

# Editorial

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## Is the CEO fooling the people

CEO Manipur Vevek Kumar Dewangan statement regarding Manipur's Election at which he was quoted as saying that the Manipur's election is the most free and fair election in the history of Manipur took each of us by surprise who had witness what has actually happened yesterday and on March 14.

Due to unwanted incidents, 34 polling station are going on re-poll today and at least one polling station in Ukhrul district is likely to hold re-poll tomorrow. A polling personnel was killed in bomb blast near a polling station at Ukhrul. There were many cases of UGs interfering the election, people witness candidates workers kidnapped, assaulted and even EVMs are destroyed at some polling station.

Besides, organizing many SVEEP campaign, workshops and many other including painting competition, poster campaign etc. etc, there were talks about money power and muscle power being utilized by almost all candidate in these election. Yet, the CEO calls this election a free and fair one.

Mentioned may be made that there were wide publicity by spending huge amount of money to make the voters understand that they should not be allowed to buy their valuable vote for a mere few money. But, the question is does those campaigns, publicity and all the effort really works or not. Well first and second phase election was held on March 4 and March 8 for the state of Manipur in 60 Assembly constituencies of Manipur. If one is sincere enough to tell what had witness during the first phase election, the kind of publicity, advertisement, and other form of campaign conducted by the ECI to prevent voters from selling themselves. He or she would definitely say that 'the campaign never work' and are useless. It is an open secret that, in almost all the assembly constituencies that election for the first phase was held, there were no dearth for use of money power. Almost all candidates, with exception to some distributed money to the voters ranging from Rs. 300 to Rs. 5000/- . This is known by every voters but the problem in exposing such thing is that no voters are ready to come out to tell that money were offered to them by the candidates. Back some few months or says weeks, certain important issues like the territorial integrity, corruption, framework agreement, economic blockade etc. seems to the issues of this election. But as few days were left, all issues seem to be meaningless and almost all workers and candidates busied themselves in buying voters. This was what was witnessed in the first phase Manipur poll. Saying so it does not mean that that money would really work or not but the reality is that effort for buying of votes was common in almost all assembly constituencies. Something is seriously wrong in the electoral system of our country. The laws the guidelines don't actually work in the field. The Indian lawmakers need to work out something that will really make election by the people besides empowering the more to the Election Commission of India.

Just to prove one's efficiency it would be wrong to misguide the people saying that under my leadership I have done the best when it was not at all done.

Precisely, the election was not at all free and fair.

## DGMO speaks to Pak counterpart on terrorists' movement along

**PTI New Delhi, Mar 9:** Army's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) Lt Gen AK Bhatia today spoke to his Pakistani counterpart and conveyed India's concerns over movement of terrorists along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir.

The conversation came amid an ongoing encounter between security forces and militants holed up inside a house in Awantipora area of Kashmir's Pulwama district.

"The DGMO spoke to the Pakistan Army DGMO this morning. He expressed concern regarding the movement of terrorists noticed along

the Line of Control (LoC)," Army sources said. The Pakistani DGMO was also informed about the repatriation of two Pakistani nationals apprehended in Uri. "The individuals will be repatriated through Wagah border on March 10," said the sources. The NIA yesterday had handed over to the army two Pakistani youths whom it had arrested in connection with the last year's terror attack on a military base in Uri that had killed 19 soldiers.

The NIA had handed over Faisal Hussain Awan and Ahsan Khurshed to the army's 16 Corps headquarters in Jammu.

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# The number of M.P.'s in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha must be increased to 10 and 4 respectively

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In the Manipur State Assembly, there are 60 MLA's in the Lok Sabha 2 MP's in the Rajya Sabha 1 MP in the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, there are 32 Assembly Segments and in the outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, there are 28 Assembly segments with three(3) MP's.

In Assam, there are 126 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 14 MP's and in the Rajya Sabha there are 7MP's. In Punjab there are 117 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 13 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 7MP's. In Haryana there are 90 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 10 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 5 MP's. In all three states, there is one MP for every 9 Assembly Segments.

In West Bengal there are 294 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 42 MP's and with the Rajya Sabha there are 16 MP's. In Andhra Pradesh, there are 175 MLA's in the Lok Sabha, there are 25 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 11MP's in Telangana there are 119 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 17 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 7 MP's. In Orissa there are 147 MLA's in the Lok Sabha 21 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 10 MP's. In Kerala there are 140 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 20 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 9 MP's. In all three five states, there is one MP for every 7 Assembly segments.

In Maharashtra, there are 288 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 48 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 19MP's. In Tamil Nadu there are 234 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 39 MP's and in the Rajya Sabha there are 18 MP's. In these two states, there is one MP for every 6 Assembly Segments.

