

**District Development Councils
&
Panchayat (Vacant Seats)
ELECTIONS**

2020

PRESS NOTE

(4th November, 2020)

**Detailed Schedule of
Elections
UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**

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1. STATE ELECTION COMMISSION:-

In terms of Section 36 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act 1989, the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of Electoral Rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections under the Act are vested in the Election Authority to be known as State Election Commission.

2. DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (DDC) ELECTIONS:-

Section 45 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act 1989 envisages a District Development Council, for each District having jurisdiction over the entire district excluding, such portions of the district as are included in a Municipality or Municipal Corporation constituted under any law for the time being in force.

a. DELIMITATION OF DDC CONSTITUENCIES:

In terms of Rule 108-A(4) of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules 1996, draft Delimitation proposals in respect of all the 20 districts of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir were published by all the Deputy Commissioners on 19th October 2020 and kept in public domain for inspection and inviting public objections thereon till 23rd of October 2020. Various objections and suggestions were received within the prescribed period by the respective Deputy Commissioners and each such objection/suggestion was considered by the District Level Committees as well as the Directors, Rural Development Department in detail. Objections/recommendations which were found devoid of any merit were not accepted and those found to be reasoned and in consonance with the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act 1989 and Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules 1996 were accepted. After incorporating all the changes in respect of the objections/recommendations which have been accepted, the Election Authority, notified the Delimitation of District Development Councils, in terms of Rule 108-B, vide Notification No.EA/Pyt/2020/02 dated: 26.10.2020.

b. DDC ELECTORAL ROLLS:-

In exercise of powers vested under Section 36 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act 1989, read along with Rule 108-C of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules 1996, the Election Authority has directed that:-

“The Electoral Roll for every District Development Council Constituency shall consist of the electoral rolls for all the Panchayat Halqas comprised within that District Development Council Constituency and it shall not be necessary to prepare or revise separately the electoral roll for any such District Development Council Constituency.

The updation of electoral rolls of the constituent Panchayat Halqa of a District Development Council shall be done under the provisions of Sub-Rule 4 of the Rule 4 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules 1996 and EROs and AEROs appointed under the proviso to Sub-Rule 4(1) of

Rule 4 shall perform all electoral roll related functions for their respective constituent Panchayat Halqas.”

c. RESERVATION OF DDC CONSTITUENCIES:

Section 45-A of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act 1989 envisages reservation of DDC seats to be filled by direct elections for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Women in a District Development Council. Rule 108-A (3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D and 3E) of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules 1996 lays down the procedure for reservation of District Development Council Constituencies in a district. Draft Reservation of DDCs in each District was notified by the Deputy Commissioners on 27th October 2020 and objections were invited till 31st October 2020. Divisional level Committees headed by Directors Rural Development Department scrutinized all these objections and made their recommendations based on which the Election Authority has examined and notified the Final Reservation Status of DDC constituencies in the UT vide Notification No.EA/Pyt/2020/03 dated 03-11-2020.

d. TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTED MEMBERS:

In terms of Section 45-A of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act 1989, the term of DDC shall be five years.

3. PANCHAYAT BY-ELECTIONS:-

The last General Elections to the Panchayats were held in the months of November-December, 2018 and 22214 Panches and 3459 Sarpanches were returned elected by the respective Returning Officers out of 33592 Panch and 4290 Sarpanch constituencies in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Further, vacancies have accrued on account of death, resignation, etc of the elected Sarpanches and Panches. Also, as a result of elections of Chairpersons of BDCs in October, 2019 another 307 seats of Panches/Sarpanches fell vacant. By-elections to fill the vacant seats were earlier notified in the month of February, 2020 but had to be deferred due to unavoidable circumstances.

