

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 3/J&K-LA/2024

Dated: 22nd August, 2024

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Jammu & Kashmir,
Jammu.

Subject:- General Election to Legislative Assembly of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, 2024 - Scheme for Kashmiri migrants to vote in person at transitory camps-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer the subject cited and to forward herewith the Commission's Notification No. 3/J&K-LA/2024(S) dated 22nd August, 2024, No. 3/J&K-LA/2024(N) dated 22nd August, 2024 and to request that the same may published in an extra-ordinary issue of the Union Territory Gazette and two copies may be forwarded of the Commission as soon as same is published.

2. Further, the Commission vide Notification no. 3/J&K-LA/2024 dated 22nd August, 2024 has also notified Assistant Returning Officers for the purpose. The same is enclosed herewith and to request that the same may published in an extra-ordinary issue of the Union Territory Gazette and two copies may be forwarded of the Commission as soon as same is published.

3. I am also directed to say that the Commission has advised the migrant voters to send their forms, Form 'M' for voting in person or Form 12C requesting for the postal ballot, to the concerned Assistant Returning Officers so as to reach them on or 10 days before the date of poll separately for each phase of the polling.

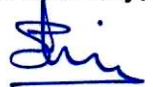
4. In this regard, the Scheme being published by the Commission is also enclosed. As laid down in para 6 of the 'Scheme' for Kashmiri migrants to vote in person at transitory camps', the Assistant Returning Officers will cull out lists of electors who opt for voting in person at the special polling stations, constituency-wise. These lists of electors who will vote at each of the special polling stations will be drawn separately for each such polling station on the basis of the choice indicated by individual electors in Form 'M'. Thereafter, the lists of special polling stations and the lists of electors assigned to each such polling station will be notified, by the District Election Officer concerned under Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

5. The marked copies of the electoral rolls to be used at the special polling stations as prepared by the Assistant Returning Officer will consist of only the name of those electors who have been assigned to those polling stations. These marked copies of the electoral roll will be prepared in the prescribed format (Annexure-I of the scheme). On the basis of these marked copies of the electoral roll to be supplied by the Assistant Returning Officers to the Returning Officer of the constituency, the Returning Officer will mark the letter 'VSPS' (to denote 'Voting at special polling station') against the name of the persons included in the said marked copy (Annexure 'I'), in the marked copies of the electoral roll to be used at the normal polling stations. These marked copies will also contain the letter "PB" against the names of those electors who wish to vote by post and have been supplied with the postal ballot papers.

6. The above instructions shall be brought to the notice of the Returning Officer of all the Parliamentary Constituencies in the Kashmir valley and also the District Election Officers and the three Assistant Returning Officers for 'specified' and 'notified' class of voters, for strict compliance.

7. A copy of the advertisement to be issued in this connection is enclosed. Kindly ensure that frequent and repeated publicity/announcement is made in print/electronic media of all leading newspapers and All India Radio etc. in the next few days for the benefit of Kashmiri migrants and was done in the past.

Yours faithfully,



(SHEESH RAM)
UNDER SECRETARY

Encl: (i) Notification No. 3/J&K-LA/2024(S) dated 22nd August, 2024
(ii) Notification No. 3/J&K-LA/2024(N) dated 22nd August, 2024
(iii) Notification No. 3/J&K-LA/2024 dated 22nd August, 2024
(iv) Scheme for the Migrant Voters
(v) Copy of the advertisement to be issued

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Dated: 22nd August, 2024
31 Sravana, 1946(SAKA)

NOTIFICATION

No. 3/J&K-LA/2024 (S):- WHEREAS, a number of electors of Assembly Constituencies in the Kashmir valley of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir as specified in the Table below had migrated because of compelling circumstances and have been temporarily residing in various places outside their place of ordinary residence; and

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of India, having regard to the right of franchise of such migrant electors, directed that these migrants shall continue to be treated as “ordinarily residents” of their respective places for inclusion/retention of their names in the electoral roll of the concerned constituency despite their migration and as such their names were allowed to be incorporated in the electoral rolls summarily revised under the order of the Election Commission with reference to 01-07-2024 as the qualifying date; and

