

NNF President Elect-2018 Election Update – 28/02/2018

Dear Friends,

As you are aware, NNF is in the midst of an Election process to fill the vacant post of the President Elect-2018 as per the election schedule notified on 22nd December, 2017. A very unfortunate event has hit the election process wherein **948 ballots have gone missing** during despatch by Speed post. **Cheating, Forgery, Criminal breach of trust & Misappropriation of funds has occurred for which we have lodged a police complaint** & matter is under investigation.

This came to our notice on 15th of February & we called an urgent O.B meeting on 16th February. Seeing the gravity of situation, it was decided to hold an emergency Governing Body meeting on 18th February. Election officer proposed that in case 948 ballots are missing, probability of their being misused cannot be ruled out & in such a situation, election process cannot be carried forward. Governing Body deliberated at length & both the candidates were also heard.

Police complaint giving details of the episode has already been put up on the website. Police action is awaited as the matter is still under investigation. Under the circumstances, we are not going ahead with Election Process and have simultaneously initiated process of holding **RE-POLL**.

Keeping sentiments of large section of membership in view, we are seriously exploring the possibility of incorporating **E-Voting in Re-Poll**. It has been approved in Governing Body Meeting on 23rd February that efforts will be made to have E- Voting for all those members whose data is verified and Postal Ballots for those members whose data is not verified.

Further development in the matter shall be updated.

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