Now, the Government in Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department has issued notification S. O. 304 dated 01-10-2020 under rule 7 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, calling upon the annexed Panchayat Halqas to elect Sarpanch(s) and Panch(s) for the vacant Panchayat Halqas and Panch Constituencies annexed therewith.

a. PREPARATION OF PANCHAYAT ELECTORAL ROLL:-

Revision of the Panchayat Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2020 as the qualifying date was started with the publication of Draft Panchayat Electoral Roll on 18th of November, 2019 and the process was completed on 26th December, 2019. The final publication of Panchayat Electoral Rolls with reference to 01-01-2020 as the qualifying date was done on 2nd January 2020. Sufficient copies of the final electoral roll have been printed by the concerned Electoral Registration Officers and are

available for use during the election process. Apart from printed copies, soft copies of the same are also available on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer. www.ceojk.nic.in

b. RESERVATION OF CONSTITUENCIES:-

In pursuance of Rule 40 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules 1996 and S.O.35 dated 27-01-2020, there shall be no change in the reservation roster vis-a vis the General Elections to Panchayats held in November-December 2018. Thus the Notifications with regard to reservation of Sarpanch/Panch Constituencies for Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribes and Women as per provision of the Act and Rules governing Panchayat Elections issued by the competent authority i.e., Directors of Rural Development Department, J&K for the General Elections to Panchayats held in November-December 2018 shall apply for the by-elections also.

c. TERM OF THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:-

In pursuance of sub rule 2 of Rule 40 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules 1996 and S.O.35 dated 27-01-2020, the candidates duly elected during these by-elections shall hold office for the remainder of the period of five years commencing from the date of constitution of Halqa Panchayat.

4. DETAILED STATISTICS:-

The relevant statistics in reference to the DDC seats and the vacant seats of Sarpanches and Panches to which the elections are also being held as per S.O. 336 dated 29th October, 2020 and S.O. 304 dated 1st October, 2020 respectively issued by the Rural Development Department are as follows:-

District	Total No. of Blocks	Total No. of Panchayat Halqas	No. of DDCs where Election are being held	No. of vacant Panchayat Halqas where Election are being held	No. of vacant Panch Constituencies where Election are being held
Kupwara	24	385	14	32	782
Baramulla	26	402	14	149	2165
Bandipora	12	151	14	50	668
Ganderbal	7	126	14	42	689
Srinagar	4	21	14	9	156
Budgam	17	296	14	157	1948
Pulwama	11	190	14	152	1440
Shopian	9	98	14	75	745
Kulgam	11	178	14	132	1222
Anantnag	16	335	14	137	1999
Kashmir Division	137	2182	140	935	11814
Kishtwar	13	136	14	23	90
Doda	17	237	14	18	26
Ramban	11	143	14	13	37
Udhampur	17	236	14	17	17
Reasi	12	153	14	10	17
Kathua	19	257	14	22	26
Samba	9	101	14	6	22

Jammu	20	305	14	17	34
Rajouri	19	312	14	16	36
Poonch	11	229	14	11	34
Jammu Division	148	2109	140	153	339
Grand Total	285	4291	280	1088	12153

5. DOCUMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ELECTORS:-

The Election Authority has decided that compulsory identification of voters will be made at the Polling Stations on the days of poll and accordingly notified a list of documents (Annexure-I) which shall be used for the purpose of identification of electors at the polling stations.

6. POLLING STATIONS:-

Suitable numbers of polling stations have been notified for each DDC Constituency and vacant Panch Constituency of a Panchayat Halqa as determined by the District Panchayat Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), depending on the number of electors in the final Electoral Roll of the Panchayat Halqa and also other factors like ease of the voters in reaching polling stations.

7. BALLOT BOXES:-

These elections shall be held using 'Ballot Papers' and thus 'Ballot boxes' would be used during these Elections. Sufficient numbers of ballot boxes have been made available for the smooth conduct of elections.

8. OBSERVERS:-

General Observers shall be deployed to ensure free, fair, transparent, ethical and Covid safe DDC and Panchayat By-Elections. The observers shall keep a close watch on every stage of the electoral process. Their names, addresses within the district and their telephone numbers will be publicized. Additionally, Micro Observers shall also be deployed to observe the poll proceeding at the Polling stations on the Poll day.

