

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 285

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019/ KARTIKA 28, 1941 (SAKA)  
ELECTIONS FOR BLOCK DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

285. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether election for Block Development Council (BDC) to elect Chairperson was held recently in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these chairpersons of BDC are elected by Sarpanches and Panches of the respective blocks;
- (d) if so, whether it is a fact that vacancies in Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir are more than 50 per cent and even in some districts, 90 per cent BDC voters are missing;
- (e) if so, the rationale behind holding elections without voters; and
- (f) the district-wise outcome of the vote and steps taken to fill the vacant posts of BDC voters?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) : As per the information furnished by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, elections were held on 24th of October, 2019 in the erstwhile State of J&K for 307 positions (out of 316 positions) of Chairpersons of Block Development Councils (BDCs) in accordance with the provisions of the J&K Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act, 1989. The District/Block-wise details of the elected Chairpersons of the Block Development Councils are available in

[http://www.ceojammukashmir.nic.in/pdf/BDC\\_2019/winner.pdf](http://www.ceojammukashmir.nic.in/pdf/BDC_2019/winner.pdf).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): No Sir, The filled positions in the electorate for Block Development Councils is 67.4%, except in the Pulwama district. In order to strengthen the grass root level democracy, implementation of Schemes transferred to the PRIs, ensuring the people-centric planning and involving the people of rural areas in the decision making, it became imperative to conduct the elections to the 2nd tier i.e. Chairpersons of the BDCs for constitution of the Block Development Councils.

(f): The district-wise details of voter turnout are given in Annexure. The Govt. of J&K has intimated about requesting the Election Authority for initiating the process for holding of the elections to the vacancies of Panch(s)/ Sarpanch (S).

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## VOTERS TURNOUT

S.No.	District	Votes Polled (Close of Poll)
1.	Anantnag	90.5
2.	Bandipora	97.6
3.	Baramulla	97.1
4.	Budgam	94.9
5.	Doda	99.2
6.	Ganderbal	95.1
7.	Jammu	99.5
8.	Kargil	98.3
9.	Kathua	99.4
10.	Kishtwar	99.5
11.	Kulgam	93.9
12.	Kupwara	95.9
13..	Leh	97.3
14.	Poonch	99.3
15.	Pulwama	86.2
16.	Rajouri	99.5
17.	Ramban	99.2
18.	Reasi	99.7
19.	Samba	99.6
20.	Shopian	85.3
21.	Srinagar	100.0
22.	Udhampur	99.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>98.3</b>

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