

## Regional Consultation on Electoral and Political Reforms – Eastern Region

Date & Venue: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017; Ramakrishna Mission Institute, Golpark, Kolkata

### AGENDA

**08:45 – 09:15: Registration** – (Turiyananda Hall)

#### Welcome Address

09:15 – 09:30	Welcome Address	<b>Shri Chittotosh Mukherjee</b> (Former Chief Justice of Kolkata & Mumbai High Court)
	Introductory remarks	<b>Swami Suparnandaji Maharaj</b> , Secretary, RKM, Golpark

#### Session 1: Electoral Reforms

	Chairperson	Shri Chittotosh Mukherjee
09:30 – 11:30	Electoral malpractices and its concerns	<b>Dr. Amiya K. Samanta</b> (Former DGP, Govt. of West Bengal), <b>Maj. Gen. Anil Verma</b> (Head, ADR/NEW), <b>Prof D M Diwakar</b> (Prof & HOD, Division of Economics, A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Bihar)
	First-Past-the-Post – is it representative enough?	<b>Shri Saugata Roy</b> (Lok Sabha MP & Former Union Minister of State for Urban Development), <b>Prof Surya Narayan Misra</b> (Former Prof and HOD, Political Science Dept. Utkal University, Odisha)
	Rejuvenating “Gram Sansad” – a step towards functional democracy?	<b>Dr. Ujjaini Halim</b> (Coordinator, West Bengal Election Watch), <b>Prof. Bhupen Sarmah</b> , (Director, Omeo Kr. Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Assam)
Questions		

#### Session 2: Political Reforms

	Chairperson	Dr. Buddhadeb Ghosh (Former Director, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development)
11:30– 13:30	Electoral Bonds and increasing opacity – what next?	<b>Shri Manoj Bhattacharya</b> (Senior Member – Revolutionary Socialist Party), <b>Shri. Supriyo Bhattacharya</b> (General Secretary, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha party), <b>Shri Dileep Chandan</b> (Editor – Asam Bani, Assam)
	Possibility of scrutiny of financial statements of political parties	<b>Shri. Panchanan Kanungo</b> (Former Finance Minister, Odisha), <b>Shri Sneathish Sur</b> (Senior Journalist -Doordarshan Kendra), <b>Shri Gautam Mukherjee</b> (Member – West Bengal Election Watch)
Questions		

#### Lunch

**13:30 – 14:00: Lunch**

**Press Conference - Press Club**

	Panel Members	Dr Ujjaini Halim, Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd)
16:00 – 17:00	Report to be released	1. Analysis of assets and liabilities of National Parties – FY 2004-05 to 2015-16 2. Press Release: Issues discussed during the Regional Consultation
	Discussion	Interactive session with the media

**RSVP:** Lakshmi Sriram: 99108 07423/ Anirudh Dutta Gupta- 96505 00996/ Dr. Ujjaini Halim – 98302 99326  
E: [adr@adrindia.org](mailto:adr@adrindia.org)