In Uttar Pradesh, there are 403 MLA's in the Lok Sabha there are 80 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 31 MP's. There is one MP for every 5.0375 Assembly Segments as well as most advanced state.

In Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu there is one MP for every 6 Assembly Segments and they received Rs. 5 crores as Local Area Development Fund lying in the development of 6 Assembly Segments. In Manipur for the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency there are 32 Assembly Segments and for the outer Manipur Parliamentary

Constituency there are 28 Assembly Segments, getting Rs 5 crores from the Government of India every year. As entitlement of the Manipur, Rs 10 crores are given annually from the MP local area development fund for the 60 Assembly Segments of Manipur. On the other hand for 60 Assembly Segments of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu Rs. 50 crores are given annually. For one year of local area development fund to increase amount of Rs 40 crores are given. For five years local area development fund, Rs 200 crores increased are given. In short for 60 Assembly segments in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu the amount of Rs. 250 crores are received as Local Area Development Fund. On the other hand for Manipur for 2 MP's Rs 50 crores are received. Let the Public discuss whether a state for which the outlay is Rs 250 crores and another for which the outlay is Rs 50 crores will develop.

In Tripura there are 60 Assembly Segments the area of Tripura is 10,499.69 sq.km the territorial area of Manipur is 22,327 sq.km comparing with Manipur, the area of Tripura is not even half the territorial area of Manipur but it has 2 MP's in the Lok Sabha and 1 MP in the Rajya Sabha which is the same with Manipur. In Delhi, there are 70 Assembly segments in the Lok Sabha it has 7 MP's in the Rajya Sabha there are 3 MP's. It gets 1 MP for 10 Assembly segments and has more MP's than Manipur. The territorial area of Delhi is 1,483 sq.km Manipur is 15 times bigger than Delhi.

The geographical area of Nagaland is 16,579 sq.km with 60 Assembly Segments and there is one MP each in the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha. In Mizoram there are 40 Assembly segments, in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha there is one MP each the geographical area of Mizoram is 21,081 sq.km. In Meghalaya there are 60 Assembly segments in the Lok Sabha there are 2 MP's and in the Rajya Sabha, there is one (1) MP. The geographical area of Meghalaya is 22,429 sq.km. In Arunachal Pradesh there are 60 Assembly segments. In the Lok Sabha there are 2 MP's and in the Rajya Sabha there is one MP the geographical area of the Rajya Sabha there is 7 MP's. The geographical area of Assam is 78,438 sq.km. There

are 32 Assembly segments in Sikkim there is one MP in the Lok Sabha and there is one MP in the Rajya Sabha the geographical area of Sikkim is 7,096 sq.km.

The geographical area of Manipur is 8000 sq.miles and the geographical area of Kabow Valley is 7000sq.miles. After Manipur was merged into the Indian Union of October 15, 1949, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru representing the Government of India, as the first gift of Manipur, Kabow Valley was given to Myanmar (Burma) permanently. After Kabow Valley was given away the geographical area of Manipur as 22,356 sq.km is included in the 1988 international year Book. However, in between Rajiv Gandhi and VP Singh of National Front Government by giving 29 sq.km to Myanmar (Burma) as second gift, the present total geographical area of Manipur is 22,327 sq.km.

As the third gift of the Government of India, Atal Bihari Vajpai Jee led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Governments LK Advani and AB Vajpaijee conspired to extend cease fire without territorial limit under Bangkok Declaration in 2001 make arrangements to give away Naga habitated area of Manipur to Nagaland.

It is a know fact that the NDA government carried out Uttaranchal/Uttarkhand from Utter Pradesh, Jarkhand from Bihar and Chhatisgarh from Madhya Pradesh. On the other hand Dr. Manmohan Singh of United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Government created Telangana out of Andhra Pradesh. In spite of leaders of Andhra Pradesh urging not to disintegrate Andhra Pradesh, President Pranab Mukherjee signed and approval was given.

If the Naga inhabited area of India is given to Nagaland by India which gives the message of Peace as well as Nuclear Power Country and non-violence and members of the Non-Alignment movement, taking the opportunity of the weakness of the Manipur State Government as the third gift of Manipur, it will be the epicentre of World War-III is the belief of Manipur Labourer Union.

Whether the Manipur who cannot say anything beginning from the losing of Kabow valley adn 29

sq.km of territorial area can believe the promises made by the Congress - I and the BJP that not an inch of Manipur territory will be given away is a point to be discussed by the people of Manipur.

According to the Report of International year Book 1988, the geographical area of Manipur is 22,356 sq.km. According to report received from Encyclopedia India the geographical area of Manipur is 8,000 sq.mile. If the fact that the area of Kabow Valley is 7,000 sq.mile is true the area of Manipur will be 15,000 sq.mile. In sq.km Manipur 22,356+Kabow Valley 19,561, the total area of Manipur will be 41,918 sq.km. It will be greater than Kerala which has 20 MP's in the Lok Sabha with area of 38,863 sq.km.