9. ELECTION EXPENDITURE MONITORING:-

Comprehensive instructions for purpose of effective monitoring of the election expenditure of candidates have been issued. For greater transparency and for ease of monitoring of election expenses, Candidates would be required to open a separate bank account and incur their election expenses from that very account. Expenditure Observers are being appointed to keep close watch on Election Expenditure of the candidate. Control Room and complaint monitoring centre shall be operative during the entire election process. A contesting candidate has to ensure that he/she maintains day-to-day expenditure record in the prescribed register, which will be supplied to the contesting candidate in the form of 'Expenditure Register', from the date of nomination to the date of declaration of result. The

Election Authority has fixed the limits of expenditure to be incurred by the Contesting Candidates as under:-

For election as Member of DDC	-	Rs 5,00,000/-
For election as Sarpanch	-	Rs 1,00,000/-
For election as Panch	-	Rs 30,000/-

10. VIDEOGRAPHY:-

All critical events will be videographed. District Panchayat Election Officers (Deputy Commissioners) will arrange sufficient numbers of video and digital cameras and camera teams for the purpose. The events for videography will include filing of nomination, scrutiny thereof and allotment of symbols, storage and distribution of Ballot Boxes, important public meetings, processions during campaign, process of dispatching of postal ballot papers, polling process and counting of votes.

11. VOTER SLIPS:-

To facilitate the voters to know where he/she is enrolled as a voter at a particular polling station and what is his/her S. No. in the electoral roll, voter slips will be distributed to all enrolled voters by the DPEOs. It has also been directed that the said voter slip should be in Urdu and English languages.

12. POSTAL BALLOTS:-

- A. In order to facilitate the Kashmiri Migrant voters to enable them to vote through Postal Ballots, "Migrant Postal Ballot" Scheme was notified for the Elections to Panchayats in 2018. The scheme shall be implemented for the By-elections 2020 too.
- B. However, during these By-elections, another set of 'Absentee Voters' comprising of senior Citizens (above the age of 80 years), Electors marked as PwDs, Covid Positive or 'suspect' who are hospitalized or quarantined (Home/Institutional) and employees deployed on Election Duty or Covid Duties on the day of Poll, have also been extended facility of Postal Ballot. For the Senior Citizens and Covid patients and PwDs the facility is being provided at their doorsteps for the first time in the UT.

13. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT:-

With the announcement of this Schedule for the conduct of DDC and Panchayat By-Elections, through this Press Note, provisions of Model Code of Conduct (Annexure –II) shall come into force with immediate effect. All the provisions of the Model Code will apply to all the Panchayat Halqas (Rural Areas) falling under the DDCs mentioned in this schedule and will be applicable to all the candidates, political parties and UT/Central Government. Control Rooms have been established in all the districts for prompt action on any complaints; details shall be made available on the website. The Model Code shall cease to apply once the election process is over in a particular Block.

14. SCHEDULE:-

In terms of Rule 7 and Rule 108-F of the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Government in Rural Development Department, J&K has issued two separate Notifications calling upon the Panchayat Halqas to elect Sarpanches and Panches vide its S.O. 304 dated 01-10-2020, and the constituencies to elect District Development Councils vide S.O. 336 dated 29th October, 2020 respectively, annexing therewith the respective details of the vacant Sarpanch and Panch constituencies and of the DDCs where elections would be held. As per S.O. 304, there are 146 blocks in Jammu Division and 128 blocks in Kashmir Division where Panchayat by-election is being held.

After taking into consideration all relevant factors and inputs from various stake holders and considering various holidays and festivals during the months of November and December, 2020, the Election Authority, J&K has prepared following Schedule for holding DDC Election-2020 and Panchayat By-Elections-2020 in all the DDCs mentioned in Annexure to S.O. 336 dated 29th October 2020 and the Panchayat Halqas and Panch Wards as mentioned in the Annexures to S.O. 304 dated 01-10-2020 issued by the Rural Development and PR Department:-

A. PHASES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Phase	Date of issuance of Gazette Notification	Last date for making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020

B. POLLING HOURS SHALL BE 7:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

C. Counting of Votes;

- i. DDCs - 22nd December, 2020 followed by announcement of results.
- ii. For Sarpanch/Panch vacant seats the counting of votes shall be taken up on the day of poll unless notified otherwise, followed by announcement of the results.