Whereas, at the time of the elections to the Jammu & Kashmir State Legislative Assembly, 1996, a special scheme was devised under the then prevalent the Jammu and Kashmir Representation of the People Act, 1957 and the Jammu and Kashmir Conduct of Election Rules, 1965, which enabled these migrant voters to vote by postal ballot for their respective constituencies of their native places; and

Whereas, the same facility to the above class of voters was extended at the time of the General Election to the House of the People held in 1998, 1999 and 2024 by amending the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 (Rules 27A to 27K); and

Whereas, after taking into account several complaints about the delay transmission of the postal ballot in both ways by notified class of voters from different parts of the country, the Election Commission had decided during the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of J&K held in September-October, 2002 to provide these migrant voters their voting right, they should be enabled to vote in person at “special polling stations” set up outside the territorial limits of the constituency at Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi under Section 36A(1) of the then Jammu and Kashmir Representation of the People Act, 1957. Those of migrant voters who were not in a position to avail of this facility to

vote in person at these special polling stations were given the option of exercising their right to vote by availing of the facility to vote by postal ballot as was done in the previous elections; and

Whereas, the said scheme having worked very well, the facility was extended during general election to Legislative Assembly held in 2008, 2014 and General Election to the Lok Sabha held in 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019; and

Whereas, the Government of India vide notification dated 9th August, 2019 has abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution and promulgated the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 and inter-alia repealed the Jammu and Kashmir Representation of the People Act, 1957 and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is going for Assembly elections for the very first time since then;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Election Commission, in exercise of powers vested by Article 324 of the Constitution read with Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, for the purpose of casting votes at the poll in the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, to be held in 2024, in pursuance of the notifications to be issued by the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under Section 15(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, directs continuation of the said scheme and accordingly hereby specifies the migrant electors enrolled in any of the Assembly Constituencies as specified in the Table Below, who are residing outside their place of ordinary residence, but other than those who have been notified under clause (c) of Section 60 the Representation of the People Act, 1951 to vote by postal ballot, as the class of persons for whom special polling stations shall be provided outside the territorial limits of the assembly constituencies mentioned below.

TABLE

Name and Number of Assembly Constituency
1-KARNAH
2-TREHGAM
3-KUPWARA
4-LOLAB
5-HANDWARA
6-LANGATE
7-SOPORE
8-RAFIABAD
9-URI
10-BARAMULLA
11-GULMARG
12-WAGOORA-KREERI
13-PATTAN
14-SONAWARI
15-BANDIPORA
16-GUREZ(ST)

17-KANGAN(ST)
18-GANDERBAL
19-HAZRATBAL
20-KHANYAR
21-HABBAKADAL
22-LAL CHOWK
23-CHANNAPORA
24-ZADIBAL
25-EIDGAH
26-CENTRAL SHALTENG
27-BUDGAM
28-BEERWAH
29-KHANSAHIB
30-CHRRAR-I-SHARIEF
31-CHADOORA
32-PAMPORE
33-TRAL
34-PULWAMA
35-RAJPORA
36-ZAINAPORA
37-SHOPIAN
38-D.H.PORA
39-KULGAM
40-DEVSAR
41-DOORU
42-KOKERNAG(ST)
43-ANANTNAG WEST
44-ANANTNAG
45-SRIGUFWARA-BIJBEHARA
46-SHANGUS-ANANTNAG EAST
47-PAHALGAM

By order,



(B. C. PATRA)

Secretary

Election Commission of India

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NOTIFICATION

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WHEREAS, the Election Commission, having regard to the right of franchise of such migrant electors, directed that these migrants shall continue to be treated as ordinarily residents of their respective places for inclusion/retention of their names in the electoral roll of the concerned constituency despite their temporary migration and as such their names were allowed to be incorporated in the electoral rolls summarily revised under the order of the Election Commission with reference to **01.07.2024** as the qualifying date; and

