

Meet on Assam-Arunachal border row



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Objecting the move of the Arunachal Pradesh government to establish polling station in border areas falling within the jurisdiction of Assam for the panchayat elections in the neighbouring state scheduled on May 16, the Sivasagar district administration has demanded immediate relocation of the polling stations proposed to set up under the district's area.

Jatindra Lahkar, Deputy Commissioner, Sivasagar after discussing the issue with Deputy Commissioner of Longding district of Arunachal Pradesh Shilpa Shindey in a meeting held in Sivasagar on Friday, informed the media that Supreme Court of India in a judgment passed in 2002 barred the state govt's from setting up of any new polling station on disputed areas after 1991.

In the meeting the Sivasagar DC requested his counterpart Shindey to abide by the apex court order and informed that as per the court's directives Arunachal Pradesh could not establish any polling station in Hassirussa and Ranglua Basti falling under Charaideo sub-division of Assam.

The DC Longding assured the Sivasagar district administration that the matter will be examined and appropriate steps will be taken.

Highlighting the role of Peace Committees in maintaining peace and tranquility as well as law & order in border areas, the Sivasagar DC expressed the view that frequent meeting between the Border magistrates should be held to solve the border problems.

The DC, Sivasagar also focused on the ecological impact caused by the blockage of Guzarating Channel from Arunachal side and requested the Longding administration to take steps to clear the blockage.

The Longding DC clarifying the issue stated that the blockage of the channel could be the handiwork of some local people and suggested that meeting of the Border Magistrates with the local people should be held to solve the matter.

The DC, Sivasagar also stated that concrete pillars were erected in the Indian Reserve Battalion Camp at Naharani Basti falling under Assam by Arunachal Pradesh and demanded its immediate removal. On this, the DC and SP Longding claimed that no such activity has been taken up by the Arunachal govt. and no money for that purpose has been allocated by the Arunachal govt.

The Deputy Commissioners of the both the district in the meeting also reiterated the importance of peace and harmony in border areas and pledged to work in close tandem.

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