



STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA

ELECTION REPORT

2015-2016

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Chapter :1

INTRODUCTION

India is comprised of myriads of tiny democracies in villages endearingly known as Gram Panchayats. They have been in existence since ages and perhaps are the oldest democracies of Indian Sub-continent. However, they assumed special significance in modern India when 73rd/74th Constitutional amendments were enacted. These legislations not only empowered them but also widened their dimensions of functioning. These days they are intensively and extensively involved in grass root planning, development and decision making. Credit goes to Britishers to institutionalize the local-self governance in 1869 when District Local Fund in Bombay was created. Subsequently Lord Ripon established Local Self Governments in the year 1882 by constituting District Local Boards and Councils in Maharashtra and Vidarbh. Panchayats were first constituted as elected bodies by enactment of Bombay Village Panchayat Act, 1920. Under the Act, adult male villagers used to elect members.

After independence, efforts were made to institutionalise the system of Local Self Governments in India. A number of laws were enacted after re-organization of States. Attempts were also made in 1958 to introduce new ways of settling disputes quickly and expeditiously via Lok Adalats. However, the Panchayati Raj System did not prove very effective until 1992 when 73rd/74th constitutional amendment were enacted which provided for devolution of powers and brought responsibilities of the Panchayats for preparation of economic development plan and social justice, as well as for implementation in relation to 29 subjects listed in 11th Schedule of the Constitution.

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Chapter:2

LOCAL SELF GOVERNANCE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH:

Panchayati Raj system in Himachal Pradesh was established in 1954 under the provisions of HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1952. Prior to formation of Himachal Pradesh, there was no regular Panchayat System under any legislation in any of the States. However, beginning was made in the year 1949 by enforcing Punjab Village Panchayat Act of 1939 in Himachal. As a result 132 Panchayats were established in the state. This Act remained enforced till 31st July, 1953.

In the areas forming Bilaspur District, Sirmour, Lahaul Spiti, Kullu, Kangra etc. some regularly established form of Panchayati Raj was in operation even before 1949. Similarly in Sirmour State, before independence, the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1939 was already in force. In Bilaspur State (erstwhile a princely state) between 1947 to 1954, there were Halqua and Pargana (a block level unit of administration) councils having a Pradhan and Up-Pradhan and a Secretary. The Pargana councils more or less performed those very functions which are now-a-days being performed by the Panchayat Samitis. The Pargana councils hardly functioned for about one year and thereafter the Punjab Panchayat Act, 1939 was extended to Bilaspur State (1950). Before independence, other than the princely States of Bilaspur and Sirmour, Lahaul Spiti had Panchayats. In the princely State of Sirmour, these Panchayats were already working.

In any case, in many areas of present Himachal Pradesh, traditional Panchayats were in operation. In some, the Punjab Village Panchayat Act of 1939 had already been introduced and Panchayats were successfully functioning. The Punjab Village Panchayat Act of 1939 was the first statute in some areas of present Himachal Pradesh, which established the strong foundations of Panchayati Raj when in 1952, the state passed its own Panchayati Raj legislation.

The Punjab Village Panchayat Act, 1939 remained in force till 31st July, 1953. With a view to bring working of Panchayats in accord with the local conditions and growing aspirations of the people for democratization at the village level, the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act was passed in 1952 by the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha.

Gram Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh were established in the year 1952 for the first time, in a regular fashion under Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1952. At the same time, at block level, Block Development Advisory Committee were established. The system of Panchayat Raj as established in Himachal Pradesh contained most of the progressive measures which have now become the demand of the day under the slogan 'Decentralized Democracy'. The Village Panchayats have been recognized as the basic and real unit of village administration. The three- tier system

envisaged by Balwant Rai Mehta Committee has already been provided in the Panchayat system of this Pradesh. The village Panchayat, the Tehsil Panchayat and the Zila Panchayat were the names now given to Village Panchayat, Block Panchayat and Zila Parishad under the new pattern of democratic decentralization advocated by Balwant Rai Mehta Committee. Himachal took bold step to provide reservation of seats for women, scheduled caste and scheduled tribes on the principle of adult suffrage before most of the progressive states took this decision. The principle of the separation of the executive from judiciary has been fully established under the Himachal Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act and a separate organization of Nyaya Panchayats has been formed.

In 1956 the principal Act was amended and some important provisions, namely constitution of Samjhauta Samitis, reduction in number of Gram Panchayat members and selection of Panches in place of nomination were made.

The first term of the Gram Panchayats expired in the year 1957. The second elections to the village Panchayats were held during the year 1957-58, and as a result, 497 Panchayats were established in the Pradesh upto the 31st March, 1959 i. e. 160 in Mahasu, 116 in Mandi, 73 in Sirmour, 40 in Bilaspur and 108 in Chamba District.

There has been further increase in the number of Panchayats due to the re-organization of Panchayat Circles in Chini Tehsil of Mahasu District and Tehsils Chamba, Bhattiyat and Sub Tehsil Bharmour of Chamba District. The number of Gram Panchayat Circles in Sub Tehsil Pangi were increased from 4 to 10 and in the case of Churah Tehsil, the number of Panchayat Circles were increased from 25 to 39. The total number of Panchayat Circles were thus increased from 497 to 517.

In 1958 Nyaya Panchayat Circles were established in Himachal Pradesh viz. 160 Nyaya Panchayat Circles in Mahasu District, 116 in Mandi District, 73 in Sirmour District, 40 in Bilaspur District and 79 in Chamba District. Thus the total Nyaya Panchayat Circles in the state were 468. Election of Panches to Nyaya Panchayats were completed all over the Pradesh except in Tehsil Churah and Sub Tehsil Pangi of Chamba District where re-organisation of Panchayat Circles was still incomplete. Election of Sarpanches and Naib Sarpanches had also been completed in most of the Nyaya Panchayat Circles.

The financial position of Panchayats was not very sound as they had no source of income except the grant-in-aid given to them and the income accruing by way of local rate. Local rate used to levied at the rate of 20% of the Land Revenue and credited to the Tehsil Fund and further re-allocated by the Tehsil Panchayat amongst the constituent Gram Panchayats. The income on account of local rate was not sufficient to enable the Panchayats to meet their expenditure. It had, therefore, been the policy of the Administration to give Government grants to Panchayats for meeting their expenditure.

II. Panchayati Raj Institutions in H.P. between 1947 and Balwant Rai Mehta Committee Report, 1957.

Under the HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1952, the principle of election on adult suffrage was accepted and Gram Panchayats were established in whole of the Pradesh one in each Patwar-circle. Thus by 1954 the number of Panchayats came to be established 426 covering the total number of 13,606 villages in each of the four districts.

Sr. No.	Name of District	Number of Panchayats	Number of Villages covered.
1.	Mahasu	152	3208
2.	Mandi	116	4946
3.	Chamba	85	4476
4.	Sirmour	73	973
Total:		426	13606

It was significant that under the new Act, a three-tier Panchayati Raj System was introduced. There were 26 Tehsil Panchayats and three Zila Panchayats. The Tehsil as well as Zila Panchayats were established through indirect election.

The Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1952 was repealed when a new Panchayati Raj Act was passed in 1968 which provided a uniform statute for the old areas of Himachal Pradesh as well as those transferred areas where the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952 and the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961 was in force.

The Balwant Rai Mehta Committee Report had little impact on the Panchayati Raj Act of Himachal Pradesh, as three-tier institutions were already functioning in the State. The amended Act of 1968 too, does not lead us very far, so far as the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee report is concerned. It is significant to note that co-option of women, scheduled castes on Gram Panchayats of the State and the provision of indirect election of primary members of Panchayat Samitis was already a feature of PRI's in H.P.

The Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1968 remained enforced in the State till the implementation of 73rd amendment to the Constitution of India. Thereafter the State Legislature passed the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. This Act is enforced in the State w.e.f. 23-04-1994 till date.

Chapter:3

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

After the enactment of 73rd amendment to the Constitution of India the State Election Commission was constituted under Articles 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution of India for the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls for, and the conduct of all elections to the Panchayats and the Municipalities in the State. The State Election Commission, Himachal Pradesh came into existence on 23rd April,1994. The State Election Commissioner was appointed by the Governor of Himachal Pradesh under clause (1) of Article 243K of the Constitution of India. The tenure of the State Election Commissioner is for a period of five years from the date he assumes charge.