Now, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 60(c) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, for the purposes of giving votes at the poll in the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, to be held in 2024, in pursuance of the notifications to be issued by the Lieutenant Governor under Section 15 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, hereby notifies the aforesaid migrant electors enrolled in any of the Assembly Constituencies as specified in the Table below, who are residing outside their place of ordinary residence, but other than those who have been specified to vote in person, by the Election Commission under the powers conferred by Article 324 of the Constitution read with Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as the class of persons to give their votes by postal ballot, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements specified in the rules made under the said Act :

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1-KARNAH
2-TREHGAM
3-KUPWARA
4-LOLAB
5-HANDWARA
6-LANGATE
7-SOPORE
8-RAFIABAD

9-URI
10-BARAMULLA
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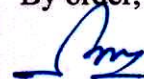
No.3/J&K-LA/2024 (1):- In exercise of the power conferred by sub-Section (1) of Section 22 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), read with Rule 27A of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, as substituted by the Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 1999, the Election Commission of India hereby appoints the officers, mentioned in column (2) of the Table below, as Assistant Returning Officers for the 'specified' and 'notified' class of voters, as notified by the Commission in its Notification No. 3/J&K-LA/2024 (N) and No. 3/J&K-LA/2024 (S) both dated 22nd August, 2024 to assist the Returning Officers of the Assembly Constituencies mentioned against their name in column (1) of that Table, and for the performance of the functions assigned to such Assistant Returning Officers under Part-III A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, as amended, at the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly from the Union Territory of J&K:-

TABLE

No. & Name of Assembly Constituency	Assistant Returning Officer
1	2
1-KARNAH	1. Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu. 2. Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur 3. Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi. 4. Deputy Secretary, in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi
2-TREHGAM	
3-KUPWARA	
4-LOLAB	
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General Election to Legislative Assembly of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, 2024

Scheme for Kashmiri migrants to vote in person at transitory camps and voting by means of postal ballot.

Introductory

- 1.1 A large number of electors registered in several parts of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly Kashmir division, were forced to leave their native places during late 1980s and early 1990s because of the terrorist activities of extremist elements supported from across the Indian borders. They are still residing either in transitory camps in Jammu and Delhi or elsewhere in several other parts of the UT or outside the UT. Because of their emotional ties with their native place and in order not to lose their permanent residentship status of their native State, they were not willing to enroll in the constituencies in which they are physically resident presently but wanted their names to be continued in the rolls of their native places. Therefore, the Election Commission, after consultation with the Central Government and the State Government, decided that such of the migrants who left their native places in Kashmir Valley after 1st April, 1989 shall be deemed to be ordinarily resident in the constituencies in which they were so resident before their migration and their names shall continue to be borne on the electoral rolls of the assembly and parliamentary constituencies concerned in the Kashmir province of the state of Jammu and Kashmir. Their descendants, who have meanwhile come of age, were also permitted to have their names included in those rolls on the basis of their claim applications.
- 1.2 At the time of the election to the State Legislative Assembly in 1996, a special scheme was devised, which enabled these migrant voters to vote by postal ballot in their respective constituencies of their native places. For this purpose, the Jammu and Kashmir Representation of the People Act, 1957 and the Jammu and Kashmir Conduct of Elections Rule, 1965 were specifically amended. According to that scheme, the said voters, who were called as 'notified voters' under section 70(c) of the J&K 1957 Act, were required to make an application in Form 12 C appended to the J&K 1965 Rules to a specific Assistant Returning Officer, designated by the Election Commission at Jammu, for supply of postal ballot papers, if they wished to vote by post. Such applications were required to reach the said Assistant Returning

Officer at least 10 days before the date of poll in the respective constituencies. Further, these applications were required to be verified and attested by the officers in charge of the transitory camps or by any other gazetted officer. Such of those migrant voters as are employed in the government jobs or were retired pensioners were required to have their applications verified and attested by the head of their offices or by the manager of the bank or treasury from where they were drawing their pension. The ARO, on being satisfied as to the entitlement of the applicant to vote by post, was then obliged to send the postal ballot paper to the applicant at least 8 days before the date of poll. The marked postal ballot papers were to reach the Returning Officer of the constituency concerned before the hours fixed for counting of votes.

