

## **Congress fears misuse of official machinery**

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October 21 -- The **Congress today** alleged that the ruling BJP would blatantly misuse power and government machinery during the last two days of electioneering for the Dharamsala and Pachhad assembly byelections.

In a statement issued **today** by **Congress** war room, political secretary, Hari Krishan Himral said they had received reports of government employees being pressurized to campaign in favour of the BJP candidate or face dire consequences. They were also facing threats of being transferred to remote areas after the byelection.

He also said that there were chances that the BJP would try to lure the voters as its leaders were worried about losing both these seats at the hand of **Congress** candidates. All MLAs, senior **Congress** leaders and workers have done door-to-door campaigning in support of the **Congress** candidates.

He added that the **Congress** did not receive any dissidence while distribution of tickets and afterwards for the byelections. He claimed that their aggressive campaigning had unnerved the BJP.

Himral also added that amidst such apprehensions state **Congress** president Kuldeep Rathore had again submitted a memorandum to the state Electoral Officer, complaining of violation of model code of conduct by BJP ministers Mahinder Singh, Virender Kanwar, Vipin Parmar and Speaker Rajeev Bindal during the last two days of electioneering to lure voters by adopting illegal and unfair means.

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