

## **ELECTION COMMISSIONER REVIEWS ELECTION PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

Panaji: December 29, 2018

The Election Commissioner of India, Shri Ashok Lavasa today reviewed the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll 2019 & State's preparedness plan for the ensuing Lok Sabha Election 2019, at a meeting held at Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Altinho Panaji.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Election Commissioner, Shri Ashok Lavasa alongwith Chief Electoral Officer, Shri Kunal, IAS; Director General of Police Shri Muktesh Chandra, District Election Officers, Dr Tariq Thomas, IAS and Shri Levinson Martin; Inspector General of Police, Shri Jaspal Singh, IPS.

Meeting deliberated various issues on Special Summary Revision 2019, disposal of various claims & objections, health of electoral roll, apart from awareness undertaken under SVEEP activities, availability of EVM, VVPATs and various measures to be taken out for accessible election. The Election Commissioner desired that the motto of No Voter to Be Left Out should be followed in true spirit and continuous revision should be carried out with full vigour. The Election Commissioner stressed upon identification and marking of Persons with Disability (PwD) electors and marking them in software for having targeted plan for their effective participation.

During the course of discussion, the Chief Electoral Officer, District Election Officers and Nodal Officer (Police) presented the Election Preparedness Plan to the Election Commissioner.

The Election Commissioner launched booklet on Accessible Election Plan for Goa drafted by Dr Taha Haazik, OSD, Social Welfare Department and PwDs Icon, Booth Election Management Plan Template and also released post card on Competition 'Write to CEO' on postcard and the same were handed over to Students. He also released SVEEP songs CD made by Shri Pravinjay Pandit, Mamlatdar Bicholim.

Election Commissioner complimented the Chief Electoral Officer and Goa Election team for the various efforts initially taken under the SVEEP activities for creating awareness among the general public about accessible election. He appreciated efforts taken by Dr Taha Haazik for Accessible Election Plan focusing on persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and prepared in accessible format which can be used by anyone with any disability with special software.