- 1.3 Similar facility to the aforesaid class of voters was extended at the time of the general election to the House of the People held in 1998 and 1999 by amending the Representation of the People Act, 1951 [Section 60(c)] and the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 (Rules 27A to 27K).
- 1.4 Taking into consideration several complaints that the postal ballot papers sent to and by the aforesaid notified class of voters from different parts of the Country were delayed in transmission, the Election Commission had decided during the general election to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir held in September-October, 2002 that in order to make the voting right of such migrant voters effective and really meaningful, they should be enabled to vote in person at the transitory camps where they were living in Jammu, Delhi etc., by providing polling station(s) especially for them (hereinafter referred to as 'special polling stations') in those transitory camps. Further, such of the migrant voters as were living not in camps but nearby in Jammu and Delhi or in some neighboring places and wished to vote in person at these polling stations were also permitted to avail of that facility. Those of migrant voters who were not in a position to avail of this facility to vote in person at these special polling stations were given the option of exercising their right to vote by availing of the facility to vote by post as in the previous elections.
- 1.5 The scheme devised for the purpose worked very well during the general election to the Legislative Assembly held in September-October, 2002. Similar arrangements were made during General Elections to Lok Sabha held in 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019.

- 1.6 During the General Election to Lok Sabha 2024, representations were received from several Kashmiri Migrant groups pointing out the hassles being faced by them in filling of Form-M in every election to vote at same Special Polling Stations. They informed that the Form-M procedure subjects these voters to additional bureaucratic hurdles compared to other voters and also the process of filling out the Form-M is often complex and cumbersome, requiring specific documentation, proof of migration status and attestation by a gazetted officer. The scheme, incorporating modifications accordingly, was extended for the General Election to Lok Sabha held in 2024.
- 1.7 Now, for migrant electors of Jammu and Udhampur, the filling of Form-M has been done away with. The electors staying in zones/camps will be mapped to their respective polling stations by the respective AERO Migrants at Jammu and Udhampur. For migrants who are residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, while they have to fill Form-M, they can now self-certify the certificate attached with the Form-M, instead of going through the hassle of getting it attested by a Gazetted officer.
- 1.8 The Commission, after taking into consideration the success of this scheme, has decided to extend the said scheme for the ongoing General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir, 2024.

Details of Scheme

- 2.1 Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that the District Election Officer shall, with the previous approval of the Election Commission, provide a sufficient number of polling stations for every constituency and the polling area or group of voters for which they have respectively been provided.
- 2.2 In view of the position stated in the preceding para, the Election Commission has, as a first step, to specify, in exercise of powers vested by Article 324 of the Constitution read with Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Kashmiri migrants whose names are registered in any of the Assembly Constituencies shown in Annexure-I in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, as a group of voters [hereinafter referred to as 'specified' voters] for whom the polling stations may be provided outside the territorial limits of those constituencies, i.e., special polling stations at Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur.
- 2.3 Simultaneously, those of the Kashmiri migrants who are living far away from the camps, etc., and wish to vote by post, have been separately notified as 'notified voters' in terms of Section 60(c) of the said Act read with rule 27A(b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961. Necessary consultation with the Central Government has been made in this regard as required under the said Section 60(c).

Appointment of Assistant Returning Officers for 'specified' and 'notified' voters

- 3.1 To operationalise this scheme, Assistant Commissioner, (Relief), Jammu who has several officers of the rank of Superintendent. etc., to assist him, may be designated as Assistant Returning Officer for the Assembly Constituencies in the Kashmir Valley as shown in Annexure-A. He may be made responsible for receipt of applications from the electors who wish to vote at the special polling stations and also from those who wish to vote by post. He may also be made responsible for preparation of marked copies of electoral rolls for those polling stations, etc., and all other arrangements for the conduct of polls at these polling stations.
- 3.2 Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur may also be appointed as ARO in respect of the special polling station(s) at Udhampur.
- 3.3 Likewise, Deputy Director, Horticulture, (P&M), Delhi and Deputy Secretary, in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi may also be appointed as the ARO for the receipt of applications, conduct of poll, etc., at the special polling station(s) to be provided in Delhi.
- 3.4 Further, these AROs may be made responsible not only for the conduct of poll at the special polling stations but also for the counting of votes cast at these polling stations, which would obviate the necessity of transporting the EVMs used at these polling stations to the Returning Officers of the Assembly constituencies across the Kashmir Valley. The result of the polling at these polling stations can be ascertained by the said AROs and communicated to the ROs concerned which would be taken into account by the RO for determining and declaring the final result of the election in their constituencies.

