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Press Release

The Election Commission of India has written to the Chief Secretary pointing out that complaints relating to distribution of liquor, money, saris, dhotis, etc., to woo the voters by various political parties have been received.

- 2. The Commission has directed that effective action on the part of the State administration should be visible in the district immediately so that any distribution of freebies to woo the voters is effectively contained. The Chief Secretary has been requested to instruct the Police administration down the line up to the Thana level to take effective measures so that corrupt practices by political parties or individuals to lure voters to vote in their favour are stopped at all costs and erring officials are effectively punished.
- 3. The Commission has deployed additionally 3 Companies of SAPs in addition to the 6 Companies of CPFs already deployed. One Additional Observer (Mr. Raymond Peter, Andhra Pradesh) is also being deployed to assist the two Observers already present in the Constituency. The Commission has directed the Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu to be stationed in Dharmapuri district and personally monitor the developments. The CEO has been directed to oversee the Police arrangements to ensure no distribution of liquor, money or other items takes place.
- 4. The Election Commission has called for a report from the Chief Secretary to reach the Commission not later than 10.00 a.m. on 26^{th} March 2010.
- 5. The Commission will assess the situation further in the constituency after getting inputs and will take a decision on the further course of action in the matter.

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