

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ELECTIONS



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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Electoral Registration Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Shimla has informed that he has prepared the draft copies of the electoral rolls in respect of each ward of Municipal Corporation Shimla according to the directions of the Commission issued vide its letter dated 30-03-2017.

And whereas, the Rule 17 of HP Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2012 provides that the Electoral Registration Officer shall publish the draft of the electoral rolls as per programme issued by the State Election Commission.

Therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, Section 9 of the HP Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, read with Rule 14 of the HP Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2012, hereby directs the Electoral Registration Officer Shimla that the electoral rolls in respect of Municipal Corporation Shimla be prepared as per programme given below:

1.	Draft publication of electoral rolls	11.04.2017
2.	Period for filing claims and objections before the Revising Authority	12.1.2017 to 21.1.2017
3.	Period for deciding claims and objections by the Revising Authority	Within five days from the filing of claims and objections
4.	Period for filing appeals before the Electoral Roll Registration Officer	Within three days from the order passed by the Revising Authority
5.	Period for deciding appeals by the Electoral Roll Registration Officer	Within three days from filing of appeal
6.	Final publication of electoral rolls	On or before 4th May, 2017

The publication of electoral rolls in draft should be made in accordance with Rule 17 of Chapter IV of HP Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2012.

The qualifying date for inclusion of names of eligible electors in the said rolls shall be 1.1.2017, as notified by the Commission vide Notification No. SEC-13-96/2017-III -357-65 dated 08.03.2017. Wide publicity may be made of the qualifying date and the programme for the preparation of electoral roll through media and other means of communication within the territorial jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation Shimla.

The Deputy Commissioner Shimla–cum-Electoral Registration Officer Municipal Corporation Shimla will appoint Revising Authorities as per requirement under Rule-19 of the HP Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2012. The Revising Authorities should not be appointed below the rank of Sub-Divisional Officer (C) or equivalent Officer . 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. All claims, objections etc. shall be entered in Forms 7,8 and 9 to be maintained on the prescribed registers under Rule 20 of the ibid Rules.

Any person aggrieved by the orders passed by the Revising Authority may file an appeal to the Electoral Registration Officer within three days from the date of passing of the orders by the Revising Authority under Rule 22(3) of the ibid Rules. The Electoral Registration Officer will decide the appeals by 2nd May, 2017.

After, all the claims / objections and appeals received during the period have been decided, the Electoral Roll Registration Officer shall cause the draft electoral rolls to be corrected through ERMS software in accordance with the orders passed by the Revising Authorities or the orders passed by him on appeals as the case may be. Thereafter, the Electoral Roll Registration Officer shall issue notice of final publication of electoral rolls on Form-17 as per schedule fixed by the Commission. The finally published electoral rolls shall be uploaded on the official website.

As soon as the notice of final publication is issued by the Electoral Roll Registration Officer, the intimation of the same may be sent to the Commission immediately through E-mail followed by confirmation by post. Thereafter the electoral rolls in soft copy form will be sent to the Controller, Printing & Stationery Department for immediate printing of these rolls. In all, fifteen sets of electoral rolls in respect of every polling station shall be printed. These copies shall be used in the ensuing elections.

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 ward.

The relevant provisions of *ibid* Rules enshrined under Chapter-IV Electoral Rolls shall be adhered to strictly for the preparation of the said electoral rolls. Needless to say that the aforesaid programme 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 in view of Section 9-E of the HP Municipal Corporation Act, 1994.

This requires your personal attention.

By Order
State Election Commissioner
Himachal Pradesh.