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The Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) informed that all stakeholders should conduct targeted public voter education drives for minorities and multilingual voter education programmes to ensure that all voters receive information in an equal and proper manner.

From ANFREL's point of view there should be a concerted, long-term and sustainable effort conducted involving the Election Commission, the civil society, academic institutions and the media to explain the optional preferential system, so that voters can fully understand and express their voting rights. These recommendations concerning voter awareness were made in the ANFREL International Election Observation Mission Report titled 'The 2019 Sri Lankan Presidential Election: A Deepening Political Divide.'