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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Paid Holiday Declared for Voters on Poll Day in NCT of Delhi**

**All eligible employees, be it public or private, who are voters in the NCT of Delhi are entitled to a paid holiday to exercise their democratic right to vote on the polling day**

**Voters of neighbouring cities Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan working in Delhi to also be given a paid holiday on the day of voting and vice versa for voters of Delhi working in neighbouring cities as per their polling dates**

**Employers of concerned public, private or any other establishments to comply with this order and ensure that employees have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process without any hindrance**

**The initiative to enhance voter turnout and participation in the electoral process in Delhi and neighbouring areas: CEO Delhi**

**New Delhi, April 14th, 2024**

Taking a crucial step towards enhancing voter turnout and participation in the electoral process, the Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi Sh. P Krishnamurthy announced the implementation of Election Commission of India (ECI) Order which grants paid holiday to employees on day of poll in NCT of Delhi under Section 135B of the RP Act 1951. The day of poll in respect of General Election to Lok Sabha-2024 in NCT of Delhi is scheduled for 25th May, 2024.

As per the order, all eligible employees, be it public or private, who are voters in the NCT of Delhi are entitled to a paid holiday to exercise their democratic right to vote on the polling day. Besides, it is to state that voters of neighbouring cities Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan working in Delhi to also be given a paid holiday on the day of voting and vice versa for voters of Delhi working in neighbouring cities as per their polling dates. This initiative underscores the importance of voter turnout and the fundamental role of every citizen in the bolstering the electoral process. By granting a paid holiday, the CEO of Delhi under the guidance of ECI aims to facilitate unhindered participation and spreading voter awareness among the residents of Delhi.

Further, employers of concerned public, private or any other establishments are urged to comply with this order and ensure that their employees have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process without any hindrance. It is to state that non-compliance to this order amounts to fine as well as punishment under the provisions specified.

The CEO of Delhi appeals to the youth/young voters in the NCT of Delhi to utilize this opportunity and cast their vote on polling day.

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