

Election Commission of India

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Press Note

Polling for the 3rd phase of Election in Jharkhand was held today in 11 ACs. There were a total of 239 candidates in the fray, out of which 16 were female candidates. The number of male electors was 13,64,282. Female electors were 11,89,363 making a total of 25,53,645 electors. Polling was held in 3,396 polling stations. 6814 EVMs were used. In this phase of poll, 171 video cameras and 58 digital cameras were deployed. There were 5 observers appointed by the Commission and 335 micro observers were deployed in polling stations. 5 polling parties were sent by helicopters. In Dumka District, 1 BSF Road Opening Party was fired upon by naxals at 3.00 pm today, 20kms from Shikaripara on the Shikaripara-Rampurhat Highway. 2 BSF Jawans died in the incident. There has been no other incident reported so far. Voter turnout till 3.00 pm was approx. 56%.

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Secretary