Since 1 MP is given to a population of 10 lakhs, whether the numbers of MP's of Kerala which has 3,33,87,677 population and West Bengal which has 9,13,47,736 population will increase 33/34 and 91/92 MP's respectively?

And why is Family planning implemented in Manipur which has only 27,21,756 population with a huge amount?

However, Manipuri Labour Union will start demanding to the Government of India by submitting memorandum that the Number of MP's in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha must be increased to 10 and 4 respectively by giving one MP to every 6 Assembly segments of Manipur.

N.B. Ref No. MLU/241/17 dated 24-01-2017 Statement "12 Council of Ministers must be increased to 18 Council of Ministers" the unskilled Labour charge Rs.255 should be read as Rs. 255. Regarding Ukhrul Rs. 120x2=240 reds as Rs 225 and the deficit amount is Rs. 15. The Labour charge fixed by the Manipur Labour Department in 2014 cannot meet the expense of two square Meals. Note even a rupee is left for tea and Roti. In this condition can people of Ukhrul like to work - it should be read. For the errors committed, Manipuri Labour Union appeals to the people forgive.

## National & International News

### Two Lashkar militants killed in Pulwama encounter

**Srinagar, March 9:** Two alleged Lashkar-e-Toiba militants have been killed in an ongoing encounter in Pulwama district of south Kashmir. The militants killed at the spot, as per the preliminary unconfirmed reports, have been identified as Jehangir Ahmad Ganaie and Muhammad Shafat Shergujri. Police had brought the family members— wife and son—of Gujri to the encounter spot to persuade him to surrender. But he refused and vowed to continue to fight.

The encounter started around 7.30am when a joint team of 55 Rashtriya Rifles, the CRPF and the Special Operations Group of J&K police cordoned Padgampora village of Awantipora, around 40 kms from Srinagar.

The government has suspended the Srinagar-Banihal train services as railway tracks pass near the encounter spot. Besides, locals from the nearby villages have started marching towards the encounter site and clashes broke out at several places.

Law and order situation erupting at the encounter sites has emerged as a major problem for government forces, in the wake of this, Army Chief Bipin Rawat stated that the civilian protestors obstructing encounters, would be treated as 'over ground workers of militants' dealt with 'harshly' and army could go 'helter-skelter.' The statement triggered a political controversy and Rawat was criticized both in J&K and Delhi.

According to official figures, 29

Army men, including 15 in snow avalanches and 26 militants have been killed this year, till date. The police figures claim that around 100 locals have joined militant ranks in last year and 59 of them joined after Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani was killed along with his two associates on July 8 last year. More than 60 weapons have been snatched from police and other government forces in 2016.

### Hyderabad intel squad helped MP and UP police apprehend IS suspects and reach Lucknow lair

**New Delhi, March 9:** Were it not for a small group of intelligence experts in Telangana dedicated to tracking individuals and groups inspired by the so-called Islamic State, central agencies and Madhya Pradesh police might still have been scrambling to track down the terrorists behind the Ujjain train blast.

The Telangana unit had been closely scouring the web, following the suspects who were arrested from MP and Uttar Pradesh, as well as Saifullah who was killed by the UPATS in Lucknow, well before they executed their terror plan. The team

missed the actualisation of the terror plans narrowly, defeated by the lag in decoding encryption. "All the inputs regarding identity and location of the radicalised, IS-inspired suspects came from the intelligence-cum-IT experts of Telangana police, which immediately shared these for further action. Unfortunately, though they busted the module, they could not get a sense of its terror plan in real time. This happens sometimes as it is not always possible for intel to immediately decipher the encrypted online conversations," said a senior intelligence officer. But as soon as the blast occurred,

the Hyderabad-based experts were able to pinpoint the location of the suspects based on phone intercepts and online activity, enabling MP and UP cops to nab them swiftly. The intelligence wing of the Telangana police has emerged a pioneer in tracking IS activity regularly inputting the IB and RAW to track radicalised "lone-wolf" operatives as well as modules in touch with foreign-based handlers. This task is being carried out by other state police forces and central agencies too but the Telangana team seems to have become adept at the task.

### Hindu woman axed to death in Pak

**PTI Islamabad, Mar 9:** A Hindu woman has been axed to death by a group of unidentified persons in Pakistan's restive southwestern Balochistan province, a media report said.

Zania Kumari, was attacked yesterday by the group in Baka Kot area of Nasirabad district and escaped after the murder, police was quoted as saying by the Dawn.

The cause of the attack remains unclear and police have registered a case against the killers, the report said.

Jalo Ram, Kumari's brother said his sister was killed for no reason by "influential people" of the area. He appealed to the police to take action against the killers and provide security to his family.