Initially the Government, as per Notification No. PCH-HA(4)1/94 dated 17th December, 1994 have conferred on the State Election Commissioner the salary equal to that of the Judge of the High Court. But the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide its notification No. PCH-HA(4)1/94-26710-838 dated 20th May,2016 has repealed the conditions of service notified in1994 and has made "the State Election Commissioner (conditions of service) Rules,2016." As per new conditions of service the State Election Commissioner has been granted the status equal to the Judge of the High Court. The Commissioner is entitled to get salary, allowances and post retirement benefits as admissible to the Judge of the High Court

Shri B.C.Negi was the first State Election Commissioner. He assumed charge on the 25th April,1994 and completed his term of office on 24.04.1999. Then, Sh. K.C.Sharma took charge as the Election Commissioner on 03/06/1999 and continued upto the 02/06/2004. Mrs. Rajender Bhattacharya was then appointed as the State Election Commissioner and she assumed charge on 4th September, 2004. She completed her tenure on 3rd September, 2009. Shri Dev Swarup then took over the charge as State Election Commissioner on the 4th September, 2009 and completed his tenure on 3rd September, 2014. Shri T.G.Negi, assumed the charge of the post of the State Election Commissioner on 04th September,2014 but he resigned from this post on 30th June,2016 . After the resignation of Sh. T.G Negi , Sh. Parthasarathi Mitra assumed the charge of the post of the State Election Commissioner on 1st July,2016.

Chapter:4

PREVIOUS ELECTIONS TO PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

1. GENERAL ELECTIONS, 1995:-

The first General Elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State was conducted by the Commission during December, 1995. There were 2922 Gram Panchayats, 72 Panchayat Samities and 12 Zila Parishad comprising of 2922 Pradhan, 2922 Up-Pradhan, 18264 ward members, 1661 Panchayat Samiti Members and 252 Zila Parishad Members in the State. The Commission notified elections programme on 20/11/1995. The nominations were filed on 1st, 2nd and 4th December, 1995, scrutiny was undertaken on 5th December, 1995 and withdrawal of nominations was fixed for 7th December, 1995 and polling was held in three phases i.e. on 18th, 20th and 22nd December, 1995 between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The counting in respect of Gram Panchayats was undertaken immediately after the polling at Gram Panchayat Headquarters and results were declared after the counting was over. Whereas counting in respect of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad Members was undertaken on 23rd and 24th December, 1995 and the result was declared on the same day.

2. GENERAL ELECTIONS, 2000

The Second General Elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions was conducted in the year 2000, in three phases. There were 3037 Gram Panchayats, 75 Panchayat Samities and 12 Zila Parishads comprising of 3037 Pradhan, 3037 Up-Pradhan, 18547 ward members, 1658 Panchayat Samiti Members and 251 Zila Parishad Members in the State. The Commission notified election programme 06/11/2000. The nominations were filed on 27, 28 and 29th November, 2000, scrutiny was undertaken on 30th November, 2000 and withdrawal of nominations was fixed for 2nd December, 2000 and polling was held in three phases i.e. on 13th, 15th and 17nd December, 2000 between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The counting in respect of Gram Panchayats was undertaken immediately after the polling at Gram Panchayat H.Q. and results were declared after the counting was over. Whereas counting in respect of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad Members was undertaken on 18th and 19th December, 2000 and the result was declared on the same day.

3. GENERAL ELECTIONS, 2005.

The Third General Elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions was conducted by the Commission during December,2005. There were 3243 Gram Panchayats, 75 Panchayat Samities and 12 Zila Parishads comprising of 3243 Pradhan, 1676 Panchayat Samiti Members and 251 Zila Parishad Members in the State.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh vide Act No 17 of 2005 amended section 8 of the Panchayati Raj Act,1994 and provided that the Up-Pradhan shall not be elected directly by the electors. The Government further inserted Rule 84-A in the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Election Rules,1994 and provided that the Up-Pradhan of the Gram Panchayat shall be elected from amongst the elected members. Therefore, during the elections conducted in the year 2005 the Up-Pradhans were not elected directly by the Commission. But, this provision was again reversed by the Government vide Act No 10 of 2008 and during the general elections conducted in 2010 the Up-Pradhans of Gram Panchayats were again elected directly by the Commission.

The Commission notified election programme on 21/11/2005. The nominations were filed on 1st, 2nd and 3rd December,2005 scrutiny was undertaken on 5th December,2005 and withdrawal of nominations was fixed for 7th December,2005 and polling was held in three phases i.e. on 18th, 20th and 22nd December, 2005 between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The counting in respect of Gram Panchayats was undertaken immediately after the polling at Gram Panchayat Headquarters and results were declared on the same day after the counting was over. Whereas counting in respect of Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad s Members was undertaken on 23rd and 24th December,2005 and the result was declared on the same day.

4. GENERAL ELECTIONS, 2010.

The Fourth General Election to the Panchayati Raj Institutions was conducted by the Commission during December,2010. There were 3243 Gram Panchayats, 75 Panchayat Samities and 12 Zila Parishads comprising of 3243 Pradhan, 3243 Up-Pradhan, 19413 Members,1681 Panchayat Samiti Members and 251 Zila Parishad Members in the State. The Commission notified election programme on 29/11/2010. The nominations were filed on 10th, 13th and 14th December,2010 scrutiny was undertaken on 15th December,2010 and withdrawal of nominations was fixed for 18th December,2010 and polling was held in three phases i.e. on 28th, 30th December, 2010 and 1st January, 2011 between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The counting in respect of Gram Panchayats was undertaken immediately after the polling at Gram Panchayat Headquarters and results were declared after the counting was over. Whereas counting in respect of Panchayat

Samiti and Zila Parishad Members was undertaken on 4th January,2011 and the result was declared on the same day.

Chapter-5

DELIMITATION AND RESERVATION OF WARDS

Delimitation of constituencies of Panchayati Raj Institutions has been provided under Section of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. This whole process is done by the Panchayati Raj Department through respective Deputy Commissioners. The procedure for delimitation of constituencies has been prescribed under Rule 3 to 11 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994. Any elector aggrieved by the order of the Deputy Commissioner may file an appeal to the Divisional Commissioner under Rule 10 of the Rule ibid.

In the general elections 2010, there were 3243 Gram Panchayats in the State and due to creation of four new Nagar Panchayats, one Municipal Council and one Municipal Corporation, some of the Gram Sabha area was merged in the newly created Nagar Panchayats/Municipal Council /Municipal Corporation resulting in to reduction in the number of Gram Panchayats which remain 3226.

The Reservation of seats in all the three tiers of Panchayati Raj system is done under Rule 28 of the Rule ibid. Before every election to a Panchayat the Deputy Commissioner or any other officer authorized by him, in accordance with the provision of section 8, 78 and 89 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 reserve the constituencies for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Women in a Panchayat area and determines their rotation. In every Panchayat the population of general category, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Women are worked out constituency-wise and the percentage of SC and ST and Women in relation to the population of the Constituency is to be determined for the purpose of making reservation. If the total population of SC or ST in a Panchayat area is less than five percent of the total population of the Panchayat area, then no constituency is to be reserved.

The Constituencies reserved for SC and ST and Women belonging to general category on the basis of percentage of population is to be rotated after every five years from the date of first election. Any constituency for a particular category shall not be repeated unless all other constituencies are covered rotation. A copy of the final delimitation and reservation order made by the Deputy Commissioner or any other Officer authorized by him in this behalf is caused to be delivered immediately to the State Election Commission by the State Government under Rule 29 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994.

However, there is no reservation provided for the post of Up-Pradhan. There is also no reservation for Other Backward Classes for the post of Members of Gram Panchayats.

The District wise delimitation and reservation of wards of Panchayats/Panchayat Samities /Zila Parishad is appended below:-

PERFORMA-I

DISTRICT WISE INFORMATION OF TOTAL NUMBER OF GRAM PANCHAYATS/PANCHAYAT SAMITI/ZILA PARISHAD IN THE STATE AND OFFICE BEARERS.

