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**All kinds of preparations made to complete the voting process freely and peacefully at**

**6-Agartala and 8-Town Bordowali Assembly constituencies: DM**

Voting will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 in the bye-elections to 6-Agartala and 8-Town Bordowali Assembly constituencies. All kinds of preparations have been made so that the voters can exercise their franchise freely and peacefully. District Election Officer and West Tripura District Magistrate Debapriya Bardhan said this at a press conference held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2022. S.P J Reddy of West Tripura, Shailesh Yadav, Returning Officer of 6-Agartala Assembly constituency and Asim Saha, Returning Officer of 8-Town Bordowali Assembly constituency were present at the press conference held at the conference hall of the District Magistrate's Office. They called on the voters to cast their votes without fear.

District Magistrate Debapriya Bardhan told at the press conference that there are 55 polling stations and 51,639 voters in the 6-Agartala assembly constituency. There are 56 polling stations and 46,583 voters in 8-Town Bordowali Assembly constituency. He said the votes had already been casted for voters over the age of 80, particularly abled and covid positive by postal ballot. Referring to the law and order situation in these two centres, the district magistrate said that the law and order situation is being monitored regularly. CAPF Jawans are patrolling in different places.

The district magistrate said webcasting would be done at each polling station during polling day. Videography will be done and micro observers will be provided for each polling station. CAPF will be present at every polling station for security. Two model polling stations have been set up in each of the two assembly constituencies. Model booths in 6-Agartala Assembly constituency are 6/23 Maitri Bharati J.B School and 6/24 Middle Boys South West Booth. The model booths at 8-Town Bordowali Assembly Constituency are 8/1 Ramnagar Girls High School, West and 8/2 Ramnagar Girls High School, North-West. Polling stations run by women voters have been set up in two assembly constituencies i.e. 6, 1 and 2 booths in 6-Agartala assembly constituency and 8, 1 and 2 booths in 8-town Bordowali assembly constituency. The district magistrate said that the 6-Agartala assembly constituency has been divided into 8 sectors and the 8-town Bordowali assembly constituency has been divided into 7 sectors to strengthen security. Each sector has a sector magistrate and a police sector officer.

Already in these two assembly constituencies from 5 pm of 21<sup>st</sup> June till 5 am of 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 section 144 has been imposed. Agartala Municipal area has been declared dry day from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 26<sup>th</sup> June. The district magistrate said adequate security measures and various measures have been taken to ensure free and peaceful voting.

West Tripura District Superintendent of Police J Reddy elaborated on the security arrangements. He said there were 12 companies of CAPF and state police, for the election. Besides, there are also TSR jawans. Central security personnel will be present in each polling station. He said there are 111 polling stations in the two assembly constituencies. Of these, 17 polling stations have been identified as sensitive. Returning officers of these two constituencies also discussed preparations for the polls.

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