



## राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश

### STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HIMACHAL PRADESH

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No. SEC(F)1-4/2020-I-2030

Dated

29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

To,

All the Block Development Officers  
Himachal Pradesh

**Subject: - Information regarding Ballot Boxes.**  
Sir/Madam,

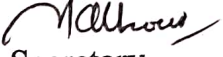
In continuation to this Commission's letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 vide which information regarding condemned ballot boxes has been sent. In this regard it is pointed out that on physical inspection by the undersigned in some of the stores it is found that lots of ballot boxes which can be used after repair are mentioned in condemnable ballot boxes which show that this exercise is done in cursory manner without checking ballot boxes meticulously.

The District Wise detail of ballot boxes is mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the District	Boxes Available readily for use.			No. of boxes with defective locking system /spring etc. which cannot be repaired locally.			Condemnable Boxes		
		S	M	L	S	M	L	S	M	L
1.	Bilaspur	560	675	0	48	19	0	114	65	0
2.	Chamba	564	1051	103	145	454	38	34	103	15
3.	Hamirpur	365	705	132	157	365	26	0	1	0
4.	Kangra	1772	3382	761	525	633	203	162	75	34
5.	Kinnaur	246	0	252	119	0	25	54	0	17
6.	Kullu	428	1297	0	13	23	0	35	9	1
7.	L&S	676	490	0	100	76	0	14	6	0
8.	Mandi	326	928	118	310	35	32	254	55	58
9.	Shimla	690	835	192	502	363	169	495	7	41
10.	Sirmour	752	609	165	368	139	28	11	7	3
11.	Solan	491	865	192	100	30	30	91	1	3
12.	Una	993	1185	342	58	73	29	3	24	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>7863</b>	<b>12022</b>	<b>2257</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>2210</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>1267</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>22142</b>			<b>5235</b>			<b>1799</b>		

Since Ballot Boxes is costly item therefore utmost care may be taken to propose the boxes for condemnation e.g ballot boxes with decayed bottom or side walls are not repairable whereas rusted ballot boxes can be made useable by removing rust and thereafter applying paint and oiling / greasing. Simultaneously locking device of ballot boxes is repairable / replaceable, therefore the ballot boxes with defective locking system can be repaired. Similarly broken handles / hinges / joints can be repaired through welding.

Therefore, you are once again requested to check the ballot boxes proposed for condemnation so that ballot boxes which are actually irreparable are proposed for condemnation so that un-necessary burden on the state exchequer to procure new ballot boxes can be avoided. The revised report may be sent to the Commission by 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 positively (Proforma enclosed).

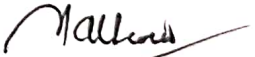
  
Secretary  
State Election Commission  
Himachal Pradesh.

29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

Endst.No. SEC(F)1-4/2020-I-2031-2165 Dated

Copy to:-

1. All the District Election Officers-cum-Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.
2. All the Assistant District Election Officers-cum-District Panchayat Officers with the request to look into the matter personally and send a compiled report of District concerned to the undersigned so that further action in the matter may be taken up accordingly.

  
Secretary  
State Election Commission  
Himachal Pradesh.

**PROFORMA**

S. No.	Name of the District	Total Number of Ballot Boxes			Boxes Available readily for use.			No. of boxes with defective locking system /spring etc. which cannot be repaired locally.			Condemnable Boxes			Remarks if any
		S	M	L	S	M	L	S	M	L	S	M	L	
<b>Total</b>														

Signature

DPO / BDO