Sr. No.	District	Number of Panchayats	No. of office bearers					Remarks, if any.
			Pradhan	Up - Pradhan	Members G.P.	Members P.S.	Members Z.P.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Bilaspur	151	151	151	1081	97	14	
2.	Chamba	283	283	283	1697	136	18	
3.	Hamirpur	229	229	229	1377	125	18	
4.	Kangra	748	748	748	4682	363	55	
5.	Kinnaur	65	65	65	355	45	10	
6.	Kullu	204	204	204	1310	103	14	
7.	Lahaul-Spiti	41	41	41	207	30	10	
8.	Mandi	469	469	469	3003	241	36	
9.	Shimla	363	363	363	2159	181	24	
10.	Sirmour	228	228	228	1504	120	17	
11	Solan	211	211	211	1443	118	17	
12	Una	234	234	234	1532	114	17	
	Total:	3226	3226	3226	20350	1673	250	

PERFORMA-II

DETAIL OF RESERVATION OF PRADHAN IN THE STATE

Sr. No.	District	Detail of reservation									Remarks, if any.
		SC	SCW	ST	STW	OBC	OBCW	Women	Open	Total	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Bilaspur	19	21	1	2	2	4	50	52	151	
2	Chamba	27	29	44	48	2	3	64	66	283	
3	Hamirpur	26	29	0	0	11	11	76	76	229	
4	Kangra	79	86	17	18	52	60	214	222	748	
5	Kinnaur	0	0	32	33	0	0	0	0	65	
6	Kullu	29	31	1	2	0	0	69	72	204	
7	Lahaul-Spiti	-	-	20	21	-	-	-	-	41	
8	Mandi	66	72	-	-	6	9	156	160	469	
9	Shimla	50	56	-	-	2	4	123	128	363	
10	Sirmour	36	40	1	2	7	10	63	69	228	
10	Solan	32	35	4	4	3	3	65	65	211	
11	Una	26	27	-	-	17	18	73	73	234	
	Total:	390	426	120	130	102	122	953	983	3226	

PERFORMA-III

DETAIL OF RESERVATION OF MEMBERS OF PANCHAYAT SAMITI IN THE STATE

Sr. No.	District	Detail of reservation									Remarks, if any.
		SC	SC W	ST	STW	OBC	OBC W	Women	Open	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Bilaspur	12	13	1	1	2	2	34	32	97	
2	Chamba	11	16	23	25	1	1	28	31	136	
3	Hamirpur	15	16	0	0	4	8	41	41	125	
4	Kangra	36	43	7	10	23	31	102	111	363	
5	Kinnaur	6	9	15	15	0	0	0	0	45	

6	Kullu	14	17	1	1	0	0	36	34	103	
7.	Lahaul-Spiti	1	1	13	12			2	1	30	
8	Mandi	33	39	-	-	4	5	79	81	241	
9	Shimla	24	28	-	-	-	2	64	63	181	
10	Sirmour	18	22	1	1	4	6	33	35	120	
11	Solan	17	20	2	3	2	2	36	36	118	
12	Una	11	14	-	1	7	10	33	38	114	
	Total	198	238	63	69	47	67	488	503	1673	

Proforma-IV

DETAIL OF RESERVATION OF MEMBERS OF ZILA PARISHAD IN THE STATE

Sr. No.	District	Detail of reservation									Remarks, if any.
		SC	SC W	ST	STW	OBC	OBCW	Women	Open	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Bilaspur	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	5	14	
2	Chamba	2	2	2	3	0	0	4	5	18	
3	Hamirpur	2	2	0	0	1	1	6	6	18	
4	Kangra	6	6	1	2	4	4	16	16	55	
5	Kinnaur	1	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	10	
6	Kullu	2	2	0	0	0	0	5	5	14	
7.	Lahaul-Spiti		1	5	4	-	-	-	-	10	
7	Mandi	5	6	-	-	1	1	11	12	36	
8	Shimla	3	4	-	-	-	-	8	9	24	
9	Sirmour	2	3	-	-	1	1	5	5	17	
10	Solan	2	3	0	1	0	0	5	6	17	
11	Una	2	2	-	-	1	2	5	5	17	
	Total:	29	35	12	13	8	10	69	74	250	

Proforma-V

Detail of reservations for Gram Panchayat Members

Sr. No.	District	Detail of reservation									Remarks, if any.
		SC	SCW	ST	STW	OBC	OBCW	Women	Open	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Bilaspur	102	184	6	22	0	0	410	357	1081	
2	Chamba	107	252	188	302	0	0	436	412	1697	
3	Hamirpur	101	233	0	3	0	0	567	473	1377	
4	Kangra	299	724	58	177	-	-	1804	1620	4682	
5	Kinnaur	23	54	122	156	0	0	0	0	355	
6	Kullu	138	233	5	34	0	0	490	410	1310	
7.	Lahaul-Spiti							-	-	207	
7	Mandi	309	569	2	29	-	-	1140	954	3003	
8	Shimla	214	411	0	8	0	0	845	681	2159	
9	Sirmour	187	295	9	19	-	-	551	443	1504	
10	Solan	175	276	22	45	-	-	505	420	1443	
11	Una	116	227	6	11	-	-	643	538	1532	
	Total:	1771	3458	418	806			7391	6308	20143	

ELECTION SYMBOLS:-

The State Election Commission in exercise of its powers under Article 243 K of the Constitution of India, Section (1) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 34 of Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Elections) Rules, 1994, notified the Election Symbols for the allotment to candidates for elections to Panchayats defined under Section 2(26) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act (**copy of which is annexed as “Annexure VIII”**) and in exercise to powers vested in it under Article 243 –ZA of the Constitution of India and section 281 of the H.P Municipal Act 1994, read with Rule 37b of Himachal Pradesh Municipal election Rules 2015, the Commission specified the symbols for allotment to candidates in the elections to Municipal Council and Nagar Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh (**copy of which is annexed as ‘Annexure IX’**).

POLLING STATION :-

The District Election Officer , with the approval of the State Election Commission has to provide sufficient number of polling stations for every Panchayat , Municipality and Municipal Corporation within his jurisdiction and shall publish the list of Polling Stations.

The district wise details of Sensitive and Hyper-Sensitive polling stations are shown in the table:

S.No	District Name	Sensitive Polling Stations			Hyper Sensitive Polling Stations		
		01/01/2016	03/01/2016	05/01/2016	01/01/2016	03/01/2016	05/01/2016
1	Bilaspur	13	22	16	24	14	23
2	Chamba	32	40	28	18	6	8
3	Hamirpur	148	47	45	69	16	45
4	Kinnaur	43	20	17	7	12	27
5	Kullu	15	20	16	9	4	6
6	Mandi	180	158	147	51	37	33
7	Shimla	54	56	57	35	24	25
8	Solan	46	92	47	52	41	77
9	Sirmaur	141	169	455	38	8	77
10	Una	16	18	18	16	09	08
	Total	688	642	846	319	171	329

S.No	District Name	Sensitive Polling Stations		Hyper Sensitive Polling Stations	
		10/01/2016	12/01/2016	10/01/2016	12/01/2016
1	Kangra	193	148	114	80

Chapter-6

ELECTORAL ROLLS:-

The Electoral Roll is a basic document for the conduct of elections, therefore, in order to prepare Electoral Roll the Commission procured the database of Election Commission of India from the Chief electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh. This data was processed in the Commission and mapping with respect to the Section master in order to provide State Code, District Code, Block Code, Panchayat Code. After codification this data was provided to NIC, Himachal Pradesh for generation of working copies of Draft Electoral Roll.

The State Election Commission notified detailed instruction for preparation of Draft Electoral Rolls of the Panchayati Raj Institutions on 10th April, 2015. As per these guidelines the data entry work and integration of data of the ECI with the Electoral Roll data of State Election Commission was to be started w.e.f. 18th May, 2015 and the same had to be completed by the end of May, 2015. The work of integration was completed by the District Election Officers in almost all the District by the Government continued the process for re-organization of Gram Sabha Circle and Urban Local Bodies even after the integration of data. Subsequently, the Commission issued instructions vide its letter dated 21st August, 2015 to transfer to electors as per new Re-organization of Gram Sabha Circle and fresh delimitation of Wards. The Commission fixed 30th August, 2015 as last date for transfer of electors. Even after 30th August, 2015 the Government continued the re-organization process of PRIs and ULBs and the same came to an end on 9th October, 2015 after the enforcement of clause 12 – “Organizational Status quo” of the Model Code of Conduct. But the Department of Panchayati Raj and Urban Development Department vide their letters dated 2nd November, 2015 requested the Commission to give prospective effect to the said notification so that Re-organization done at the government level in case of Municipalities and Gram Sabha could stand judicial scrutiny before the Hon’ble High Court in various writ petitions.

Accordingly, the Commission considered the request the Government and decided to amend the clause 12 of the Model Code of Conduct vide its notification dated 2nd November, 2015, copy of which is **(annexed at Annexure-VI)**

Thereafter the Commission on 3rd November, 2015 notified the programme for the preparation of Electoral Rolls and fixed final publication of Electoral Rolls **on 22nd December, 2015, copy of which is (annexed as Annexure-VII) .**

The work of updation of Electoral Rolls through Electoral Roll Management System was successfully accomplished, as it was a massive exercise from allocating ward No. to the electors enrolled during the year 2016 with 01.01.2016 as qualifying date, shifting of electors to the newly

created Municipality or Municipal Corporation in accordance with the section masters due to delimitation process and merging/mapping of the Panchayat area to the Nagar/Municipality/Corporation thereof. It was a gigantic exercise and was extensively carried out at District /Block and Panchayat level under the supervision of state Election Commission through ERMS Software.

