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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HIMACHAL PRADESH

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Dated, the 5th December, 2015.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243-K of the Constitution of India, Section 160 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 read with Rule 32 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994, the State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh hereby notifies the Election Programme for the conduct of general elections to Panchayati Raj Institution of Himachal Pradesh as under:-

1	Nomination papers shall be presented;	On 15th, 16th and 17th December, 2015 (between 11 am to 3 pm). Nomination papers for the office bearers of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti & Zila Parishad shall be filed at designated places and before the Officers appointed by the District Election Officers (Panchayat) – cum- Deputy Commissioner for the purpose.
2	The nomination papers shall be scrutinized;	On 18th December, 2015 (From 10.00 am onwards)
3	A candidate may withdraw his candidature;	On 21st December, 2015 (Between 10.00 am to 3.00 p.m.)
4	The list of contesting candidates showing the name of symbols allotted to them immediately after the time of withdrawal is over shall be prepared and affixed;	On 21st December, 2015 immediately after the time of withdrawal is over.
5	The list of Polling stations shall be pasted ;	On or before 15th Dec, 2015.
6	The Poll, if necessary, shall be held from 7 AM to 3 PM	Ist Phase Ist January, 2016 2nd Phase 03 January, 2016 3rd Phase 05 January, 2016

7	Counting of votes, in the event of Poll, shall be done;	(i) The counting of votes for the Ward Members, Up-Pradhan and Pradhan of Gram Panchayats shall be taken up immediately after the close of the poll at the Gram Panchayats Headquarters. (ii) The counting of votes for the members of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad shall be taken up on <u>7th January, 2016</u> at <u>8.30 AM.</u> at respective Block Headquarters. The counting for a constituency once started shall continue until it is completed.
8.	The results of election shall be declared.	The results of the election of Member, Up-Pradhan & Pradhan of Gram Panchayat shall be declared immediately after the counting is over. The result of election of Members of Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad shall be declared on the day of counting at the Block Headquarters immediately after the counting process is over. The result of election to Zila Parishad shall be declared in accordance with the provisions contained in rule 75(vi) of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994.

Note: **The process of election shall be completed by 8th January, 2016.**

However, this Election Programme shall not apply to the Gram Panchayats / Panchayat Samitis / Zila Parishad shown in the following table. The Election Programme for these Panchayati Raj Institutions shall be issued separately.

Sr. No.	Name of District	Dev. Block / Panchayat Samiti / GP	
	Kangra	All the 15 Blocks	
	Lahaul-Spiti	All two Blocks	Elections for GPs and PS Kaza has already been conducted on 26.11.2015, ZP is due in June, 2016
	Chamba	Pangi and Bharmour Block	Elections for all the office bearers of PRIs in Bharmour and ZP members of Pangi Block have already been conducted on 26.11.2015. PRIs of Pangi Dev. Block are due in June, 2016.
	Kullu	GP Jaban & Namhog of Dev. Block Anni	Elections to these two GPs are due in June, 2016
		GP Karjan & Soyal of Dev. Block Naggar	-do-

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



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Dated the 5th December, 2015.

All the District Election Officers (Panchayat) – cum- (Deputy Commissioners) (Except Kangra and Lahaul-Spiti) for information and necessary action. They shall issue Notice of Election Programme in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 33 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994 on the same date on which the State Election Commission has issued, supra notification. A copy of notice in Form-17 required under ibid rule may be ensured to send to this Office for information.

(Dr. Ashwani Kumar Sharma)
Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Secretary to H.E. the Governor of H.P.
2. The Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, H.P.
3. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P.
4. The Secretary, Vidhan Sabha Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-4.
5. All the Special / Sr. Private Secretaries to the Cabinet Ministers / Chief Parliamentary Secretaries to the Govt. of H.P.
6. The Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh.
7. All the Additional Chief Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
8. All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
9. The Secretary (Panchayat Raj) to the Govt. of H.P.
10. The Secretary (GAD) to the Govt. of HP with the request that the day of poll in Panchayat concerned be declared a paid holiday . It should also be declared a public holiday under the Negotiable Instrument Act in order to enable the electors to exercise their right of franchise.
11. Director Panchayati Raj Department, Shimla-9.
12. All Superintendents of Police in H.P.
13. Director, Information and Public Relation Department Shimla with the request that wide publicity may please be ensured to the election programme as issued above.
14. Director AIR/ Doordarshan, Shimla-4, with the request that wide publicity may please be ensured of the Election Programme.
15. All the Assistant District Election Officer (P)-cum-District Panchayat Officer, (except L&S) H.P.
16. All the Block Development Officer,(except Keylong / Kaza/ Pangi / Bharmour).
17. E- Gazette.
18. Guard File.

(Dr. Ashwani Kumar Sharma)
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