- 3.5 Keeping in view the convenience of voters, living in various camps in Jammu Division and Delhi, camps and also nearby, Commission has approved the following special polling stations in Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi :-

Jammu

1. Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu
2. Indian Institute of Management, Jammu Canal Road, Jammu
3. North Zonal Accountancy Training Institute, Muthi, Jammu
4. Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Janipur, Jammu
5. Migrant School Purkhoo, Jammu
6. Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Complex, Gole Puli Talab Tillo, Jammu
7. Govt. Mixed Higher Secondary School, Muthi (Lower Roop Nagar), Jammu
8. Migrant School, Nagrota, Jammu
9. Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti, Jammu
10. Anuradha Higher Secondary School Barnai, Jammu
11. Agriculture University Complex, Udhaiywala, Jammu
12. J&K Board of School Education, Rehari, Jammu
13. Govt Middle School (Migrants), Jagti, Jammu
14. Kendriya Vidyalaya Ban Talab, Jammu
15. Sant Mela Singh College of Education, Near Digiana Ashram, Jammu
16. Sarvodya Public School, By Pass Santra Morh, Jammu
17. Govt Girls Higher Secondary School, Miran Sahib, Jammu
18. Birla Open Minds International School, Channi Himmat Jammu
19. NSM College Anand Nagar, Bohri, Jammu

Udhampur

1. Government ITI, Udhampur

Delhi

1. J&K House, 5, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi.
2. O/o the Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.
3. Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Paprawat, New Delhi
4. Arwachin International School, F-Block, Dilshad Garden, Delhi.

- 4.1 In so far as the Kashmiri Migrants living in other parts of the country are concerned, it may not be feasible to provide polling stations for them and they will have the option to exercise their franchise through the postal ballot system, as was done at the time of general elections in 1996, 1998 and 1999, 2002, 2008 and 2009 and 2014 and the arrangements made in this behalf, will have to be repeated.

Collection of information from 'specified voters' as to where they would like to vote

- 4.2 In order to ascertain as to who among the specified voters would like to vote at which of the above-mentioned polling stations, the ARO may ask the voters to give their preference in writing. As this information is to be gathered for the purpose of allocating these voters to the above mentioned polling stations, it may suffice if the head of the family or any senior member of the family gives intimation in respect of all the members of his family and we may not insist upon individual intimation from each elector. Though the right to vote is an individual right, the gathering of such information from the head of the family would not militate against the individual right as at the time of election the voter concerned will have to exercise that right individually after satisfying the polling staff of his identity.
- 4.3 For specified voters residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, this information may be obtained from the head/senior members of the families in a non-statutory form, called 'Form M' (copy enclosed). Copies of this form may be distributed through Resident Commissioner's office at Delhi and through the camp commandants of the migrant camps. Wide publicity may also be given in the newspapers and also through the head of departments.
- 4.4 The head/senior members of the families of specified voters may be asked to provide the requisite information in Form M to the above-referred AROs at Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi immediately and at least 10 days before the date of poll.
- 4.5 To enable the applicants to provide the requisite intimation in Form M by the stipulated date, copies of the electoral rolls of all the Assembly Constituencies mentioned at Annexure may be made available urgently at the offices of the above AROs for inspection by the intending applicants.
- 4.6 To remove the hassle of looking for a Gazetted officer to attest the Certificate appended with Form M, 'Self Attestation' of these Forms shall suffice. However, in

order to avoid impersonation at the Special Polling Stations, they shall be required to produce either EPIC or any of the alternate documents prescribed by the Commission for the identification of electors at Polling Stations.

