Voters annoyed at political mud slinging

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Electioneering in 8 Mangaldai HPC has not been hotting up as majority of the common voters are seen quite indifferent to election activities of the various political parties. According to a few voters living in the villages of various LACs under 8 Mangaldai HPC, candidates of all the political parties have only been busy with their own party workers and media personals. They hardly find time for meeting common voters, what according to them could pose serious problems to all the candidates. The opening of election offices at various places in the HPC, witnessed very low attendance of common voters.At most of the places, less than one hundred people, mostly party workers were seen present on the occasion opening of party election offices.

In 2004 LS polls there had been 12,9839 voters in 8 Mangaldai HPC; but in 2009, the total number of voters has increased to 14,14938.2,05099 new voters will exercise their franchise in the ensuing LS polls to be held on April 16 and 23.As per the revised voters lists, there would be 17,921 D voters in Mangaldai HPC. Out of total 1514 polling stations (including I no voters centre),12 have been identified as hypersensitive;303 as very sensitive;505 sensitive and 693 as normal polling stations. The number of service voters would be 1980.The LAC wise voters number, as per 2009 are – (Total numbers of polling stations in bracket)as follow.Kamalpur-1,40958 (149) Rangia 1,51329, (159);Nalbari 1,58572,(168);Paneri 1,19373,(130);Udalguri 1,22063, (135);Mazbat1,13893,(199);Kalaigaon1,36903,(144);Sipajhar 1,43100, (157);Mangaldai 1,75920,(164);Dalgaon 1,52827,(171).As per the results of the 2004 LS polls Congress had won 2 LACs,AGP 2,BPF 4 and IND 2 (1 joined congress and 1 CPM).

Political uncertainty, extremists activities and absence of candidates with clean image have been some of the reasons for voters unwilling to take interest in the election activities so far, as said a few of the voters of various LACs. According to them congress has suffered a serious set back, when their allies BPF had decided to field Dina Nath Das as its candidate. Informed sources also said that congress was unlikely to get support of Bodo voters. The plus point for congress would be the possible support of a few religious minority voters who had earlier supported AUDF. AUDF likely to draw support from majority of Assamese Muslim voters ,because of its candidate Badiuj Zaman. But sad thing for AUDF is that they would unlikely to get support in BTAD areas. On the other hand Ramen Deka of BJP has been keeping a very low profile in some of the LACs. He will not enjoy much support among Bodo voters this time. More over, Assamese Muslim community who had been stern supporters of AGP would keep a distance from BJP for known reasons and would support AUDF for the first time. ABSU’s declaration to remain neutral would effect BPPF’s propect. BPF on the other hand has been working very hard out side BTAD with its non Bodo candidate Dina Nath Das. But it would be difficult to predict anything right now; but BPF and AUDF likely to pose tough time for congress candidate Madhab Rajbangshi.

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