The total No. of Electors in the state were as under:-

Sr. No.	District	Male	Female	Total
1.	Bilaspur	1,44,093	1,39,527	2,83,620
2.	Chamba	1,79,984	1,73,183	3,53,167
3.	Hamirpur	1,77,017	1,82,331	3,59,348
4.	Kullu	1,49,574	1,42,514	2,92,088
5.	Kinnaur	27,342	26,319	53,661
6.	Mandi	3,68,032	3,66,459	7,34,492
7.	Shimla	2,82,970	2,62,001	5,44,972
8.	Solan	1,81,317	1,67,659	3,48,977
9.	Sirmour	1,73,383	1,53,878	3,27,261
10.	Una	1,94,271	1,86,001	3,80,272
11.	Kangra	5,67,515	5,55,561	11,23,076
12.	Lahaul-Spiti	12,115	12,263	24,378
	Grand Total	24,57,613	23,67,696	48,25,309

Chapter-7

5. GENERAL ELECTIONS, 2015-16

A Civil writ petition No 7989 of 2010 titled as Shanta Kumari Vs State of Himachal Pradesh was filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh with the prayer that elections to all wards of Zila Parishad Chamba be held simultaneously in one go . There were 18 Wards of Zila Parishad in District Chamba and elections to 17 wards were conducted in the year 2010 and elections to Killar Ward on account of bad weather and the area being snow bound was conducted only in June,2012. It was brought to the notice of Hon'ble High Court that this has been the practice earlier also. Consequently, the member elected from the Killar ward did never get an opportunity to participate in the election to the post of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

While disposing off the said petition Hon'ble High Court issued directions to the State Election Commission to ensure that general elections to Killar ward of Zila Parishad Chamba are conducted well in advance when the weather is good but the counting shall be made only along with the counting of the votes of other wards. Hon'ble High Court also directed to consider all such cases where there was likelihood of this situation being repeated .

Accordingly, the State Election Commission decided to conduct the General Elections of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Development Block Bharmour and Zila Parishad ward Pangi of District Chamba, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayats falling under Development |Block Kaza , District Lahaul Spiti early in the first stage.

First Stage:-

As discussed above, the Commission, in pursuance to the directions passed by the Hon'ble High Court issued the election programme for the conduct of elections of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Development Block Bharmour and Zila Parishad ward Pangi of District Chamba, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayats falling under Development Block Kaza , District Lahaul Spiti vide its notification No SEC 16-70/2014 - 3888-3968 dated 28th October,2015 in single phase, copy of which is annexed as Annexure "5-A".

In the first stage election held on 26/11/2015 following No. of office bearers were elected :

Elections Conducted on 26.11.2015					
Sr. No.	Name of Office	Bharmour	Pangi	Kaza	Total
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1.	Pradhan	29	-	13	42
2.	Up-Pradhan	29	-	13	42
3.	GP Members	163	-	67	230
4.	PS Members	15	-	15	30
5.	ZP Members	2	1	-	3
		238	1	108	347

Second Stage :-

The election programme for the second stage was notified by the State Election Commission vide its notification No. SEC 16-70/2014-1-6136-6296 dated 5 December,2015, copy of Notification is annexed as annexure "5-B ". This programme was not applicable for District Kangra as the delimitation of Municipal Corporation Dharamshala, Nagar Panchayat Jawali and Nagar Panchayat Baijnath- Paprola was going on and a number of Panchayats were involved in this process.

Sr. No.	Name of Office	No. of Office bearers of PRIs for which elections were conducted on 5.12.2015
1.	Pradhan	2436
2.	Up-Pradhan	2436
3.	GP Members	15438
4.	PS Members	1280
5.	ZP Members	192
		21782

Third Stage:

The election programme for the third stage was notified by the State Election Commission on 15.12.2015 vide notification No. SEC 16-70/2014-I-7102-7173 in respect of Panchayati Raj Institutions of District Kangra and on 18.12.2015 vide Notification No. SEC 13-90/2015-7423-7529 in

respect of 52 Urban Local bodies of the State, Copies of these notifications are annexed as Annexure "5-C and D".

In the third stage held on 10/01/2016 and 12/01/2016 following No. of office bearers were elected :

Sr. No.	Name of Office	No. of Office bearers of PRIs for which elections were conducted on 10.01.2016 and 12.01.2016
1.	Pradhan	748
2.	Up-Pradhan	748
3.	GP Members	4682
4.	PS Members	363
5.	ZP Members	55
		6596

In the third stage held on 10.01.2016 following No. of Office bearers were elected :

Sr.No.	Name of Office	No. of Office bearers of ULBs for which elections were conducted on 10.01.2016
1	Ward Members	446

Fourth Stage:

The election programme for the fourth stage was notified by the State Election Commission on 26.02.2016 vide notification No. SEC -13-6/2015-7220 in respect of Municipal Corporation, Dharmshala copy of which is annexed as Annexure "4-E".

In the Fourth stage held on 28.03.2016 following No. of office bearers were elected :

S.No	Name of Office	No. of Office bearers of Municipal Corporation, Dharamshala for which elections were conducted on 28.03.2016
1	Ward Members	17

For the 5th General Elections to 2015 to the Panchayati Raj Institutions. The total number of Panchayats were 3226 and the elections was held in 3177 Panchayats. The elections to 28 Gram Panchayats of Development Block Keylong, 17 Panchayats of Development Block Pangi were due in June,2016.

The election programme for the 28 Gram Panchayats of Development Block Keylong, 17 Panchayats of Development Block Pangi was notified by the State Election Commission on 20th May,20156 vide notification No. SEC.16-70/2014-1-8680 Copies of these notifications are annexed as Annexure "6-E".

Chapter:6

ELECTION OFFICIALS

DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER:

The State Election Commission vide its Notification No.SEC 16-4/95(Pant.)-1180-1228 dated 1st July,2015 (annexed as Annexure 6–A) and Notification No. SEC 16-70/2014-2124-2294 dated 28.10.2015 (annexed as Annexure 6–B) had appointed Deputy Commissioner in Himachal Pradesh as District Election Officer(Panchayats) for their respective districts and all the District Panchayat Officers(Panchayats) as Assistant District Election Officers for the conduct of elections to PRIs. There is a Deputy Commissioner and an Assistant District Election Officer in each District to assist the District Election Officer (Panchayats). The District Election Officers coordinate and supervise all works in the respective districts or in the area within their jurisdiction in connection with preparation or revision of electoral rolls and the conduct of all elections to Panchayati Raj subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the State Election Commission. The Commission provides funds to meet the election expenditure to the District Election Officer (Panchayats).

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICERS:

As per State Election Commission Notification No SEC(13)-90/2015-4781- 4902 dated 9th Nov,2015 (annexed as Annexure 6-C), the Deputy Commissioner were appointed as Electoral Registration Officers (Municipalities) in respect of their concerned districts to supervise all the works in the respective districts or in the area within their jurisdiction in connection with preparation or revision of electoral rolls and the conduct of all elections to Urban Local Bodies subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the State Election Commission.

RETURNING OFFICERS

The State Election Commission appoints Returning Officer in respect of Municipalities who shall be Officer of Government or of a Local Self Government Institution for every Municipality. It is the general duty of the Returning Officer to do all such things for conducting the elections as provided by the Act and Rules or Orders made there under. For the General Elections 2015, the Commission, as per its Notification No. (13)-90/2015-3776-3883 dated 21st October, 2015 (annexed as Annexure 6–D) appointed the Returning/Assistant Returning Officers in respect of Municipality/Nagar Panchayat for the smooth conduct of elections in respect of Urban Local Bodies in the state .

{PRESIDING OFFICERS}

The District Election Officer appoints Presiding Officer for each polling station and such number of Polling Officers as he thinks necessary for the polling duty in any election to Local Self Government Institutes. It is general duty of Presiding Officer at a polling station to see that the poll is conducted in free, fair and independent manner.

ELECTION OBSERVERS

The State Election Commission appoints adequate number of higher officials of Government as election Observers for observing the Elections of Panchayat or Municipality. The Election Observers shall assist the Commission to ensure a fair and equitable election and shall discharge such other functions as may be entrusted by the Commission. During these elections about 60 officers of Indian Forest Services, Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services and Himachal Pradesh Forest Services were appointed as election observers.

