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No. CEO/PLG/102(46)/2021/P.F./ 5070

Dated: - 10/2/24

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STATE STEERING COMMITTEE ON
ACCESSIBLE ELECTION (SSCAE) FOR PwD ELECTORS HELD ON 04.12.2024
AT 12:00 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF CEO, DELHI.

A meeting of State Steering Committee on Accessible Election (SSCAE) was held on 04.12.2024 at 12:00 Noon under the Chairmanship of the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi in the Conference Room of O/o CEO, Delhi for the purpose of accessible and inclusive electoral process with regard to all Persons with Disabilities. The list of the participants who attended the meeting is Annexed-A.

The meeting was started with the welcome of all the participants by the chair. Joint CEO-I, Delhi informed the participants about the directions of ECI regarding the mandate of this committee. Accordingly, CEO Delhi emphasized upon the need to make election more accessible and inclusive in the state as per directions of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

A presentation was presented by Dy. Director (Plg.) on the agenda points. The status of all the agenda points i.e. AMF, requirement of Wheel Chairs, Volunteers, Sign Language Interpreters, enrolment of PwDs & senior citizens and other related issues were presented and discussed in detail. After reviewing the status, CEO, Delhi, had given following directions: -

1. **Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs) at polling stations locations:** - After rationalisation process, the no. of polling station locations (PSL) has increased to 2697. As on date, availability of facility of ramp at these PSLs is 98.60%. Accordingly, all DEOs and Education Department, GNCTD are directed to ensure availability of Ramps as per norms prescribed by ECI with the coordination of PWD at the earliest. Further, it is also directed to call a meeting with the MCD, NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board at HQ level to take up the issue of non-availability of ramps in their schools.
(Action: All DEOs / Education Department, GNCTD / PWD Department, GNCTD / Planning Branch)
2. **Wheel Chairs:** - 4000 wheel chairs were provided during GELS- 2024 at the PSLs. It was informed that approx. 4200 Wheel chairs will be required for forthcoming Delhi Legislative Assembly Election - 2025 considering the tentative increase in enrolment of PwDs & Senior Citizens during SSR 2025 as well as increase in number of PSL. Education Department, GNCTD informed the availability of 3504 Wheel Chairs. To fulfil the requirement of Wheel Chairs, Education Department, GNCTD has been directed to approach the Private Schools, Universities / Colleges under Higher Education/Training & Technical Education, GNCTD, NGOs and arrange the required wheel chairs.

(Action: Education Department, GNCTD / Planning Branch)

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3. **Deployment of Volunteers at Polling Locations on Poll Day and training thereof :-** 8000 nos. of volunteers were deployed at Polling Station Locations (Total no. of Polling Station Locations 2627) during the Lok Sabha Election – 2024. Now, the total no. of Polling Station Location is increased to 2697 as compared to GELS-2024. Planning branch has assessed the requirement of appx. 8650 Volunteers (03 Volunteers for each Polling Station Locations and 50 volunteers reserve for each District) nos. of Volunteers required in upcoming Delhi Legislative Assembly Election-2025. The training will be provided by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya National Institute for PwDs in co-ordination with Education Department and respective R.Os.

(Action : All DEOs / Planning Branch / Education Department, GNCTD / Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya National Institute for PwDs)

4. **Sign Language Interpreters :-** 172 Sign Language Interpreters were deployed at various Polling Station Locations during the GELS-2024. The representative of Association of Sign Language Interpreters (ASLI) was not present in the meeting and it has been decided that no. of Sign Language Interpreters (SLI) will be obtained from ASLI and accordingly the deployment of SLI shall be decided by the CEO (HQ).

(Action : ASLI / All DEOs / Planning Branch)

5. **Braille Material for Visually Impaired Electors :-** Braille material will be provided on the day of poll to facilitate the Visually Impaired Voters i.e. Voter Assistance Guide, Voter Facilitation Posters, Braille Ballot Sheet, Voter slip in Braille, Braille EPIC Card, Braille Ballot Unit Stickers. OSD (IEB), Education Department, GNCTD has requested that all DEOs / ROs may not assign any other election duty to Braille experts at district level. The representative from AADI suggested to provide the Audio guide to Visually Impaired Voters as that would be more comfortable and helpful for them. CEO, Delhi appreciated the suggestion and directed to explore the possibility for same considering the fact that this may require structural changes in school buildings.

(Action : All DEOs / AADI / Education Department, GNCTD/Planning Branch/P&I Branch)

6. **PwD staff managed Polling Station :-** It has informed in the meeting that one Polling Station will be set up in each districts managed by PwD staff.

(Action : All DEOs)

7. **Pick and Drop facility for PwD Electors :-** PwD and Sr. Citizen Electors may avail the Pick and Drop facility on the day of poll through following modes in Delhi Legislative Assembly Election -2025 :-
- By calling at Voter Helpline 1950.
 - By sending SMS to 7738299899 in following format EPIC<space>EPIC Number<space>PICK

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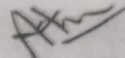
Using 'CEO Delhi - Pick & Drop' Android App.
Using CEO, Delhi website 'https://ceodelhi.gov.in'.
ECI Saksham App.

SVEEP branch is to spread awareness of the above modes of Pick and Drop facility to Senior Citizens and PwDs.

(Action : All DEOs / Planning Branch / IT Branch/SVEEP Branch)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of CEO, Delhi.



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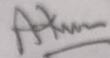
Copy for the following with the request to furnish the action taken report within 10 days :-

1. Director (Accessible Election), Election Commission of India (ECI), Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 for information.
2. All DEOs, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
3. The Director, Department of Social Welfare, Member (SSCAE), GNCTD, 7th Floor, MSO Building, I.P Estate, New Delhi.
4. The Director, Directorate of Education, Member (SSCAE), GNCTD, Old Secretariat, New Delhi.
5. The Pr. Chief Engineer (Maintenance), Public Works Department, Member (SSCAE), GNCTD, 12th Floor, MSO Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
6. Programme Coordinator, NSS/NCC, Member (SSCAE) University of Delhi, F-3-F-5, University Centre, Chhatra Marg, Delhi - 110 007.
7. Chairperson, AADI, NGO, Member (SSCAE), 2, Balbir Saxena Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi.
8. The General Secretary, National Association for the Blind, Member (SSCAE), Sector 5, R. K. Puram, New Delhi - 110 022.
9. General Secretary, Association of Sign Language Interpreter (ASLI), Office No. 102, 1st Floor, Plot No. 19-A, Vishal Complex, Patpar Ganj Village, Mayur Vihar Phase I, Delhi - 110 091.
10. General Secretary, All India Confederation of the Blind, Rohini, Sector 5, Rohini, behind Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Hospital, New Delhi, Delhi 110085.

11. Dy. Director, Administration, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya National Institute for Persons with Disabilities, 4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, Mandi House, New Delhi - 110002.
12. Sr. System Analyst, IT Branch, O/o CEO, Delhi
13. Dy. CEO, P&I Branch, O/o CEO, Delhi
14. ACEO, SVEEP Branch, O/o CEO, Delhi.
15. All SDMs (Election), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

Copy to :-

1. PA to Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi.
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