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Scrutiny of election documents including Form 17C of 70 ACs done today in presence of Independent Central observers appointed by Election Commission, Candidates & their agents and Returning Officers

No Complaint Received from any Candidate during scrutiny

No Re-Polling Required in Delhi Polls

New Delhi, February 06, 2025

The Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi, Ms. R. Alice Vaz, informed today that the scrutiny of election documents, including Form 17C, presiding officers' diaries etc. was completed by all Returning officers of all 70 Assembly Constituencies in the presence of General Observers, candidates, and their agents.

Ms. Vaz stated that all election-related documents were found in proper order during the scrutiny process. The presence of observers, candidates and representatives ensured transparency and fairness in the electoral process.

Smt. Vaz informed that no re-poll was required on polling day, as no complaints were received from any candidates during scrutiny.

She further informed that all Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) have been securely stored in strong rooms. Total 70 Strong Rooms, one each for one Assembly Constituency, across 19 locations have been setup throughout Delhi. Ms. Alice Vaz further detailed that all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure the safety and security of the polled EVMs and VVPATs in accordance with ECI safety protocols. These measures include:

- 1. Deployment of three-tier security around the clock, with the innermost perimeter guarded by Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPF) and the outermost perimeter by State Armed Police. 24x7 CCTV camera coverage of the sealed doors of the strong rooms and corridors, with continuous monitoring.
- 2. A single entry/exit point to the strong rooms.
- 3. A double lock system.
- 4. Mandatory videography during the opening and closing of the strong rooms.
- 5. Maintenance of a logbook for recording visits of authorized officials (General Observers, DEOs, or DCPs) under videography.
- 6. An operational control room adjacent to the strong rooms.
- 7. No entry for any vehicles, including those of VIPs and officials.

The CEO further informed that Agents/Representatives of Contesting candidates are allowed to closely monitor the security arrangements of these strong rooms round the clock through CCTV feed. Proper Arrangements for their comfortable stay are made at the strong room locations where CCTV feed are displayed on monitors. They are also granted periodic access to the inner perimeter in batches to observe, verify, and be assured of the security measures in place.

All the arrangement for smooth and fair counting process has been made. Approximately 5,000 staff members, comprising Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants, Micro Observers, Statistical Staff, and other supporting personnel, have been deployed and trained for the counting process. She also informed that the counting of voter slip of 5 VVPATs in each Assembly Constituency will be randomly selected.

Real time result can be accessed from ECI Website https://results.eci.gov.in/.

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