NATIONAL INFORMATICS CENTRE

National Informatics Centre is an organization under the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Government of India in the field of informatics services and information technology application. The State Election Commission has entrusted the NIC, Himachal Pradesh to provide online facilities for the preparation of electoral rolls. The NIC HP developed an application viz. Electoral Roll Management System (ERMS), which was helpful in generating draft electoral roll from the data base of the Election Commission of India. In these electoral rolls the EPIC number along with photographs of more than 90% electors were made available. In order to prepare error free and accurate electoral the NIC, HP tendered full technical support and co-operation in a highly appreciable manner.

Chapter-7

GENERAL ELECTIONS 2015

The State Election Commission was constitutionally bound to conduct the next General Elections to the Local self Government Institutions in the state , before the expiry of the term of the members elected as per the General Election held in 2010. Training to Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and other election related Officers, Photo affixed Electoral rolls, Updation of Electoral Rolls through Electoral Roll Management System were few important tasks undertaken by Commission in the General Elections,2015.

There were 3226 Gram Panchayats, 78 Panchayat Samities and 12 Zila Parishad comprising of 3226 Pradhan, 3226 Up-Pradhan, 20413 Ward Members,1673Panchayat Samiti Members and 250 Zila Parishad Members in the State. The fifth General Elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions was due before 23rd January, 2016 [except Zila Parishad Lahul Sapiti (10Mebers), Panchayatt Samiti Lahul at Keylong (15 Members), Pangi 15(Members) and Sixteen Gram Panchayat of Development Block Pangi, 28 Gram Panchayats of Development Block Lahul four Gram Panchayats of District Kullu viz. Jaban, Namhog of Development Block Anni and Karjan,Suyol of Nagar] . The Commission notified first election programme in respect of Zila Parishad Ward of Pangi in District Chamba and for the conduct of General Elections to PRIs of Development Block Pangi and for Development Block Bharmour of Chamba District and Development Block Spiti at Kaza, District Lahaul & Spiti (Not for ZP Ward) issued on 28/10/2015. The nominations were filed on 7th, 9th and 10th November,2015 scrutiny was undertaken on 12th November,2015 and withdrawal of nominations was fixed for 16th November,2015 and polling was held in one phase i.e. on 26th November,2015, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. The second General Election programme was issued on 5th December, 2015, to conduct the elections to PRIs in the State. The Nominations were filed on 15th, 16th and 17th December, 2015, scrutiny was undertaken on 18th December,2015 and polling was held in three phases i.e. 1st January, 2016, 3rd January,2016 and 5th January, 2016. The counting in respect of Gram Panchayats was undertaken immediately after the polling at Gram Panchayat H.Q. and results were declared after the counting was over. Whereas counting in respect of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad Members were undertaken on 7th January, 2016 and the result was declared on the same day.

NOTA (None of the Above) :-

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.161 of 2004 Titled as People'S Union for Civil Liberties and another directed the Election Commission to provide necessary provisions in ballot papers and EVMs for displaying a separate button for "None of the Above" (NOTA), “ उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं” so that the voters who decide not to vote for the any the candidates in the election are able to exercise their right not to vote while maintaining the secrecy. The provision of NOTA for the first time in Himachal Pradesh was incorporated during the by-elections 2014, and was also used in the general elections 2015 .The State Election Commission vide its Notification No.SEC-16-1/2011-I-5042-5176 dated 10th November, 2015 copy of which is (annexed as Annexure VIII) ordered that the option NOTA shall be given in the ballot papers/EVMs in the last column /box after the names of all contesting candidates for the elections to PRIs/Municipalities. The applicability of NOTA was successfully accomplished across the state and about 0.67% of votes were polled for NOTA.

The District and Block wise breakup of votes polled for NOTA is as under:-

S.No	District	Block	NOTA%
1	Bilaspur	Sadar	0.75
		Jhandutta	0.71
		Ghumarwin	0.94
		Shri Naina Devi Ji	0.48
		Total	0.72%
2	Chamba	Tissa	0.11
		Chamba	0.23
		Mehla	0.41
		Bhattiyat	0.55
		Salooni	0.12
		Bharmour	0.16
		Pangi	-
		Total	0.31%
3	Hamirpur	Hamirpur	0.55
		Bhoranj	0.24
		Bamson	0.58
		Nadaun	0.41
		Bijhari	0.34
		Sujanpur Tihra	0.68
		Total	0.46%
4	Kangra	Baijnath	0.28
		Bharwana	0.93

		Dehra	0.92
		Fatehpur	0.85
		Indora	0.82
		Kangra	0.44
		Lambagaon	0.31
		Nagrota Bagwan	0.81
		Nagrota surian	1.06
		Panchrukhi	0.53
		Pragpur	0.53
		Rait	1.24
		Sullah	3.38
		Dharamsala	1.23
		Nurpur	0.45
		Total	0.91%
5	Kinnaur	Kalpa	1.53
		Pooh	0.57
		Nichar	2.90
		Total	1.67%
6	Kullu	Kullu	0.56
		Naggur	0.12
		Nirmand	0.34
		Banjar	0.259
		Anni	0.66
		Total	0.32%
7	Lahaul \$ spiti	Lahaul	-
		Spiti	-
8.	Mandi	Seraj	0.55
		Gopalpur	0.51
		Chautra	1.01
		Sadar	0.88
		Gohar	0.31
		Karsog	0.54
		Drang	0.65
		Sundernagar	0.80
		Balh	0.22
		Dharampur	0.77
		Total	0.62%
9	Shimla	Basantpur	0.56
		Chauhara	0.27
		Chopal	1.01
		Jubbal \$ Kothkhai	0.88
		Mashobra	0.55
		Nankhari	0.15
		Narkanda	0.32

		Rampur	0.24
		Rohru	0.24
		Theog	0.51
		Total	0.47%
10	Sirmour	Nahan	
		Poanta sahib	0.15
		Shilli	0.22
		Pachhad	0.51
		Sangrah	0.28
		Rajgarh	0.54
		Total	0.34%
11	Solan	Solan	0.48
		Kunihar	0.55
		Nalagarh	0.52
		Kandaghat	1.14
		Dharampur	0.46
		Total	0.63%
12	Una	Amb	1.046
		Bangana	1.04
		Gagret	0.54
		Haroli	1.01
		Una	0.88
		Total	0.90%
		State Total	0.67%

ANNEXURES

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
HIMACHAL PRADESH

No. SEC. 16-4/95 (Pant.)-

Dated Shimla-2, the 1st July, 1995.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers vested in him under Section 160 (1) of Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 2 (1) (C) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994 the State Election Commission hereby appoints all the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh as District Election Officer (Panchayats) for their respective Districts for the conduct of elections to Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishad in Himachal Pradesh.

By Order
(D.C.Chandel)
Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst No. SEC. 16-4/95-(Pant.)-1180-1228 Dated, Shimla-2, the 1st July, 1995.

Copy to:

1. All the Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Director, Panchayati Raj Department, Shimla, HP.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners in H.P.
5. All the District Panchayat Officers in H.P.
6. The Controller, Printing & Stationery Department, H.P. Shimla-5, for printing in the Rajpatra (Extra Ordinary). He is also requested to send 5 copies of Rajpatra to this Office.

sd/-
Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh

ANNEXURE-II



राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश

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No.SEC. 16-70/2014-

Dated the

28.10. 2015

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243-K of the Constitution of India, Section 160 of the H.P.Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 2 (c) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994, the State Election Commission hereby appoints all the District Panchayat Officers in respect of their Districts as Assistant District Election Officers (Panchayats).

However, all the action of the Assistant District Election Officers shall be subject to the approval of District Election Officer (Panchayat)-cum-Deputy Commissioner concerned.

By Order
(T.G.Negi)

State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst.No. SEC-16-70/2014- 2124-2294

Dated, 3rd November, 2014.

Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Principal Secretary (PR) to the Govt. of H.P.
3. The Director-cum-Spl. Secretary (PR) to the Govt. of H.P.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Controller, Printing & Stationary, HP through e-gazette.
7. The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kaza Distt. Lahaul & Spiti.
8. The Resident Commissioner, Pangi Distt. Chamba.
9. All the Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) Himachal Pradesh.
10. All the Block Development Officer, H.P.

Sd/-
Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh

Annexure-III



राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश

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No. SEC-16-36/2001-IV-4781-4902 dated the 9th November, 2015

NOTIFICATION

The State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh in exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, Section 281 of the HP Municipal Act, 1994, read with Rule 2 (1) (l) of the HP Municipal Election Rules, 2015, do hereby appoints all the Deputy Commissioners (except in Tribal Areas) as Electoral Registration Officers for the preparation of electoral rolls in respect of Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats in their jurisdictions.