D. DISTRICT –WISE PHASING OF PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS:-

JAMMU DIVISION

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	Phase 7	Phase 8
Poonch	Poonch	Poonch	Poonch	Poonch	Poonch	Poonch	Poonch

Rajouri	Rajouri	Rajouri	Rajouri	Rajouri	Rajouri	Rajouri	Rajouri
Doda	Doda	Doda	Doda	Doda	Doda	Doda	Doda
Ramban	Ramban	Ramban	Ramban	Ramban	Ramban	Ramban	Ramban
Samba	Samba	Samba	Samba	Samba	Samba	Samba	Samba
Kathua	Kathua	Kathua	Kathua	Kathua	Kathua	Kathua	Kathua
Reasi	Reasi	Reasi	Reasi	Reasi	Reasi	Reasi	Reasi
Jammu	Jammu	Jammu	Jammu	Jammu	Jammu	Jammu	Jammu
Kishtwar	Kishtwar	Kishtwar	Kishtwar	Kishtwar	---	Kishtwar	Kishtwar
Udhampur	Udhampur	----	Udhampur	Udhampur	Udhampur	Udhampur	Udhampur

KASHMIR DIVISION

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	Phase 7	Phase 8
Anantnag	Anantnag	Anantnag	Anantnag	Anantnag	Anantnag	Anantnag	Anantnag
Bandipora	Bandipora	Bandipora	Bandipora	Bandipora	Bandipora	Bandipora	Bandipora
Baramulla	Baramulla	Baramulla	Baramulla	Baramulla	Baramulla	Baramulla	Baramulla
Budgam	Budgam	Budgam	Budgam	Budgam	Budgam	Budgam	Budgam
Kupwara	Kupwara	Kupwara	Kupwara	Kupwara	Kupwara	Kupwara	Kupwara
Pulwama	Pulwama	Pulwama	Pulwama	Pulwama	Pulwama	Pulwama	Pulwama
Shopian	Shopian	Shopian	Shopian	Shopian	Shopian	Shopian	Shopian
Kulgam	Kulgam	Kulgam	Kulgam	Kulgam	Kulgam	Kulgam	Kulgam
Ganderbal	Ganderbal	Ganderbal	Ganderbal	Ganderbal	Ganderbal	Ganderbal	----
Srinagar	Srinagar	----	----	----	----	----	----

E. DDC wise phasing details are as under:

JAMMU DIVISION

Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
DISTRICT KISHTWAR						
MARWAH	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
WARWAN	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
DACHHAN	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
PADDER	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BOUNJWAH	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
NAGSENI	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
INDERWAL	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
MUGALMAIDAN	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
PALMAR	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
THAKRAIE	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
DRABSHALLA -A	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
DRABSHALLA -B	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020

KISHTWAR	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
TRIGAM	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT DODA						
BHALLESSA	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
CHANGA	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
BHAGWAH	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
KASTIGARH	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BHADERWAH EAST	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
BHADERWAH WEST	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
MARMAT	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
GUNDANA	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
KAHARA	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
THATHRI	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
DODA (GHAT)	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
CHIRALLA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
BHALLA	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
ASSAR	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT RAMBAN						
KHARI	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
RAMSOO – A	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
RAMSOO – B	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
BANIHAL – A	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BANIHAL - B	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
GOOL	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
UKHRAL – A	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
UKHRAL – B	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
BATOTE	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
SANGALDAN	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
GANDHRI	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
RAMBAN – A	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
RAMBAN - B	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
RAJGARH	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT REASI						
CHASSANA	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
CHASSANA - A	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
GULABGARH	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
MAHORE – A	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
MAHORE	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020

THUROO	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
JIJ BAGLI	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
ARNAS	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
BHOMAG	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
POUNI	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
POUNI – A	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
KATRA	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
PANTHAL	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
REASI	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT UDHAMPUR						
DUDU BASANTGARH	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
LATTI MAROTHI	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
PANCHARI	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
CHENANI	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
GHORDI	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
NARSOO	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
KHOON	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
MAJALTA	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
JAGANOO	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
UDHAMPUR – I	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
TIKRI	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
UDHAMPUR – II	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
RAMNAGAR – I	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
RAMNAGAR – II	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT KATHUA						
BANI	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
LOHAI MALHAR	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
MAHANPUR	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
MANDLI	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BASOHLI	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
BILLAWAR	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
DINGA AMB	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
MARHEEN	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
NAGROTA GUJROO	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
BARNOTI	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
HIRANAGAR	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
KATHUA	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020

