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54% turnout in Bihar Phase 2

Byelections to 28 seats in Madhya Pradesh Assembly see 69.93% polling

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The Election Commission said on Tuesday that the tentative turnout in phase two of the Bihar Assembly election and byelections to 28 seats in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly was 54.64% and 69.93% respectively.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday evening, EC Secretary-General Umesh Sinha thanked voters for casting their ballots despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

With phase one polling on October 28, Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) in charge of Bihar Chandra Bhushan Kumar said that 165 out of the 243 constituencies had been covered in the two phases. There had been 420 model code of conduct (MCC) violations in phase two, he said.

Seizure of cash and other illegal items had more than doubled from ₹23.81 crore in the 2015 Bihar Assembly election to ₹65.22 crore as on

Lukewarm interest

Bihar recorded only 54.64% voter turnout in the second phase as of 10.30 p.m. The State had registered a 55.68% turnout in the first phase on October 28



Tuesday morning, he said.

In the byelections to 54 seats in various States, the authorities had made seizures of a total of ₹30 crore. Madhya Pradesh accounted for seizures of ₹28.42 crore, DEC Sudeep Jain added.

In Madhya Pradesh, there had been 1,137 MCC violations, for which FIRs were filed in 447 cases, Mr. Jain said. One case of paid news had also been reported in

HIGH TURNOUT

Constituency	Turnout
Chanpatia	63.6
Maner	61.8
Kanti	61.4
Baruraj	61.2
Madhubani	61
District	
Muzaffarpur	59.9
West Champaran	59.7
Begusarai	58.8
Sitamarhi	57.4
East Champaran	56.7

LOW TURNOUT

Constituency	Turnout
Digha	34.5
Bankipur	35.9
Kumhrar	36.4
Bhagalpur	42.5
Biharsharif	46.1
District	
Patna	48.2
Nalanda	51
Siwan	51.8
Darbhangha	54.1
Saran	54.1

Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Jain said polling was peaceful in the State but for an incident of firing near a polling station in Morena, boycott by voters of two stations in Shivpuri district and smashing of the control unit of an EVM in Bhind district.

Of the EVMs deployed in Bihar, the replacement rate was 0.36% of ballot units, 0.37% of control units and 1.31% of VVPAT. In the bye-

lections in 10 States, 0.4% of ballot units, 0.37% of control units and 1.8% of VVPATs were replaced, Mr. Jain said.

Turnout in bypolls in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh byelections was estimated to be 77.25%, 58.66%, 68%, 62.51%, 57.04%, 88.14%, 69.02%, 82.60% and 53.71% respectively.