

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
(Election Authority)

(Jammu & Kashmir) Panchayati Raj Act, 1989

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Commissioner/ Secretary,
General Administrative Department,
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No. 14/SEC/EA/2020/393-94

Dated:-/10-11-2020

**Subject:- Conduct of elections to District Development Councils and Panchayat
By-Elections to the Vacant Seats of Sarpanches/Panches-2020-
Declaration of holiday on the day of Poll-regarding.**

Sir,

The State Election Commission (SEC), UT of Jammu and Kashmir has issued schedule for conduct of elections to District Development Councils and Vacant Seats of Sarpanches/Panches in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

In order to achieve maximum turnout of the electors on the polling day, the State Election Commission (SEC) has decided that:-

- i. polling days during the District Development Councils (DDCs) Elections and Panchayat By-Elections shall be declared as holidays under Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881, so that the electors belonging to these poll (bound) District Development Councils (DDCs)/ Panchayats can cast their votes.
- ii. on the lines of Section 135-B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, a "paid holiday" on the day of poll shall be granted to all the persons who are employed in any business, trade, Industrial undertaking or any other establishment and entitled to vote at an election.
- iii. all those electors of these areas who are employed outside these areas, who wish to vote, shall be granted a "Special Casual Leave" enabling them to exercise their right to franchise.

Accordingly, I am directed to request you that necessary orders be issued in accordance with the schedule of District Development Councils and Panchayat By-Elections- 2020 enclosed herewith.

Matter may kindly be treated as election urgent.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary,

State Election Commission,
UT of J&K, Jammu.

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