NAGRI	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
KEERIAN GANDIAL	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT SAMBA						
PURMANDAL	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
BARI BRAHMANA - A	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BARI BRAHMANA - B	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
VIJAYPUR - A	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
VIJAYPUR - B	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
GHAGWAL	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
RAMGARH - A	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
NUD	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
RAMGARH - B	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
RAJPURA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
RAMGARH - C	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
SUMB	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
SAMBA -B	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
SAMBA - A	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT JAMMU						
AKHNOOR	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
MAIRA MANDRIAN	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
BHALWAL BRAHMANA	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BHALWAL	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
MARH	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
DANSAL	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
NAGROTA	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
MANDAL PHALLIAN	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
MIRAN SAHIB	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
ARNIA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
BISHNAH	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
R S PURA	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
SUCHETGARH	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
KHOUR	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT RAJOURI						

Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
BUDHAL NEW	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
MOGHLA	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BUDHAL OLD- A	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
THANNAMANDI	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
BUDHAL OLD- B	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
MANJAKOTE	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
KALAKOTE	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
DHANGRI	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
NOWSHERA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
DOONGI	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
RAJOURI	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
SERI	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
DARHAL	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
SUNDERBANI	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT POONCH						
BUFFLIAZ	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
SURANKOTE – A	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
SURANKOTE – B	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
LORAN	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
MANDI	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
NANGALI SAHIB SAIN BABA	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
SATHRA	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
LASSANA	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
POONCH	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
BALAKOTE	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
MENDHAR – A	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
MENDHAR – B	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
MENDHAR – C	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
MANKOTE	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020

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Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of Issuance of Gazette Notification	Last date of making Nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of Withdrawal of Candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
DISTRICT BARAMULLA						
RAFIABAD	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020

TANGMARG	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
KUNZER	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
ZAINGEER	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
SANGRAMA	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
WAGOORA	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
NARVAW	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
BONIYAR	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
PARENPELLAN	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
TUJAR SHARIEF	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
BARAMULLA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
ROHAMA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
SINGHPORA	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
PATTAN	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT KULGAM						
D. H. PORA	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
D. K. MARG	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
MANZGAM	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
POMBAY	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
KUND	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
KULGAM – A	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
KULGAM – B	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
DEVSAR – A	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
DEVSAR – B	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
PAHLOO	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
BEHIBAGH	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
FRISAL	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
QAIMOH – A	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
QAIMOH - B	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT ANANTNAG						
LARNOO	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
PAHALGAM	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
SHANGUS	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
KHOVERIPORA	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
HILLER	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
VERINAG	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
SHAHABAD	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
DACHNIPORA	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
VESSU	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020

ACHABAL	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
BRENG	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
ANANTNAG	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
SAGAM	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
BIJBEHARA	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT PULWAMA						
ACHGOOZE	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
SHADIMARG	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
TRAL	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
PULWAMA - II	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
ARIPAL	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
PULWAMA - I	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
AWANTIPORA - I	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
AWANTIPORA - II	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
LITTER	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
DADSARA	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
NEWA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
KAKAPORA - I	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
PAMPORE	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
KAKAPORA - II	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT KUPWARA						
KALAROOS	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
KRALPORA	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
TANGDAR	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
RAMHAL	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
REDDI	2					
CHOWKIBAL	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
HYHAMA	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
QAZIABAD	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
DRUGMULLA	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
MAWER (QALAMABAD)	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
QADIRABAD	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
RAJWAR	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
NATNUSSA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
SOGAM	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
WAVOORA	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT BUDGAM						
KHANSAHIB	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020

KHAG	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
BEERWAH	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
SUKHNAG	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
SURESYAR	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
NARBAL	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
PAKHERPORA	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
RATHSUN	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
CHADOORA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
NAGAM	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
PARNEWA	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
SOIBUGH	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
B. K. PORA	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
BUDGAM	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT BANDIPORA						
GUREZ	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
TULAIL	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
SUMBAL	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
GANASTAN	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
NOWGAM	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
BONAKOOT	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
ALOOSA	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
ARIN	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
BANDIPORA - A	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
BANDIPORA - B	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
NAIDKHAI	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
HAJIN - C	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
HAJIN - A	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
HAJIN - B	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT SRINAGAR						
HARWAN - I	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
HARWAN - II	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
HARWAN - III	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
HARWAN - IV	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
HARWAN - V	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
HARWAN - VI	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
KHONMOH - I	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
KHONMOH - II	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
KHONMOH - III	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
SRINAGAR - I	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020

