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Welcome to the Learning Module for SP

Session 3: Vulnerability Mapping & Critical Polling Stations (PSs)

Overview of the Session

Sr. No	Learning Objectives	Sr. No	Sub Learning Objectives
3	To be able to work in close coordination with district administration in carrying out vulnerability mapping	3.1	To be able to define the concept of Vulnerability Mapping
		3.2	To be able to carry out vulnerability mapping

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Sub Learning Objective 1

To be able to define the concept of Vulnerability Mapping

What is Vulnerability Mapping (VM)?

Vulnerability as defined
by ECI

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graph TD; A["Vulnerability as defined by ECI"] --> B["Susceptibility of any voter or section of voters, whether or not living in a geographically identifiable area"]; A --> C["to be fully prevented from or influenced upon in relation to the exercise of his right to vote in a free and fair manner"]; A --> D["through intimidation or use of undue influence or force of any kind on him/her"];
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Sub Learning Objective 2

To be able to carry out vulnerability mapping

General Steps to be taken for Vulnerability Mapping

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To clearly identify, in advance, such voters or sections of voters, who are likely to be “vulnerable”

To identify the persons or other factors causing such vulnerability and

To plan and take adequate corrective action and required Confidence Building Measures (CBM) well in advance on the basis of such identification.

Identification of vulnerable areas/segments/villages/hamlets

The first stage in the exercise of Vulnerability Mapping - visit of every area jointly by Sector Officer and HC/ASI/Police Officer decided by RO and SDPO

Visit every locality/pocket in sector, discuss with local people, collect intelligence, enlist the vulnerable households and families, as well as the persons and factors causing such vulnerability

During the exercise they consider past incidents and current apprehensions

Identification of the persons causing vulnerability

This exercise of identifying the persons responsible for vulnerability and trouble makers polling station wise with the name of village, hamlet, address, and so on.



This work has to be done by maintaining complete confidentiality of the informers/source, if so desired.



Action against the persons responsible for causing vulnerability

The DEO and the S.P. hold a joint review and shall finalize a focused action plan.

Take action against trouble mongers under appropriate section of the law as per requirements for Confidence Building (CB).

Confiscation of arms, preventive detention, externment, bonds for good behaviour.

Placement of police pickets.

Regular confidence building visits etc

Action against the persons responsible for causing vulnerability

DEO and SP initiate all preventive measures to ensure that intimidation/obstruction do not really happen on the poll day

All such steps shall be neutral and unbiased

Names of contact persons from within the vulnerable groups their contact numbers / mobile numbers, if any, shall be noted down.

For tracking the individual trouble mongers and for ensuring that the troublemakers are kept under watch, (mentioned above)

Action against the persons responsible for causing vulnerability

Incidences of EPIC snatching and purchasing of Vulnerable Voters by any means be stopped by proper action.

DEO/SP shall initiate confidence-building measures for free and fair poll.

DEO/SP shall undertake joint visits, to such locations and meet the communities and explain the arrangements made for the free and fair poll.

Confidence building visits by other officers such as Joint visits by SDM/DySP; Tehsildar/PI in a focused manner.

Action against the persons responsible for causing vulnerability

Joint patrolling by civil and police authorities starting from TEN days before the poll to TWO days before the poll and finalize the Force Deployment Plan from inputs.

The DEO/RO shall interact with the candidates and the representatives of the political parties to gather regular feedback.

Regular feedback on the subject may also be obtained from the District Intelligence(L.I.B.).

Accountability and Confidentiality

The Commission directs that accountability of various civil and police officials for Vulnerability Mapping and follow up at every stage shall be clearly defined with reference to each polling station/constituency.

Severe disciplinary action will be initiated in case of dereliction of duty on the part of any police/civil officials in this matter.

Accountability and Confidentiality

It is advised not to conduct any kind of press conference or to furnish any type of details relating to...

- Vulnerability Mapping, Vulnerable areas, hamlets, troublemakers etc.
- or not to upload in public domain any type of details relating to deployment of security forces during any election.
- Appropriate instructions to field machineries may be given in this regard.

Any information to media about vulnerability, if required would be given only by the Commission or by the Chief Electoral Officers on instructions of the Commission.

Timeline of VM activities

Sr. no.	Activity	Time-limit
1	Collection and compilation of parameters as per Annexure-I in each AC by DEO	6 months before the election
2	Updating basic information by DEO/RO (as per Annexure-I)	Before handling over to SO
3	Appointment of SO and PSO (police sector officers)	About 4-6 months before the election
4	Appointment of Designated Police Officer at Police Station Level	About 4-6 months before the election
5	Training SO and Designated Police Officers and handling over basic information of the AC to the SO by DEO/RO	About 2-4 months before the election

Sr. no.	Activity	Time-limit
6	Making Law and Order portal of the State functional	4 months prior to election
7	Identification of vulnerable areas, persons causing vulnerabilities etc.	After the issue of press note by the commission and before the issue of the gazette notification
8	Identification of the persons causing such vulnerability	Within 5 days of the issue of gazette notification
9	Submission of all VM reports in formats	Within 3 days of the announcement of elections
10	Compilation of all the SO reports by RO and submission to DEO	Within 5 days of the announcement of elections
11	Compilation of all the RO reports by DEO and submission to CEO	Within 7 days of the announcement of elections

Sr. no.	Activity	Time-limit
12	Certificate of the NO vulnerable village/area in AC by DEO to CEO	Within 7 days of announcement of the elections
13	Compilation of VM reports of all the DEOs and submission to ECI by CEO	Within 10 days of the announcement of elections
14	Action against the persons responsible for causing vulnerability	At least 5 days prior to poll
15	Plan and execute joint CBM visits by DySP/PI etc	2 Weeks prior to the poll day
16	Street vigil and monitoring of Vulnerable areas by Observers/SO/RO/SP etc	On poll day

Thank You

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