

## **The Deputy Election Commissioners of India review issues Related to Observers for the forthcoming Lok Sabha Polls**

**Jammu, February 18:** The Deputy Election Commissioners of India, Sh. R. Balakarishnan and Sh. J. P. Prakash reviewed the issues related to appointment of working of Observers during the forthcoming Lok Sabha Polls through a Video Conferencing Session with the Chief Electoral Officers of various states and Union Territories including Jammu and Kashmir. The Video Conferencing was held between the Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi and the respective State Units of National Informatics Center (NIC). From J&K, Sh. B.R. Sharma, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer; Sh. Saleem Khan, Principal Systems Analyst (NIC) and Sh. Harcharan Singh, KAS, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer participated.



**Video Conferencing between the Election Commission and the Chief Electoral Officers in progress**

The Commission's decision regarding the numbers and designated headquarters of the Observers during the elections was conveyed. Sh. Balakrishnan also informed that a web portal had been designed for use by the Observers allowing them to interact with the Commission in a secure environment. Thus, unlike in the past, all the Observers would be online from their respective areas of jurisdiction and interchange all information online.



**The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Sh. B. R. Sharma interacting with the Deputy Election Commissioners of India through Video Conferencing**