Name of District Development Council	Phase	Date of issuance of Gazetted Notification	Last date of making nomination	Date of Scrutiny	Date of withdrawal of candidature	Date of Poll wherever necessary
SRINAGAR – II	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
SRINAGAR – III	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
QAMARWARI – I	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
QAMARWARI – II	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
DISTRICT SHOPIAN						
KELLER- I	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
KELLER – II	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
RAMNAGRI	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
KANJIULLAR	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
SHOPIAN – I	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
SHOPIAN – II	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
KAPRIN	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
HERMAIN – I	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
HERMAIN – II	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
IMAMSAHIB - I	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
IMAMSAHIB – II	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
CHITRAGAM	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020
ZAINPORA – I	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
ZAINPORA – II	8	23-11-2020	01-12-2020	02-12-2020	04-12-2020	19-12-2020
DISTRICT GANDERBAL						
GUND – A	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
GUND – B	1	05-11-2020	12-11-2020	13-11-2020	16-11-2020	28-11-2020
KANGAN – A	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
KANGAN – B	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
KANGAN – C	2	07-11-2020	16-11-2020	17-11-2020	19-11-2020	01-12-2020
GANDERBAL – A	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
GANDERBAL – B	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
GANDERBAL – C	3	11-11-2020	18-11-2020	19-11-2020	21-11-2020	04-12-2020
LAR – A	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
LAR – B	4	13-11-2020	20-11-2020	21-11-2020	23-11-2020	07-12-2020
WAKURA – A	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
WAKURA – B	5	16-11-2020	23-11-2020	24-11-2020	26-11-2020	10-12-2020
SAFAPORA	6	19-11-2020	26-11-2020	27-11-2020	01-12-2020	13-12-2020
SHERPATHRI	7	21-11-2020	28-11-2020	01-12-2020	03-12-2020	16-12-2020

F. Date before which the elections shall be completed – 26/12/2020.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS IN VIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

In view of the prevailing situation due to Covid -19 pandemic, the Elections are not just required to be free and fair but also SAFE for all stake holders, including the electors. Accordingly, the Election Authority has circulated to all concerned a detailed list of SPECIAL MEASURES TO BE TAKEN for making these elections Covid safe. Nodal Health Officer shall be designated for the UT, the District and the Block Level to oversee COVID-19 related arrangements and, preventive measures during entire electoral process. However, generally it has been directed that:

- A. Every person shall wear face mask during every election related activity.
- B. At the entry of hall/ room/ premises used for election purposes:
 - (a) Thermal Scanning of all persons shall be carried out;
 - (b) Sanitizer, soap and water shall be made available.
- C. Social distancing shall be maintained as per the extant COVID-19 guidelines of the UT Govt. and Ministry of Home Affairs.
- D. As far as practicable, large halls would be utilized to ensure social distancing norms.
- E. Adequate number of vehicles shall be mobilized for movement of polling personnel, security personnel to ensure compliance of COVID-19 guidelines.
- F. Number of persons to accompany candidate for submission of Nomination shall be restricted to One (1) and also the number of vehicles for the purposes of nomination shall also be restricted to One (1).
- G. **Door to Door Campaign-** Subject to any other restriction(s) including extant COVID-19 guidelines, a group of 3 (three) persons including candidates, excluding security personnel, if any, shall be allowed for do door to door campaigning.
- H. **Election Meetings -** Public gatherings/ rallies may be conducted **subject to adherence to extant COVID-19 guidelines.**
- I. **At the Polling Stations:**
 - a. Mandatory sanitization of Polling Station, preferably, a day before the poll.
 - b. Thermal scanning of voters at entry point of polling station location/Polling station, either by polling staff or Para Medical staff or Asha worker.
 - c. **If temperature is above the set norms of MoHFW at first reading, then it will be checked twice and if it remains, then the elector shall be provided with token/certificate and will be asked to come for voting at the last hour of poll. At the last hour of poll, such electors shall be facilitated voting, strictly following COVID-19 related preventive measures.**
 - d. Soap and Water shall be provided at the entry/exit point of every polling station.
 - e. Sanitizer would be provided at the entry/exit point of every polling station.
 - f. Face Masks in reserves for those electors who are not carrying the mask will be kept.

