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To

All contesting candidates, 03 Sambalpur PC,
All contesting candidates of four ACs of Sambalpur District,
Leaders and representatives of all Political Parties in Sambalpur
District

“Advisory for the last 48 hours prior to the poll”

The restrictions during the last 48 hours prior to the poll (starting from 23-05-2024 4 pm till completion of poll), as detailed in the "SOP for Last 72 Hours" document, are hereby notified for the information and necessary action by all political parties, contesting candidates, media, MCC enforcement teams, police and security forces, all government officials involved in election work. Here are the key points:

1. **End of Campaigning:**

* Campaigning must end 48 hours before the close of the poll, as per Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. This includes all public meetings and canvassing.

2. **Media Restrictions:**

* No display of election matter through any media, including television, cinematograph, or similar apparatus during this period.

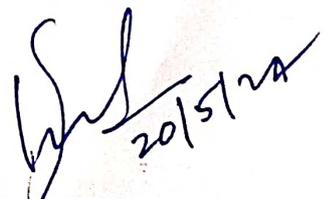
* No opinion polls or exit polls are allowed to be conducted or publicized during this period. Exit polls are not to be conducted till half an hour after closing of the poll in all states and union territories.

3. **Movement Restrictions:**

* Political functionaries and party workers who are not voters of the constituency must leave the constituency after the campaign ends to ensure a free and fair atmosphere.

4. **Ban on Liquor Sales:**

* A 'Dry Day' shall be declared, prohibiting the sale and distribution of liquor for 48 hours ending with the close of the poll.


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5. **Loudspeaker Ban:**

* Use of loudspeakers is prohibited during the 48 hours ending with the poll closing time.

6. **Law and order:**

* More than five people are not allowed to assemble or move together in the area, although house-to-house visits for campaigning are allowed with specific restrictions. Order under section 144 CrPC shall be issued in this regard.

7. **Vehicle Movement:**

* Vehicle movement in convoys of more than ten vehicles is prohibited, and vehicles used for campaign purposes must adhere to strict guidelines.

* Vehicles used to transport voters are strictly regulated, and providing free conveyance to voters is considered a corrupt practice.

8. **Publication of criminal antecedents:**

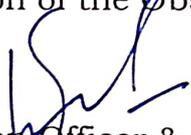
* Criminal antecedents in newspaper and TV is to be published by the candidates in C1 format provided at the time of filing nomination, and by political parties in C2 format. It is to be noted that the last day of publication for the third trench within which the publication is to be completed is 2nd day prior to the date of poll (23-05-2024 for Sambalpur).

These measures are designed to ensure a fair, peaceful, and free electoral process by minimizing undue influence and maintaining public order during the critical period before polling.


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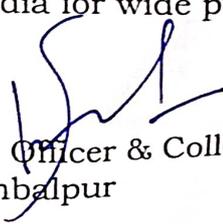
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