By Order

State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

No. SEC-16-36/2001-IV-4781-4902 dated the 9th November, 2015
Copy for information is forwarded to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh .
2. The Additional Chief Secretary (UD) Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Director (Urban Development) Government of HP.
4. All the Electoral Registration Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioners Himachal Pradesh with the request to appoint Revising Authorities as required under Rule 21 of the ibid Rules.
5. All the concerned Sub-Divisional Officers.
6. All the Executive Officers / Secretaries Municipalities in HP.
7. Website.
8. Guard File.

(Dr. Ashwani Sharma)

Secretary

State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.



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No. SEC (13) -90/2015-

Dated the

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2015

Notification

In exercise of the powers vested under Section 281 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act 1994, read with Rule 32(2) of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Election Rules 2015, the State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh do hereby appoint the following officers as Returning Officers / Assistant Returning Officers in respect of the Municipalities/ Nagar Panchayats as shown against the Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats in the Districts:-.

Sr.No	Name of the Distt.	Name of the Municipality/Nagar Panchayat.	Returning Officer	Assistant Returning Officer
1.	Shimla	M.C. Rampur	S.D.O (C) Rampur	Tehsildar Rampur
		M.C. Theog	S.D.O (C) Theog	Tehsildar Theog
		M.C. Rohru	S.D.O.(C)Rohru	Tehsildar Rohru
		N.P. Sunni	Tehsildar Sunni	Naib Tehsildar Sunni
		N.P. Jubbal	Tehsildar Jubbal	Naib Tehsildar Jubbal
		N.P. Chopal	Tehsildar Chopal	Naib Tehsildar Chopal
		N.P. Kotkhai	Tehsildar Kotkhai	Naib Tehsildar Kotkhai
		N.P. Narkanda	Tehsildar Kumarsein	NaibTehsildar Kumarsein
2.	Solan	M.C.Solan	S.D.O (C) Solan	Tehsildar Solan
		M.C.Nalagarh	S.D.O (C) Nalagarh	Tehsildar Nalagarh
		M.C.Parwanoo	Tehsildar Kasuli	Naib Tehsildar Kasuli
		M.C.Baddi	Tehsildar Baddi	Tehsildar Baddi Brotiwala,Nalagrah Development Authority
		N.P.Arki	S D O (C) Arki	Tehsildar Arki
3.	Sirmour	M.C.Nahan	S.D.O (C) Nahan	Tehsildar Nahan
		M.C.Paonta	S.D.O (C) Paonta	Tehsildar Paonta
		N.P.Rajgrah	S.D.O (C) Rajgrah	Tehsildar Rajgrah.
4.	Bilaspur	M.C Bilaspur	S.D.O (C) Bilaspur	Tehsildar Bilaspur
		M.C.Shri Naina Devi	Tehsildar Naina Dev Ji at Swarghat	Naib Tehsildar Railway,Bilaspur
		M.C.Ghumarwin	S.D.O.(C) Ghumarwin	Tehsildar Ghumarwin
		N.P.Talai	Tehsildar Jhaudta	Naib Tehsildar Jhaudta
5	Mandi	M.C. Mandi	S.D.O (C) Mandi Sadar	Tehsildar Mandi Sadar
		M.C.Sundernagar	S.D.O (C)	Tehsildar

			Sunderhagar	Sundernagar
		M.C.Nerchowk	Tehsildar Balh	Naib Tehsildar Sunder Nagar
		N.P.Sarkaghat	S.D.O(C).Sarkaghat	Tehsildar Sarkaghat
		N.P.Joginder Nagar	S.D.O (C) Joginder Nagar	Tehsildar Joginder Nagar
		N.P.Rewalsar.	Tehsildar Kotli	Naib Tehsildar Kotli
		N.P.Karsog.	S.D.O (C) Karsog	Tehsildar Karsog
6	Kullu	M.C.Kullu	S.D.O(C) Kullu	Tehsildar Kullu
		M.C.Manali	S.D.O(C) Manali	Tehsildar Manali
		N.P.Bhuntar	A.C Kullu	Tehsildar Bhuntar
		N.P.Banjar	S.D.O (C) Banjar	Tehsildar Banjar
7.	Una	M.C.Una	S.D.O (C) Una	Tehsildar Una
		M.C.Santokhgarh	Tehsildar Haroli	Naib Tehsildar Haroli
		N.P.Daulatpur	Tehsildar Amb	Naib Tehsildar Bangana
		N.P.Gagret	SDO (C) Amb	Naib Tehsildar Amb
		N.P.Mehatpur	S D O (C) Bangana	Tehsildar Bangana
		N.P.Tahaliwal	S D O (C) Haroli	Naib Tehsildar Una
8.	Hamirpur	M.C.Hamirpur	S.D.O (C) Hamirpur	Tehsildar Hamirpur
		M.C.Sujanpur	S.D.O (C) Sujanpur	Tehsildar Sujanpur
		N.P.Nadaun	S.D.O.(C) Nadaun	Tehsildar Nadaun
		N.P.Bhota	S D.O (C) Bhoranj	Tehsildar Bhoranj
9.	Kangra	M.C.Kangra	S.D.O (C) Kangra	Temple officer Kangra
		M.C.Palampur	S.D.O (C) Palampur	Tesildar Palampur
		M.C.Nurpur	S.D.O.(C) Nurpur	Tehsildar Nurpur
		M.C.Nagrota	Tehsildar Kangra	Naib Tehsildar Kangra
		M.C.Dehra	S.D.O (C) Dehra	Tehsildar Dehra
		M.C.Jawalamukhi	S.D.O (C) Jawalamukhi	Tehsildar Jawalamukhi
		N.P.Baijnath Paprola	S.D.O (C) Baijnath	Tehsildar Baijnath
		N.P.Jawali	S.D.O(C) Jawali	Tehsildar Jawali
10	Chamba	M.C.Chamba	S.D.O (C) Chamba	Tehsildar Chamba
		M.C,Dalhouse	S.D.O (C) Dalhouse	Tehsildar Dalhouse
		N.P.Chowari	S.D.O(C) Bhatiyat at Chowari	Tehsildar Bhatiyat at chowari

Above officers shall exercise all the powers vested under the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act 1994 and Municipal (Elections) Rules, 2015 and all other powers enabling in this behalf for the conduct of elections of the Municipalities in the concerned Districts of Himachal Pradesh.

This is issued in supersession of all previous orders issued by the State Election Commission in this behalf

By order
State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

Obv

Endst No SEC (13) 90/2015 Shimla-2 Dated the Oct, 2015.
Copy for information and compliance is forwarded to :-

- 1 All the Deputy Commissioners except tribal areas.
- 2 All the Sub Divisional Officers (Civil) H.P. except tribal areas
- 3 All the Executive Officers/Secretaries/Administrators Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh.

Endst No SEC (13) 90/2015-³⁷⁷⁶⁻³⁸⁸³ Shimla-2 Dated the Oct 2015.
Copy for information forwarded to :-

Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

1. The Secretary to H/E the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2 The Chief Secretary Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. Additional Chief Secretary (Urban Development) to the Govt. of H.P.
4. Additional Chief Secretary -cum- F.C.(Revenue) to the Govt. of H.P.
- 5 All the Divisional Commissioners Himachal Pradesh
- 6 The Director (Urban Development) to the H.P. Shimla-2
- 7 E.Gazettee
- 8 Guard file.

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Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

Annexure -V

TIME BOUND/ELECTION MATTER



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No. SEC.16-29/2000-I- 3517-48

Dated, 9/10/15

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243-K (1), ZA (1) of the Constitution of India, Section 160 (1) of the H.P. Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, Section 281 (1) of the H.P. Municipal Act, 1994 read with first proviso of the clause 2.1 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayats and Municipalities Model Code of Conduct, 2015, the State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh do hereby enforce with immediate effect the following clause of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayats and Municipalities Model Code of Conduct, 2015:-

12- Organisational status quo

- 12.1 *"The structural, classification or area of the Panchayats and Municipalities shall not be altered during a period of one hundred twenty days ending on the date on which the five year term of the said institutions are due to expire, no decision taken earlier shall be implemented during this period".*

All the concerned please ensure strict adherence to above provision.

By order
State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated, 9-10-2015

Endst.No. SEC. 16-29/2000-I-3517-48

Copy to the following for information.

1. The Principal Secretary, His Excellency, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chief Secretary, to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Additional Secretary (UD) to the Govt. of H.P.
4. The Secretary (Panchayati Raj & RD) to the Govt. of H.P.
5. The Director, Panchayati Raj Department, SDA Complex, Kusumapati, Shimla-9.
6. The Director, Urban Development, Department, H.P. Shimla-2.
7. All the Distt. Election Officer (P)-cum-Deputy Commissioner, H.P.
8. All the Assistant Distt. Election Officer (P)-cum-Distt. Panchayat officer, H.P.
9. Guard file.


Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

File. Code of conduct/instructions/2010/

PERSONAL ATTENTION
ELECTION MATTER
TIME BOUND



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No. SEC-16-2/2014- 4550-4660

dated the 3rd November, 2015

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the State Election Commission had issued programme for the preparation of electoral rolls in respect of Panchayats of Himachal Pradesh vide its Notification No. SEC-16-2/2014-3165-3377 dated 1st October, 2015;

And whereas, it was informed by the District Election Officer-cum- Deputy Commissioners Mandi, Kangra and Una that the electoral rolls in some Panchayats could not be prepared due to ongoing reorganization of some Development Blocks and Municipalities.

And whereas, the State Election Commission vide its Notification No. SEC-16-29/2000-I-3517-48 dated 9.10.2015 has enforced clause 12.1 of Clause 12- "Organisational Status Quo" of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayats and Municipalities Model Code of Conduct, 2015;

And whereas, the Department of Panchayati Raj vide its letter No. PCH-HA(1)9/2010 dated 2/11/2015 has brought to the notice of the Commission that the delimitation of constituencies of Panchayats as well as their reservation process is near completion;

Therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243K of the Constitution of India, Section 160 of the HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 12 of the HP Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994, do hereby directs that the electoral rolls in respect of those Panchayats, in

which electoral rolls could not be prepared as per earlier programme issued by this Commission vide its Notification dated 1st October, 2015, shall be undertaken as per programme given below;

1.	Draft publication of electoral rolls	27-11-2015
2.	Period for filing claims and objections before the Revising Authority	28.11.2015 to 7.12.2015
3.	Period for deciding claims and objections by the Revising Authority	Within three days from the filing of claims or objections
4.	Period for filing appeals before the District Election Officer (Panchayats)	Within seven days from the order passed by the Revising Authority
5.	Period for deciding appeals by the District Election Officer (Panchayats)	Within three days from the filing of appeal
6.	Final publication of electoral rolls	On or before 22nd December, 2015

The qualifying date for inclusion of names of eligible electors in the said roll shall be 1.1.2015, as already notified by the Commission vide Notification No. SEC-16-2/2014-437-592 and 601-718 dated 10th April, 2015.

The claims, objections and appeals shall be received and decided even on holidays. Claims and Objections shall not be received from an individual in bulk. After all the claims / objections received during the period have been decided, the District Election Officer (Panchayat) shall cause the draft electoral rolls to be corrected through ERMS software and issue notice of final publication of electoral rolls on Form-15 and finalise in accordance with the orders passed by the Revising Authorities.

As soon as the notice of final publication is issued by the Registration Officer, the intimation of the same may be sent to the Commission immediately through E-mail followed by confirmation by post, so that Commission could provide the data of electoral rolls to the Printer for printing. In all, twenty five sets of electoral rolls in respect of every panchayat shall be printed by the printing firm to be supplied to the respective District Election Officers (Panchayats). These copies shall be used in the ensuing elections.



Any person aggrieved by the orders passed by the Revising Authority may file an appeal to the District Election Officer (Panchayat) within seven days from the date of passing of the orders by the Revising Authority. The District Election Officer (Panchayat) will decide the appeal within three days. After disposing of the appeals, the District Election Officers shall then cause a supplementary voter list to be prepared and added to the main electoral rolls of the concerned constituency. In the case of addition, the serial number to the new electors in the list of the supplementary shall be the next number displayed in the end of main electoral roll. In case there is no addition, deletion and correction, as the case may be, supplement showing Nil shall be prepared and added. The copies of the electoral rolls be made available for sale at the cost of Rs.5/- per page to be paid in cash against receipt. However a person interested in purchasing of electoral roll shall have to purchase full set of electoral rolls of the concerned panchayat.

The supplement shall be prepared in the following format:

Supplementary List- 2015

Name of ZilaParishad Name of Panchayat Samiti
Name of Gram Panchayat Ward Number and Name

ADDITION

Sr. No.	House No.	Name of Voters	Relationship	Male / Female	Age as on 1.1.15	EPIC No.	Photo, if available
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DELETION

Sr. No.	House No.	Name of Voters	Relationship	Male / Female	Age as on 1.1.15	EPIC No.	Photo, if available
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CORRE CTION

Sr. No.	Sr. No. in the Electoral Roll	Required Correction	Present Entry	Corrected Entry
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Since the term of the existing Panchayati Raj Institutions is due to expire on 22nd January, 2016 and the elections to existing Panchayati Raj Institutions has to be completed before the said date in pursuance to Article 243E of the Constitution of India read with Section 120(2)(a) of the HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, therefore, in accordance with the aforesaid programme the electoral shall be completed on or before 22nd December, 2015 and thereafter 30-35 days will be required for the conduct of elections, which means the election process could barely be completed by 22nd January, 2016 in order to abide by the time limit prescribed under the relevant statute.

The relevant provisions of Rules enshrined under Chapter-III Electoral Rolls shall be adhered to strictly for the preparation of the said electoral rolls. Needless to say that the aforesaid programmed should be implemented in letter and spirit. If any violation of this programme is noticed, it will be in contravention of the mandate of the Constitution of India and the relevant statutory provisions, which may lead to serious consequences.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and pay personal attention.

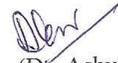
By Order
State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

No. SEC-16-2/2014- 4550-4660 dated the 3rd November, 2015
Copy to the following with the request to ensure that the aforesaid programme is implemented letter and spirit :-

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh .
2. Principal Secretary (Panchayati Raj) Government of Himachal Pradesh.



3. The Director-cum-Special Secretary (Panchayati Raj) Government of HP.
4. All the District Election Officers (Panchayat)-cum- Deputy Commissioners Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.
5. All the Assistant District Election Officers-cum-District Panchayat Officers for information and necessary action.
6. All the Block Development Officers-cum-Assistant Electoral Registration Officer Himachal Pradesh for information.



(Dr. Ashwani Sharma)

Secretary

State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

1. The Secretary to H/E the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The ACS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. E-Gazette.
4. Website.
5. Guard File.



(Dr. Ashwani Sharma)

Secretary

State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

ELECTION MATTER
PERSONAL ATTENTION



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No. SEC-16-1/2011- I- 5042-576 dated the 10th Nov- 2015.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 161 of 2004 titled as People's Union for Civil Liberties & Another, has directed the Election Commission to provide necessary provisions in ballot papers and EVMs for displaying a separate button for "None of the Above" (NOTA) "उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं" so that the voters, who decide not to vote for any of the candidates in the election, are able to exercise their right not to vote while maintaining their right of secrecy;

Therefore, the State Election Commission, Himachal Pradesh in compliance to the directions passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court and in exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243-K and ZA of the Constitution of India, Section 160 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 Section 281 of H.P.Municipal Act, 1994 and Section 9 of the H.P.Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 read with Rule 52 (1) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994 Rule 58 (2) of the H.P.Municipal Election Rules, 2015 and Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2012 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby orders that the option "None of the Above" (NOTA) "उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं" shall be given in the ballot papers/EVMs, henceforth, in the last column/box after the names of all contesting candidates for the elections to PRIs/Municipalities. The number of votes polled to "None of the Above" (NOTA), "उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं" shall be shown at the last in result sheet of counting and form of return along with the names of the candidates and number of votes polled in favour of each contesting candidate. However, the effect of "None of the Above (NOTA)" "उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं" shall be same as not voting in favour of any candidate. Therefore, even if, "None of the Above (NOTA)" "उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं" gets maximum number of votes, the contesting candidate securing/ highest number of votes next to "None of the Above (NOTA)"

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उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं "shall be declared elected. Option of NOTA will be provided by affixing stamp "उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं" on the last box of the ballot paper after the names of all contesting candidates, issued by the State Election Commission in respect of Panchayati Raj Institutions. However, in case of election in Municipalities the option "None of the above (NOTA)" will be printed in the last column/box of the ballot paper to be used in EVMs during Municipal Elections.

This is issued in supersession of earlier Notification No. SEC. 16-1/2011-2513-2623 dated 18th November, 2014..

By Order
(T.G. Negi)
State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst No. SEC-16-1/2011-I- 5042-5176 dated the 10th Nov, 2015.

