

**Public (Elections-III) Department**

**Press Release**

All polling parties, Electronic Voting Machines and other materials reached the polling stations today for the conduct of bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 219.Sankarankovil (SC) Assembly Constituency, taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. There are totally 242 polling stations. The total number of the electors are 2,06,087 - Male: 1,02,921 and Female: 1,03,166.

SMS based monitoring will take place through out the day of polling to assess the status of polling going on in each polling station. Under this system, the Presiding Officers will be sending pre-determined SMSs at pre-determined times indicating the progress of the poll. Through web-casting, poll proceedings would be monitored by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer right from the beginning of the poll till closure. For this purpose, 10 monitors are installed in Chief Electoral Officer's office Control Room.

No polling agent would be allowed to leave the polling station after 3.00 P.M. on the polling day.

Though polling hours are between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., the electors standing in the queue sharply at 5.00 p.m. would be issued tokens and allowed to cast their votes.

Electors should bring Elector's Photo Identity Card for exercising their franchise. Voter's Slips issued by authorities may also be brought. No other document would be accepted.

The Election Commission of India has informed that the counting of votes for the Bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from 219.Sankarankovil (SC) Assembly Constituency will commence from 8.00 a.m. on 21.3.2012 (Wednesday).

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