

PRESS HANDOUT

- **Date of Election:** 15.04.2023 (Saturday)
- **Timing :** 10.00A.M. to 5.00.P.M
- **Election held in 167 Polling Booths throughout the State**
- **Hon'ble High Court is kind enough to allow the Judicial Officers to act as Polling Officers as well as declared holiday on 15.04.2023 (Saturday) for High Court and Subordinate Courts.**
- **Logistics:-**
 - Ballot Box, Ballot Papers with other necessary election materials have already been delivered to the respective Polling Officers throughout the State.**
- **Total No. Voters:- 34908 are expected to exercise their franchise.**
- **It is a preferential voting system and numbers of members to be elected are 25.**
- **A voter is to exercise minimum 5 preferences failing which the Ballot may be rejected. A voter can exercise as many as 25 preferences.**
- **In Cuttack 7399 advocates and in Bhubaneswar 4145 advocates are likely to participate in the election. Considering the number of advocates, Police Administration have been requested to make necessary arrangement so that during election either civilians in general and advocates in particular are not caught in traffic jam.**
- **Appeal**
 - Advocates are requested to adhere to the instruction while casting their votes. Instruction have already been send to the Bar Associations repeatedly. More particularly the advocates are requested not to carry Mobile Phone, Camera and Electronic Gadgets inside the Polling booths & canvassing inside Polling Booth is an offence.**

(Sri Prafulla Kumar Rath)
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Asst. Returning Officer

(Sri Basudev Pujari)
Advocate
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(Sri Justice Pramath Patnaik)
Former Judge, Orissa High Court,
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