

PRESS RELEASE

As per the directions of the Election Commission of India a State Steering Committee on Accessible Elections (SSCAE) has been constituted to make the entire electoral process accessible and inclusive for all persons with disabilities.

2. The second meeting of the State Steering Committee on Accessible Elections was held on 12.09.2019 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Electoral Officer. Representatives from the Disabled People's Organizations and the Members of the Committee who are officers from Education Department, Commissionerate for the Welfare of the Differently Abled, Commissionerate of Social Welfare, Public Works Department participated in the meeting in connection with the active participation of PwDs in the electoral process.

The following aspects were discussed in the meeting

- I. To ensure that Polling Station wise mapping of PwD electors is carried out in the State, and data is maintained and updated regularly.
- II. To ensure that PwDs who are not enrolled are identified for facilitating their enrolment in the electoral roll.
- III. PwD electors may be encourage to verify their details of enrollment through Voter Help Line 1950/Voter Helpline Mobile App and National Voters Service Portal (NVSP) during the period of Electors verification programme.
- IV. To ensure hassle free movement of wheels chairs in the polling stations on the day of polling.
- V. To create disabled friendly Assured Minimum Facilities in all the Polling Stations including Ramp facility.

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