Copy to:

1. The Secretary to H/E the Governor of H.P for the information of his Excellency.
2. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P.
3. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, H.P.
4. All the Additional Chief Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
5. All Principal Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Secretary (Panchayati Raj) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
7. The Secretary, Vidhan Sabha Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-4.
8. The Director-cum-Special Secretary Panchayati Raj Department Shimla-9 (HP) for information and necessary action.
9. The Director, Urban Development Department, HP, Shimla-2.
10. All the Distt. Election Officer (Municipalities)-cum-Deputy Commissioner (except Tribal) Himachal Pradesh.
11. All the Distt. Election Officer (Panchayat)-cum-Deputy Commissioner, HP.
12. All the Assistant District Election Officers (Panchayat)-cum-District Panchayat Officers Himachal Pradesh in order to ensure strict compliance of these directions.
13. All the Block Development Officers Himachal Pradesh for information and strict compliance.
14. E-gazette.
15. Guard File.


(Dr.A.K.Sharma)
Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.



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No.SEC.16-22/99-1800-46

Dated: 30/06/2015

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243-K of the Constitution of India, Section 160 (1) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 34 of Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994, State Election Commission hereby notifies Election Symbols for allotment to the candidates for election to Panchayats defined under Section 2(26) of Act ibid;

Further if number of candidates exceeds than the number of symbols specified for a particular Panchayat, the symbol shall be allotted from the common symbols notified at Serial No. 4:-

Sr.No. 1. **GRAM PANCHAYAT**

(a) **Symbols to be used for the Election of Members**

Sr.No.	Symbols	Sr.No.	Symbols
1.	Rising Sun	11.	Kite
2.	Hockey & Ball	12.	Spade
3.	Radio	13.	Candle
4.	Bat	14.	Aero plane
5.	Ladder	15.	Glass Jar
6.	Car	16.	Axe
7.	Ceiling Fan	17.	Globe
8.	Chair	18.	Spoon
9.	Apple	19.	Water Melon
10.	Drum	20.	Balloon

(b) **Symbols to be used for the Election of Up-Pradhan**

Sr.No.	Symbols	Sr.No.	Symbols
1.	Letter Box	11.	Cultivator Cutting Crop
2.	Table	12.	Violin
3.	Sewing Machine	13.	Baby Doll

4.	Mango	14.	Almirah
5.	Moon	15.	Black Board
6.	Electric Bulb	16.	Camera
7.	Tractor	17.	Tabla (Two)
8.	Basket Containing vegetable	18.	Dancing Girl
9.	Pressure Cooker	19.	Hurricane Lamp
10.	Bench	20.	Wheel barrow

(c) **Symbols to be used for the Election of Pradhan**

Sr.No	Symbols	Sr.No.	Symbols
1.	Lock & key	11	Ring
2.	Table Fan	12.	Pencil
3.	Hand Pump	13.	Sword
4.	Jeep	14.	Motorcycle
5.	Umbrella	15.	Scissor
6.	Bucket	16.	Soldier
7.	Cup & Saucer	17.	Coconut Tree
8.	Dholak	18.	Banana
9.	Whistle	19.	Box
10.	Ball	20.	Bell

Sr.No. 2. Symbols to be used for the Election of Member Panchayat Samiti

Sr.No	Symbols	Sr.No.	Symbols
1.	Wrist Watch	11	Diesel Pump
2.	Table Lamp	12.	Carrot
3.	Railway Engine	13.	Stove
4.	Bow & Arrow	14.	Bridge
5.	Basket	15.	Brick
6.	Harmonium	16.	Comb
7.	Truck	17.	Road Roller
8.	Ship	18.	Fort
9.	Coconut	19.	Flower
10.	Jug	20.	Gum Bottle

Sr.No. 3. Symbols to be used for the Election of Member, Zila Parishad

Sr.No	Symbols	Sr.No.	Symbols
1.	Television	11	Two Leaves
2.	Gas Cylinder	12.	Door
3.	Batsman	13.	Electric Pol
4.	Book	14.	Bungalow
5.	Hat	15.	Cultivator Winnowing Grain
6.	Star	16.	Saw
7.	Bus	17.	Maize
8.	Kettle	18.	Fire Engine
9.	Flute	19.	Glass Tumbler

10.	Boat	20.	Fork
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Sr.No. 4. Common Symbols to be used for the Election of Gram Panchayats/Panchayat Samiti/Zila Parishad if number of candidates exceeds than the number of symbols Specified vide Table No. 1,2 and 3.

Sr.No	Symbols	Sr.No.	Symbols
1.	Cot	9.	Wool
2.	Fountain Pen	10.	Slate
3.	Dumroo	11.	Doli
4.	Walking stick	12.	Brief Case
5.	Flower Basket	13.	Lady Purse
6.	Spade and Stoker	14.	Frock
7.	Two Swords and Shield	15.	Brush
8.	Window		

Consequently the Notification No. SEC.16-22/99-783- 811 dated 28/07/2000, and 933-45 dated 10 August, 2000 issued by the State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh is hereby superseded.

By Order
State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst.No.SEC. 16-22/99-1800-46

Dated, Shimla-2, 30/06/2015

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary H/E the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-2.
4. The Secretary (Panchayati Raj) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director, Panchayati Raj Department SDA Complex, Kusumpati, Shimla-
6. All the Deputy Commissioner in Himachal Pradesh.
7. All the District Election Officer (Panchayat) in H.P. with 5 spare copies for necessary action please.
8. The Secretary, H.P.Vidhan Sabha, Shimla-3.
9. The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kaza at Spiti Distt. L& Spiti H.P.
10. The Resident Commissioner, Pangi Distt. Chamba H.P.
11. The Controller Printing & Stationary Department, Shimla-5 through e-gazette.
12. Guard file.

Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

File/ Symbol Noti.

Annexure- IX



राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश

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No. SEC (13) /89/2009-I- 3238-3267 Dated 10-9-2015

Notification

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243-ZA of the Constitution of India and section 281 of the H.P .Municipal Act 1994 read with Rule 37 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Election Rules 2015 ,the State Election Commission hereby specifies the following symbols for allotment to candidates in the elections to Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh:-

SL. No	Name of Symbols	SL. No	Name of Symbols
1	2	1	2
1.	Chair	11.	Hand Pump
2.	Lock & Key	12.	Television
3.	Sewing Machine	13.	Ceiling Fan
4.	Aero plane	14.	Cot
5.	Letter Box	15.	Spoon
6.	Railway Engine	16.	Gas Cylinder
7.	Apple	17.	Ball
8.	Bench	18.	Camera
9.	Bus	19.	Table
10.	Bat	20.	Almirah

This is in supersession of earlier Notification No SEC. 13-89/2009-2269-83 dated 10 August 2010.

By Order

State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst. No.SEC.13/89/2009-1-3238-67

-Shimla-2

Dated

10-9-2015.

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. Additional Chief Secretary (U D) to the Govt of Himachal Pradesh.

4. All the Principal Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Returning Officer-cum Deputy Commissioner (except Tribal Areas) in Himachal Pradesh.
6. Director , Urban Development Department, Palika Bhawan, Talland, Shimla-1
7. The Controller Printing & Stationary Department Shimla-5 through e-gazette.
8. Guard file.

Sd/-
Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

List of Sensitive and Hyper-Sensitive Polling stations .

S.No	District Name	Sensitive Polling Stations			Hyper Sensitive Polling Stations		
		01/01/2016	03/01/2016	05/01/2016	01/01/2016	03/01/2016	05/01/2016
1	Bilaspur	13	22	16	24	14	23
2	Chamba	32	40	28	18	6	8
3	Hamirpur	148	47	45	69	16	45
4	Kinnaur	43	20	17	7	12	27
5	Kullu	15	20	16	9	4	6
6	Mandi	180	158	147	51	37	33
7	Shimla	54	56	57	35	24	25
8	Solan	46	92	47	52	41	77
9	Sirmaur	141	169	455	38	8	77
10	Una	16	18	18	16	09	08
	Total	688	642	846	319	171	329

	District Name	Sensitive Polling Stations		Hyper Sensitive Polling Stations	
		10/01/2016	12/01/2016	10/01/2016	12/01/2016
1	Kangra	193	148	114	80

Delimitation of wards of Municipalities

During the year 2011 the Registrar General of India , Census operation has undertaken the process of census in Himachal Pradesh also along with the entire country. The population figures of the state of Himachal Pradesh had already been published by the Registrar General of India.

Since, section 10 (1) of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act,1994 provides that the Municipalities shall consist of such No of elected members as may be determined by adopting the criterion of the population in a particular Municipality. Further, section 2 (31) of the Act ibid defines the "population" as ascertained at the last preceding census of which the relevant figures have been published .

Besides, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has also reorganized certain urban local bodies (classification detail).....??

Therefore, the State Election Commission directed the Deputy Commissioners to undertake the process of delimitation of wards in the Urban Local Bodies in their respective jurisdiction. The commission notified the delimitation programme vide Notification No . SEC-13-1/2015-3530-365 dated 16th September,2016 (copy of which is annexed as Annexure " ")

