BJP wants PM rallies in boycott areas

State Unit makes request to PMO

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Jammu, Nov 20: Banking mainly on poll boycott and support of Kashmiri Pandit voters to open its maiden account in the Valley during the upcoming assembly elections, the State Unit of the BhartiyaJanata Party (BJP) has proposed to hold three rallies of the Prime Minister NarendraModi in areas where the migrant voters can play a decisive role in the backdrop of election boycott.

"The state unit of the party has sent a formal request to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) requesting therein to hold three rallies of the Prime Minister in Srinagar, Anantnag and Baramulla," a senior party leader told Greater Kashmir.

He said, "Some of the seats in these areas like Amirakadal, Habbakadal, Sopore and Rafiabad have substantial number of KP voters who can play a decisive role in the overall result."

Some of these constituencies have 3000 KP migrant voters, some 5000, while some have a little more, he added.

"These areas are also affected by poll boycott call," he said. "More voter turnout in the valley may affect our prospects up to a certain extent," he admitted.

Meanwhile party spokesman and in-charge, Kashmir unit, Ramesh Arora, confirmed that the party has sent a request to the PMO for holding three rallies by the PM in 'boycott areas'.

"The party is reaching out to the KP migrant voters in Jammu, Delhi and in other areas to mobilize them and ensure their maximum participation during the upcoming assembly polls in the state," BJP general secretary (Organisation), Ashok Koul told Greater Kashmir.

As per official figures, over 4.5 percent KP migrant voters have increased since the recent LokSabha elections. The number of migrant voters which was around 88802 in the just-concluded Parliamentary elections has risen to around 92,934 till October, the data reveals.

Meanwhile, Arora said the party will also be demanding from the concerned authorities to allow the families of secretariat employees to cast their vote in Jammu.

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