3 PDP workers hurt in stone pelting

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Srinagar, Mar 19: Three workers of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP) were injured in stone pelting at the party's convention in Chawalgam village of Kulgam district in South Kashmir today while in Srinagar the party started its poll campaign by holding workers meeting at party headquarters.

Three workers of the PDP were injured in minor stone pelting incident at Dak Bungalow in Kulgam. Senior PDP leader and Minister for Rural Development Haq Khan was also present at the convention. The injured were shifted to District Hospital Kulgam for treatment.

The PDP today launched its poll campaign in Srinagar by holding a meeting of its senior leaders, Zonal presidents and senior workers at party headquarters.

Those present in the meeting include senior party leaders, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, Education Minister, who is also election incharge of the Parliamentary constituency; Naeem Akhtar, PWD Minister; Ghulam Nabi Lone, Agriculture Minister; general secretaries Nizamudin Bhat and Qazi Mohammad Afzal; Asiya Naqash, MoS Health; Khurshid Aalam, MLC; Noor Mohammad Sheikh, MLA; Saifudin Bhat, MLC; Bashir Ahmad Mir, Muntazir Mohi-ud-Din and Zonal presidents of all 15 constituencies.

The leaders held NC and Congress responsible for political instability and people's sufferings. They accused the NC and Congress of alienating political parties like Jammat-e-Islamia, Peoples Conference, Awami Action Committee and others who were once part of the election process.

They said that the two parties should be held accountable for this political error which has ever since left trail of destruction behind and the State continues to reel under violence and instability

The party's candidate for by-polls from Srinagar Parliamentary constituency, Nazir Ahmad Khan said that the PDP deserves chance and support to take the course correction to its logical conclusion. He said the emergence of the PDP was a historical necessity and the "destructive forces" like NC and Congress have become jittery and are bent upon continuing the uncertainty which they have historically thrived upon.

Khan said the PDP represents the aspirations of the common masses and once voted to Parliament he will become voice to people's needs and demands. "It is only PDP that has the potential and capability to clear the mess created by NC and Congress over the years," he said.

He made a fervent appeal for the people's love and support which he said was important to take the State out of the present morass.

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