

Udalguri DC Transferred Ahead of Lok Sabha Polls



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Udalguri: In a move seen as part of the Election Commission's efforts to ensure impartiality during the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, Udalguri Deputy Commissioner (DC) and District Election Officer (DEO) Dr. Sadnek Singh was transferred on Tuesday.

An order signed by Jadav Saikia, Secretary to the Government of Assam's Personnel (A) Department, reassigned Dr. Singh as Additional Secretary to the Government of Assam's Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

Replacing Dr. Singh is IAS officer Javir Rahul Suresh, who previously served as Joint Secretary to the Government of Assam's Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department and held the additional charge of Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary and Director Dairy Development Assam.

The order mandated both officers to assume their new positions immediately.

Sources indicate that various quarters, including political parties, had approached the Election Commission (ECI) accusing Dr. Singh of high-handedness, bias, and misuse of his authority.

A press statement issued by the ECI stated that the transfers are part of the commission's regular review process. The decisions were made following a meeting attended by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.



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PRESS NOTE

Commission transfers 8 DMs and 12 SPs in five states

The Election Commission of India (ECI) today has issued transfer orders for District Magistrates (DM), Superintendent of Police (SP) and DIG/IG rank officers in five states namely Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. The decision was taken as part of the regular review by the Commission during a meeting chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioners Shri Gyanesh Kumar and Shri Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

The officials transferred are as follows:

1. **Assam :** DM of Udalgiri
2. **Bihar:**
 - a. DM and SP of Bhojpur district
 - b. DM and SP of Nawada district
3. **Jharkhand:**
 - a. SP Deoghar
 - b. Directed to fill up vacant posts of SP(Rural) Ranchi, DIG Palamu, IG Dumka and send panel of officials
4. **Odisha:**
 - a. DM of Cuttack & Jagatsinghpur
 - b. SP of Angul, Behrampur, Khurda, Rourkela;
 - c. DCP Cuttack & IG Central
5. **Andhra Pradesh:**
 - a. DM of Krishna, Ananthpuramu, Tirupati districts
 - b. SP of Prakasham, Palnadu, Chittoor, Ananthpuramu, Nellore districts
 - c. IGP Guntur Range

Under the directive, all the transferred officials have been asked to hand over the charge to their immediate junior officer and these officers will not be assigned any election duty till completion of the General Elections 2024. The respective state governments have been directed to send a panel of names of IAS and IPS officers to the Commission.

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