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Sub: - Documents for identification of Voters- Panchayat Elections-2020.

Order No.CEO/Pyt/2020/434

Dated: 06 -10-2020

In exercise of the powers vested under proviso to Rule 23 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, the Election Authority, J&K hereby orders that following documents shall be allowed for identification of voters at the polling stations during conduct of Panchayat Elections:-

1. Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs).
2. Passport
3. Driving Licence
4. Service Identity Card issued to the employees by UT / State / Central Govt. Public Service Undertaking, Local Bodies, Public Limited Companies.
5. Bank /Post office passbooks with photographs
6. Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card with photograph.
7. Aadhaar Card.
8. MNREGA job cards issued in J&K Union Territory with photographs.
9. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour with photographs.
10. Pension documents such as ex-servicemen's pension payment order, Ex-Servicemen's widow/Dependent certificates, Old Age pension order and Widow Pension order with photographs.
11. Photo Voter Slip issued by Election Authority.

Sd/-

(Hirdesh Kumar)IAS
Election Authority
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Dated: 06/10/2020

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Copy to:-

1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir for favour of information.
2. Secretary to Government, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Civil Secretariat, J&K.
3. All District Panchayat Election Officers (Deputy Commissioners) for information.
4. Director Information, J&K for information.
5. Director Rural Development, Jammu/Kashmir for information.

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**MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR THE GUIDANCE OF
POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES**

2020

**Issued by:
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MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF

CANDIDATES AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 36 of the Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the Election Authority issues the following Model Code of Conduct to promote free and fair Elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

This order shall be known as Code of Conduct for Political Parties and Contesting Candidates and shall come into force with effect from the date of elections are notified by the Election Authority Under Panchayati Raj Act, 1989.

I. General Conduct

- (1) No party or candidate shall indulge in any activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create communal hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic.
- (2) Criticism of other political parties, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work. Parties and Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the leaders or workers of other parties. Criticism of other parties or their workers based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided.
- (3) There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Mosques, Churches, Temples or other places of worship shall not be used for election propaganda.
- (4) All parties and candidates shall scrupulously avoid all activities which are "corrupt practices" and offences under the election law, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing within 100 meters of polling stations, holding public meetings during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and fro polling station.
- (5) The right of every individual for peaceful and undisturbed home-life shall be respected, however much the political parties or candidates may resent his political opinions or activities. Organizing demonstrations or picketing before the houses of individuals by way of protesting against their opinions or activities shall not be resorted to under any circumstances.

- (6) No political party or candidate shall permit its or his followers to make use of any individual's land, building, compound wall etc., without his permission for erecting flag-staffs, suspending banners, pasting notices, writing slogans etc.
- (7) Political parties and candidates shall ensure that their supporters do not create obstructions in or break up meetings and processions organized by other parties. Workers or sympathisers of one political party shall not create disturbances at public meetings organized by another political party by putting questions orally or in writing or by distributing leaflets of their own party. Processions shall not be taken out by one party along places at which meetings are held by another party. Workers of one party shall not remove posters issued by another party.

II. Meetings

- (1) The party or candidate shall inform the local police authorities of the venue and time of any proposed meeting well in time so as to enable the police to make necessary arrangements for controlling traffic and maintaining peace and order.
- (2) A Party or candidate shall ascertain in advance if there is any prohibitory order or other restrictions in force in the place proposed for the meeting. If such orders exist, they shall be followed strictly. If any exemption is required from such orders, it shall be applied for and obtained from the concerned authority such as District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Executive Magistrate or the concerned Police Officer well in time.
- (3) If permission or license is to be obtained for the use of loudspeakers or any other facility in connection with any proposed meeting, the party or candidate shall apply to the authority concerned well in advance and obtain such permission or license.
- (4) Organizers of a meeting shall invariably seek the assistance of the police on duty for dealing with the persons disturbing a meeting or otherwise attempting to create disorder. Organizers themselves shall not take action against such persons.

III. Procession

- (1) A Party or candidate organizing a procession shall decide before hand the time and place of the starting of the procession, the route to be followed

and the time and place at which the procession will terminate. There shall ordinary be no deviation from the programme.

