

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 first meeting of the State Steering Committee on Accessible Elections was held today i.e. 19.02.2019 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Electoral Officer. 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 and Representatives from the Disabled People's Organizations 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 and facilitating their enrolment in the electoral roll.
- III. To create an enabling barrier-free environment for efficient and effective electoral participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the State/UT.
- IV. To ensure that trainings for polling personnel include a component on sensitizing them on special needs of PwDs.
- V. Wheel Chair Mobilisation
- VI. To create disabled friendly Assured Minimum Facilities in all the Polling Stations.