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TN, Kerala & Karnataka officials discuss co-ordination of LS polls, other issues

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Top officials of the police and other departments from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka met at the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) on Tuesday evening and held discussions on inter-state coordination during the ensuing Lok Sabha elections and to evolve mechanisms and strategies to tackle the Maoists threat and related challenges.

A. Saravana Sunder, Coimbatore range DIG, presided over the meeting. Top officials of the prohibition, excise and forest departments of the three states took part in the meeting.

Sources said that apart from smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha elections, they discussed various issues including efforts to check movement of contrabands across the state borders, coordination among the neighbouring districts and pending

NBWs. It was decided to strengthen the check-posts, to intensify patrolling to prevent smuggling of liquor, to initiate a special drive to execute the pending NBWs, and to keep a tight vigil on the movement of illegal arms and explosives and the movement of anti-national elements.

The meeting also focused on evolving new strategies to effectively control the Maoist threat along the jungle fringes in the tri-state borders.

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GK Vasan's plea for bicycle symbol: EC told to respond

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court (MHC) directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to respond to the petition preferred by Tamil Maanila Congress Moopanar (TMC-M) president GK Vasan, claiming the bicycle symbol for the upcoming general election.

A division bench comprising Justice R Mahadevan and Justice Mohammed Shaffiq heard the petition and directed the counsel appearing for ECI to get instructions and posted the matter to February 23 (Friday) for further submission.

GK Vasan filed a petition in MHC seeking to direct the ECI to allot the bicycle symbol for the 2024 general election.

The petition stated that a representation was made by him before the ECI on February 6, claiming the bicycle symbol, however, Vasan moved the MHC as the election

may be announced at any time. In 1996 the ECI allotted the bicycle symbol to TMC (M) when it was led by GK Moopanar for contesting the election. Subsequently, the ECI recognized TMC (M) after its victory in the 1996 election.

After the demise of Moopanar, TMC (M) was taken over by his son Vasan and later it was merged with the Indian National Congress (INC), in 2002.

Later, Vasan parted away from INC in 2014 and approached the ECI seeking bicycle symbol again, however, his request was rejected as the bicycle is a reserved symbol.

After the intervention of MHC, in 2019 the ECI agreed to allot the bicycle symbol if TMC (M) contested in two seats. However, in the 2019 election TMC (M) was given only one seat in the NDA alliance, hence, Vasan was not availed of the bicycle symbol.



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TMC moves Madras HC for allotment of bicycle symbol

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Chennai: Tamil Manila Congress (TMC) has moved Madras high court for a direction to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to allocate the bicycle symbol to the party for the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Admitting the plea on Wednesday, a division bench of Justice R Mahadevan and Justice Mohammed Shaffiq directed the ECI to file its counter to the plea by Feb 23.

According to GK Vasan, president of the party, he had made a representation to the ECI to allot bicycle symbol for his party for the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Since the ECI has not responded so far, and the elections are likely to be announced soon, he has moved the high court.

In 2019, Vasan moved the high court and secured a conditional order that the ECI should allocate the bicycle symbol to Tamil Manila Congress if it contests in more than two parliamentary seats.

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