

राज्य निर्वाचन आयोग हिमाचल प्रदेश

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HIMACHAL PRADESH

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No.SEC(F)1/2019-7766-7981

Dated, the 21st December, 2020.

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 31 st December 2020, Ist January and 2 nd January, 2021 (between 11.00 am to 3.00 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 4 th January, 2021 (From 10.00 am onwards)
3	A candidate may withdraw his candidature:	On 6 th January, 2021 (Between 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM.)
4	List of contesting candidates showing the name of symbol allotted to them immediately after the time of withdrawal is over shall be prepared and affixed:	On 6 th January, 2021 immediately after the time of withdrawal is over.
5	List of Polling stations shall be published:	On or before 31 st December, 2020.
6	The Poll, if necessary, shall be held from 8.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Ist Phase 17 th January, 2021 2 nd Phase 19 th January, 2021 3 rd Phase 21 st January, 2021
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 22 nd January, 2021 at 8.30 AM. at respective Block Headquarters. The counting for a
		respective Block Headquarters. The counting for Ward Member once started shall continue until completed.

	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 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.	
9.	The process of election shall be completed by:	23 rd January, 2021	

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 before the expiry of their term .

Sr.	Name of	Development Block	Institutes for which this programme is
No.	District		not applicable
1.	Lahaul-Spiti	Keylong	All the three tiers of PRIs (due in June, 2021
		Kaza	ZP members pertaining to Kaza Dev. Block (due in June, 2021)
2.	Chamba	Pangi	Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Samiti Dev. Block Pangi (due in June, 2021)
3.	Kullu	GP Karjan & Soyal of Dev. Block Naggar and GP Jaban and Namhog of Development Block Anni	Elections to these four GPs are due in June, 2021

This Election Programme shall also not apply to the following areas/posts in view of the stay orders granted by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CWP Nos. 5987, 6013 and 6014 of 2020:-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Development Blocks	Institute/Office for which program is not applicable
1.	Shimla	All Dev. Block	Pradhans of all Gram Panchayat of district Shimla
2.	Mandi	Development Block Dharampur, district Mandi.	Pradhans of all Gram Panchayat Dev. Block Dharampur, district Mandi.

By Order

State Election Commissioner Himachal Pradesh.

- 1. All the **District Election Officers (Panchayat)** —cum—Deputy Commissioners except 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.
- 2. The District Election Officer (P)-cum- Deputy Commissioner Shimla with the request that notice for the post of Pradhans of all Gram Panchayats of district Shimla shall not be issued till further order in view of stay granted by the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 18.12.2020 passed on CWP No. 5987 and 6013 of 2020.
- 3. The District Election Officer (P)-cum- Deputy Commissioner Mandi with the request that notice for the post of Pradhans of all Gram Panchayats of Development Block Dharampur district Mandi shall not be issued till further order in view of stay granted by the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 18.12.2020 passed on CWP No. 6014 of 2020.

(Surject Singh Rathore) 21.12.20. Secretary

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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 Ptradesh, Shimla-4.
- 5. All the Spl. / Sr.Private Secretaries to the Cabinet Ministers to the Govt. of H.P.
- 6. The Director General Police, Himachal Pradesh.
- 7. All Additional Chief Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
- 8. All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
- 9. The Secretary (Urban Development) to the Govt. of H.P.
- 10. The Secretary (Panchayat Raj) to the Govt. of H.P.
- 11. The Secretary (GAD) to the Govt. of HP with the request that the days of poll in Panchayat concerned be declared a paid holiday under Negotiable Instrument Act in order to enable the electors to exercise their right of franchise.
- 12. The Director Panchayati Raj Deptt. Shimla-9.
- 13. All Heads of Department of Himachal Pradesh.
- 14. All Superintendents of Police in H.P.
- 15. The Director, Information and Public Relation Deptt. Shimla with the request that wide publicity may please be ensured to the election programme as issued above.
- 16. The Director AIR/ Doordarshan, Shimla-4, with the request that wide publicity may please be ensured of the Election Programme.
- 17. The Additional Deputy Commissioner Kaza District Lahaul-Spiti
- 18. The Resident Commissioner Pangi District Chamba.
- 19. All The Asstt. Distt. Election Officer (P)-cum-Distt. Panchayat Officer H.P.
- 20. All the Block Development Officers.
- 21. E- Gazette.
- 22. Guard File.

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