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ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN

(Ensuring Free, Fair & Democratic Elections & Referendums)



ECB/NOTIF-01/2018/705





Dated: 16th of September 2018

NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Declaration of the Results of the Third Parliamentary Elections 2018:
Primary Round of the National Assembly**

The Election Commission of Bhutan has the honour, under Section 442 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, to hereby declare the results of the Primary Round of Elections to the National Assembly 2018 with the Poll Day on 15th of September 2018.

The total votes received by the four contesting Political Parties are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Political Party	Election Symbol	Registered Voters			Total Votes Received		
			Male	Female	Total	EVM Votes	Postal Votes	Total Votes
1	Bhutan Kuen-Nyam Party		214,113	224,550	438,663	18,064	10,409	28,473
2	Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa					55,166	37,556	92,722
3	Druk Phuensum Tshogpa					53,108	36,912	90,020
4	People's Democratic Party					56,180	23,703	79,883
TOTAL						182,518	108,580	291,098

The Overall Voter Turnout was **66.36 %** with a total of **291,098** voters having cast their votes out of the total of **438,663** Registered Voters. Of the total votes cast, **182,518** votes were cast in person on the Electronic Voting Machines in the **865** polling stations and **108,580** votes through Postal Ballots.

Further details of the Final Results are available on the Election Commission's web page <http://results.ecb.bt/NAPR2018>.

The Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa, secured a total of **92,722** votes which is the *highest* number of valid votes received by a Party and the Druk Phuensum Tshogpa, secured a total of **90,020** Votes, the *second highest* number of valid votes received.

Accordingly, the Election Commission invites the **Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa** and **Druk Phuensum Tshogpa** to formally nominate one Candidate each to contest the General Elections in the 47 National Assembly *Demkhongs* as per the Laws.

Bhutan Kuen-Nyam Party, Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa, Druk Phuensum Tshogpa and People's Democratic Party must file the Returns of Election Expenses of the Primary Round to the concerned Dzongkhag Electoral Office or directly to the Public Election Fund Division within thirty days of declaration of the Results of Primary Round of election i.e. by 16th of October 2018 in the prescribed Form (**Public Election Fund Form No. 7D**).

The **Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa** and **Druk Phuensum Tshogpa**, contesting the General Election shall continue to report and submit weekly Election Expenses verified by respective Observers. The campaign fund for General Election shall be released as per schedule only upon fulfillment of the weekly reporting requirement. These two parties and candidates shall thereafter file the Election Returns separately for the Primary Round and General Election, as required under the laws, within 30 days of the declaration of General Election Results i.e. by 19th of November 2018.

Issued on the 7th Day of the 8th Month of the Earth Dog Year corresponding to 16th of September 2018.

Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan