

Press Release

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1. As per the directions of the Election commission of India and the office of the chief electoral officer in Bihar, raids against illicit liquor are being carried out for the effective management and coordination of free and fair election in the forthcoming election in Bihar. Under this campaign today, total 10386 litres of illicit liquor, 100 Kg snake and 1(one) car from Mansi Police Station under Khagaria District, 1(one) Moter Cycle from Banka District, 3 (three) Base Machines and 1 (one) Drill Machine under Munger District were seized.

In a series of raids today, cash amounting Rs. 1,00,00,000/- was seized under Rampur Police Station of Gaya District and Rs. 1,40,000/- from Madhubani. Moreover, cash of Rs. 6,00,000/- from Vaishali District, Rs. 1,00,000/- under Rosera Police Station in Samastipur District, Rs. 2,70,000/- in Bhojpur District, Rs. 2,90,000/- in Nalanda District and Rs. 13,00,000/- under Kotwali Police Station in Patna District were seized. The seized cash is in the custody of the I-T department and investigations are being carried out.

2. Suspected Vehicles are being strictly inspected in all Districts through the Flying Squads and Check Posts/Check Nakas under the standard provision of the Expenditure Monitoring and Model Code of Conduct. During the checking of documents, the vehicles are also being examined. During the course of action, Commissions has instructed the authorities to avoid making undue difficulties to the public. Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs), has been made available to all the District Electoral Officer. Moreover, public appeals have been issued to all the traders and the general public through the Press Releases, to avoid carrying cash or they carry related documents in special situation.
3. Following matters were registered under the Enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct today:

Defacement in Public Property (Wall Writing, Posters, Banners, Others) 27

Defacement in Private Property (Wall Writing, Posters, Banners, Others)	24
Misuse of Vehicle (Beacon, light, Flag)	22
Violation of Loudspeaker Act	2
Inducement /gratification to Electors/ Cash, kind Distribution	1
Others	16
4. Under the Law & Order following matters were reported today	
No. of Arms/Weapons seized	7
No. of cartridges seized	12
No. of illegal arms manufacturing centres raided by seizures made	12
No. of Licensed Arms verified	190
No. of Licensed Arms deposited	179
No. of Licensed Arms cancelled	136
No. of non-bailable warrants executed	769
Fine collected in vehicle checking	Rs. 4,15,133
5. All Polling Booths have been declared as “No Smoking Zone”. Posters will be displayed with messages to control tobacco outside each Polling Station for this purpose. All District Electoral Officers (DEO’s) have been instructed for the same.	
6. All the Passengers/baggages/ materials coming to the Jai Prakash Narayan International Airport will be monitored /inspected /screened through standard procedure. Only authorized personnel’s or baggages shall be allowed enter through the main gate of the airport.	
However, following officials/personnel’s shall be exempted from Security checks:	
President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Governor of States, Ex. President, Ex. Vice President, Chief Justice of India, Speaker of Loksabha, Cabinet Minister, Chief Minister of States, Vice Chief Minister of States, Chairman-Planning Commission, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, “Bharat Ratna” Awardees, Ambassadors/ Commissioners of other Nation, Judges of Supreme Court of India, Chief Election Commissioner, Controller & Auditor General of India, Vice President of Lok Sabha, Vice President of Rajya Sabha, State Ministers of Central Cabinet, Attorney General of India, Cabinet Secretaries, Lt Governors of Union Territories, Chiefs of Staffs, Judges of High	

Courts, Deputy Chief Minister of all Union Territories , Personnel's covered under S.P.G , Shri Robert Vadra (if he is travelling under the cover of SPG). In addition to these spouses of the President and ex President shall be exepcted from security checks.

Further, in addition to the above officials, vehicles of Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav, Smt Rabri Devi, Shri Shatrudhan Sinha and Shri Ram Vilas Paswan are allowed to pass up to the tarmac of the airport according to the letter No-36/2005 dated 30.08.2005, issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, GOI.

7. Today, State Level Training-cum-Workshop was also organised for the Returning Officers and Asstt. Returning Officers from the District Saran, Arwal, Jehanabad, Aurangabad and Gaya in the Conference Hall of the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar. In the workshop, the participants of the above mentioned five Districts were briefed in details about the guidelines and the directions of the Election Commission of India on matters such as, process of nomination, scrutiny, eligibility of nomination, point of disqualification, withdrawal of name, preparation of final list of the contesting candidate and the allocation of the symbols to the candidates. Election Commission's video films on the above subjects were also screened during the training and participants queries pertaining to these matters were also addressed in this workshop.