- (2) The organizers shall give advance intimation to the local police authorities of the programme so as to enable the latter to make necessary arrangement.
- (3) The organizers shall ascertain if any restrictive orders are in force in the localities through which the procession has to pass, and shall comply with the restrictions unless exempted specially by the competent authority. Any traffic regulations or restrictions shall also be carefully adhered to.
- (4) The organizers shall take steps in advance to arrange for passage of the procession so that there is no blockade or hindrance to traffic. If the procession is very long, it shall be organized in segments of suitable lengths, so that at convenient intervals, especially at points where the procession have to pass road junctions, the passage of held-up traffic could be allowed by stages, thus avoiding heavy traffic congestion.
- (5) Processions shall be so regulated as to keep as much to the right of the road as possible and the direction and advice of the police on duty shall be strictly complied with.
- (6) If two or more political parties or candidate propose to take processions over the same route or parts thereof at about the same time, the organizers shall establish contact well in advance and decide upon the measures to be taken to see that the processions do not clash or cause hindrance to traffic. The assistance of the local police shall be availed of for arriving at a satisfactory arrangement. For this purpose, the parties shall contact the police at the earliest opportunity.
- (7) The political parties or the candidates shall exercise control to the maximum extent possible in the matter of processionists carrying articles, which may be put to misuse by undesirable elements especially in moments of excitement.
- (8) The carrying of effigies purporting to represent the members of other political parties or their leaders, burning such effigies in public and such other forms of demonstration shall not be countenanced by any political party or candidate.

IV. Polling Day

All Political parties and candidates shall:-

- 1) Co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction.
- 2) Supply to their authorized workers suitable badges or identity cards.
- 3) Agree that the identity slip supplied by them to voters shall be on plain (white) paper and shall not contain any symbol, name of the candidate or the name of the party.
- 4) Refrain from serving or distributing liquor on polling day and during the 48 hours preceding it.
- 5) Not allow unnecessary crowd to be collected near the camp set up by the political parties and candidates near the polling booths so as to avoid confrontation and tension among workers and sympathizers of the political parties and the candidates.
- 6) Ensure that the candidate's camps shall be simple. They shall not display any posters, flags, symbols or any other propaganda material. No eatable shall be served or crowd allowed at the camps; and
- 7) Co-operate with the authorities in complying with the restrictions to be imposed on the plying of vehicles on the polling day and obtain permits for them which should be displayed prominently on those vehicles.

V. Polling Booth

Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass from the Deputy Commissioner of the District shall enter the polling booths.

VI. Observers

The Election Authority is appointing Observers to over-see the conduct of Elections. If the candidates or their agents have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of election they may bring the same to the notice of the Observer.

VII. Party in Power

The party or parties in power in the Centre or State or Union Territory shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used its official position for the purposes of its election campaign and in particular:-

- 1) (a) The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work.

- (b) Government transport including official aircrafts, vehicles, machinery and personnel shall not be used for furtherance of the interest of the party in power;
- 2) Public places such as maidans, etc., for holding election meetings, and use of helipads for air-flights in connection with elections shall not be monopolized by the ruling parties. Other parties and candidates shall be allowed to use such places and facilities on the same terms and conditions on which they are used by the parties in power;
 - 3) Rest houses, dak bungalows or other Government accommodation shall not be monopolized by the party in power or its candidates and such accommodation shall be allowed to be used by other parties and candidates in a fair manner but no party or candidate shall use or be allowed to use such accommodation (including premises appertaining thereto) as a campaign office or for holding any public meeting for the purposes of election propaganda;
 - 4) Issue of advertisement at the cost of public exchequer in the newspapers and other media and the misuse of official mass media during the election period for partisan coverage of political news and publicity regarding achievements with a view to furthering the prospects of the party/parties in power shall be scrupulously avoided.
 - 5) Ministers and other authorities shall not sanction grants/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced; and
 - 6) From the time elections are announced, Ministers and other authorities shall not :-
 - (a) announce any financial grants in any form or promises thereof; or
 - (b) (except civil servants) lay foundation stones etc. of projects or schemes of any kind; or
 - (c) Make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities etc.; or
 - (d) Make any ad-hoc appointments in Government, PSUs, etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.
 - 7) Ministers of the Central or State or Union Territory Government shall not enter any polling station or place of counting except in their capacity as a candidate or voter or authorized agent.
