

राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HIMACHAL PRADESH

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o3 th February, 2021

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Election Commission had notified program for the conduct of Elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions of the State vide Notification No.SEC(F)1/2019-7766-7981, dated 21st December, 2020;

And whereas Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh while hearing CWP No.5987, 6013 and 6014 of 2020 has granted the stay on dated 18.12.2020 to conduct the elections for the post of Pradhans of Development Block Chopal and Tutu of District Shimla and Dharampur Block of District Mandi.

And whereas the Hon'ble Court while disposing off the above mentioned writ petitions on dated 06.01.2021 has pleased to vacate the stay;

Therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243K of the Constitution of India, Section 160 of Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act,1994 read with Rule 22 of the HP Panchayati Raj Elections Rule,1994 hereby directs special revision of the Electoral Rolls in respect of Panchayats of Development Block Chopal and Tutu of District Shimla and Dharampur Block of District Mandi as per program mention below;

Sr. No.	Exercise to be undertaken	Period
1.	Publication of Draft Electoral Rolls	11.02.2021
2.	Filing of claims and objections before the revising authority	Up to 16.02.2021
3.	Disposal of claims and objections	Up to 19.02.2021
4.	Filing of appeals before appellate authority	Up to 22.02.2021
5.	Disposal of appeals	Up to 25.02.2021
6.	Final publication of electoral rolls	26.02.2021

The Commission hereby directs that the qualifying date for inclusion of names of eligible electors in the said electoral rolls shall be 01.01.2021 as required under Rule 14(e) of the Rules ibid.

The Commission further directs that the special revision of electoral rolls with 01.01.2021 as qualifying date shall also be applicable in all those Panchayats of the State where any post of the Office bearers of Panchayati Raj Institutions remained vacant in the recently held General Elections.

The final electoral rolls updated during the recently held general elections with 01.12.2020 as qualifying date shall be notified as draft electoral rolls in accordance with Rule 15 of the rules ibid. 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.

The District Election Officer (P) will appoint Revising Authorities under Rule-17 of the HP Panchayati Raj (Elections) Rules, 1994. The claims, objections and appeals shall be received and decided even on holidays. All claims, objections etc. shall be entered in Forms 5,6 and 7 to be maintained on the prescribed registers under Rule 18(4) of the ibid Rules.

After all the claims/objections and appeals received during the period have been decided, the District Election Officer (P) shall prepare a supplementary list,-2021 through ERMS Software and shall issue notice of final publication of electoral rolls on Form-15 as per schedule fixed by the Commission. The finally published electoral rolls shall be uploaded on the official website of the State Election Commission.

As soon as the notice of final publication is issued by the District Election Officer (P) the intimation of the same may be sent to the Commission immediately through E-mail followed by confirmation by post. Thereafter 15 copies of the Supplementary List, 2021 shall be printed. These supplementary list shall be added to the main electoral roll prepared in 2020. These electoral rolls with supplementary 2021 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-III shall be adhered to strictly for the preparation of the said electoral rolls through special revision. Needless to say that the aforesaid programme should be implemented in letter and spirit. If any violation of this

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progamme 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 160-E of the HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1994.

This requires your personal attention.

By Order State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh.

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03 th February, 2021

Copy to the following with the request to ensure that the aforesaid programme is implemented in letter and spirit :-

- 1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2. The Secretary (PR) Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 3. The Director (Panchayati Raj) Government of H.P.
- 4. All the Deputy Commissioners for information and necessary compliance.
- 5. The SIO, NIC Shimla-2 for information and necessary action
- 6. Electoral Registration Officers-cum-Sub-Divisional Officers (C) Shimla (Rural), Chopal, Distt. Shimla and Dharampur, Distt. Mandi for information and necessary compliance.
- 7. All the District Panchayat Officers, H.P. with the directions to ensure to update the electoral rolls of all those Panchayat with 01.01.2021 as qualifying date where any post of any office bearer of Panchayat is vacant.
- 8. All the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers cum Block Development Officers, H.P. with the directions to update the electoral rolls of all those Panchayat with 01.01.2021 as qualifying date where any post of office bearer of Panchayat is vacant.
- 9. E-Gazette.

10. Guard File.

(Sachin Kanwal)

Secretary

State Election Commission

Himachal Pradesh.