff was also done in the review meeting.

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