



राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश  
STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HIMACHAL PRADESH

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No. SEC(F)1-35/2022-I -3072

Dated, the

31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers vested in it under Article 243K of Constitution of India, Section 131 and 160 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and Rule 32 of Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994, the State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh hereby notifies the election programme for the conduct of by-elections to fill up the up to date casual vacancies of Panchayati Raj Institutions of the State. The programme shall not be applicable to those casual vacancies which are sub-judice in any court of law. The Election Programme is as under:-

1	Date of Notification	<b>31.08.2024</b>
2	The nomination papers shall be presented	On <b>11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024</b> (between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 P.M.). Nomination papers shall be filed at the place and before the officers appointed by the Returning Officer
3	The nomination papers shall be scrutinised	On <b>16.09.2024</b> (from 10:00 a.m. onwards).
4	A candidate may withdraw his candidature	On <b>18.09.2024</b> (between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) .
5	The list of contesting candidates shall be affixed	On <b>18.09.2024</b> immediately after the time of withdrawal is over. The list of contesting candidates will show the name of symbols allotted to them .
6	The list of polling stations shall be pasted	The list of polling stations shall be published and pasted on or before <b>11.09.2024</b>
7	The Poll, if necessary shall be held	On <b>29.09.2024</b> (between 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)
8	The counting, in the event of poll shall be done	Counting of votes for the posts of Members, Up-Pradhan and Pradhan of Gram Panchayat shall be undertaken on the date of poll immediately after the close of poll at Gram Panchayat Headquarters. Counting of votes for Members Panchayat Samiti and Member Zila Parishad shall be taken up on <b>30.09.2024</b> at respective Development Block Headquarters. Counting shall start at 9:00 a.m. and would continue (for a constituency) until it is completed.

9	The result of election shall be declared	The result of elections of Members, UP-Pradhan and Pradhan of Gram Panchayat shall be declared immediately after the counting is over. The result of elections to Panchayat Samiti Members shall be declared 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.
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The electoral rolls updated with 01.07.2024 as qualifying date through special revision undertaken vide Notification No. SEC(F)1-40/2023-2558 dated 11.07.2024 shall be used for the conduct of these elections in respect of those Panchayats wherein special revision has taken place. But if any casual vacancies have been declared on or after 11.07.2024 in such cases the last available finally published electoral rolls shall be used for the conduct of ensuing by-elections. However, any eligible person can apply for inclusion of name under Rule 24(3) of the ibid Rules to the District Election Officers (Panchayats) after paying fee of rupees two in cash against receipt, or for correction under Rule 23 of the Rules ibid in the electoral roll not later than nine days before last date fixed for filing of nomination papers.

**The process of elections shall be completed by 30.09.2024.**

**By Order**

(Anil Kumar Khachi)  
State Election Commissioner  
Himachal Pradesh

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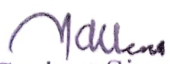
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Copy forwarded to All the District Election Officers (Panchayat)-cum-Deputy Commissioners Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. They shall issue Notice of Elections Programme in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 33 of the Rules ibid. A copy of notice in Form-17 as required under Rules ibid may be sent to this office without fail for information. Further, the instructions/ guidelines/ handbooks issued by the Commission during the General Elections 2021 shall be adhered to strictly wherever applicable.

*Mallhotra*  
(Surjeet Singh Rathore)  
Secretary  
State Election Commission  
Himachal Pradesh.

1. The Secretary to H/E the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Government of Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Secretary, Vidhan Sabha Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-4.
5. All the Special/ Sr. Private Secretaries to the Cabinet Ministers to the Govt. of H.P.
6. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of H.P.
7. The Chief Electoral Officer-cum-Secretary- (Election) Shimla-2.
8. All the Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
9. The Principal Secretary (GAD) to the Govt. of H.P. 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 the Panchayat concerned in order to enable the electors to exercise their right to franchise.
10. The Secretary (Panchayati Raj) to the Government of HP.
11. The Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh.
12. The Director-cum- Special Secretary, (Panchayati Raj), Government of Himachal Pradesh.
13. The Director, Information and Public Relation Department Shimla and Director AIR/ Doordarshan, Shimla-4 with the request that wide publicity may please be ensured of the election programme as issued above.
14. All the Superintendents of Police, Himachal Pradesh.
15. SIO-cum- Deputy Director General NIC HP for information and necessary please.
16. All the Assistant District Election Officers-cum-District Panchayat Officers, Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. They are further directed that in those Panchayats wherein special revision of electoral has not been undertaken, wide publicity of provisions of Rules 23 and 24(3) of the Rules ibid shall be made in the concerned Panchayats so that maximum eligible persons get an opportunity to get their name registered in the electoral rolls.
17. All the Block Development Officers Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action. They are further directed that in those Panchayats wherein special revision of electoral has not been undertaken, wide publicity of provisions of Rules 23 and 24(3) of the Rules ibid shall be made in the concerned Panchayats so that maximum eligible persons get an opportunity to get their name registered in the electoral rolls.
18. E Gazette.
19. Guard File.
20. Website SEC and Common Website .

  
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