4.7 For 'specified voters' residing in Jammu and Udhampur, the requirement of Form M has been done away with. Following procedure shall be followed for them:

- a. All the 20 Special Polling Stations (19 in Jammu and 1 in Udhampur) shall be mapped to camps/zones individually, ensuring that every zone has at least one Special Polling Station. In case there are multiple polling stations in one zone, the zonal officers shall earmark the intra-zonal jurisdiction for each such polling station keeping in mind the distance/ease of approach for each set of electors.
- b. In case there is any zone that does not have any of the existing Special Polling Stations, a new Special Polling Station shall be proposed by the ARO Migrant concerned in a suitable Government building following all extant directions of the Commission concerning setting up a polling station, including consultation with political parties.
- c. Consequent to this, the electors staying in these zones/camps shall be mapped to the respective polling stations by a table top exercise to be done by the respective AERO Migrants at Jammu and Udhampur.
- d. Electoral roll extracts corresponding to each of these Special Polling Stations shall be culled out of the basic electoral rolls of their respective assembly constituencies.
- e. Draft Electoral Roll Extracts, to be used as the rolls for respective Special Polling Stations, for each of the Zone shall be notified by the respective AERO Migrants at Jammu and Udhampur and published in the newspapers as well as given wide publicity by placing it at all conspicuous places in the zone including the Zone Office as well as other places of importance for the Migrants like Office of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, J&K, websites, etc.
- f. All electors within 7 days of the notification of the draft electoral roll extract, approach the respective Assistant Returning Officers (Migrant) at Jammu and Udhampur in case:

- i. there is any omission of any eligible name in the draft lists
 - ii. s(he) wishes to opt for voting through postal ballot
 - iii. s(he) wishes to vote at the original polling station in Kashmir valley,
- g. After the passage of 7 days period, the Assistant Returning Officers (Migrant) shall notify the final Electoral Roll Extracts for each Special Polling Station and the same shall be used at these polling stations on the day of poll.
- h. A copy of these Final Electoral Roll Extracts shall be shared immediately by the Assistant Returning Officers (Migrant) with the Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers of the respective Constituencies in Kashmir for marking against the respective names in the Electoral Rolls to be used at the original polling stations in Kashmir.
- i. In order to doubly ensure that no elector who opts for postal ballot by filling Form 12C gets the voting opportunity to vote at these special polling stations, the ARO Migrant Jammu who is the nodal officer for Postal Ballots under the scheme, shall ensure that in case Form 12C is received from any of these electors and the postal ballot has been dispatched, marking of 'PB' shall be made against the name of the said elector in the corresponding Electoral Roll Extracts.

Assignment of specified voters to special polling stations and preparation of marked copies of electoral rolls.

- 5.1. On the basis of the information collected by the Relief Commissioner for migrant voters of Jammu and Udhampur or intimations given by the specified voters in Form M for the migrants who are staying outside Jammu and Udhampur, the AROs may cull out lists, Assembly Constituency wise of electors who opt for voting in person at the abovementioned polling stations and then these electors may be assigned to the different polling stations as per the mapping done or preference indicated by them. If at any polling station, the number of electors from any particular Constituency is exceedingly large, say more than 1,200, more than one booth may be provided for them in the same polling station location for the convenience of voters. The list of these special polling stations with the groups of specified voters assigned to each polling station may then be notified, Assembly constituency wise, by the District Election Officers concerned under Section 25 of the Representation of People Act, 1951.
- 5.2 The provision of the abovementioned special polling stations in the transitory camps, etc., would mean that the specified class of voters would be entitled to vote only at the specially provided polling stations and not in the polling stations normally provided for them in their native places in their respective constituencies. It will have to be ensured that when these persons vote in the

special polling stations, nobody else votes for them in their original polling stations in the constituency. The Returning Officers will have to so prepare the marked copies of the electoral roll to be used at the original polling stations that they contain a clear indication as to which of the voters would vote at the special polling stations and would not be entitled to vote at the original polling stations. Such indication may be given by putting the letters 'VSPS' [to denote 'voting at special polling station'] against the names of the voters who give intimation of their intention to vote at the special polling stations. [These marked copies will also contain the letters 'PB' against the names of those electors who wish to vote by post and have been supplied with the postal ballot papers].

- 5.3 The marked copies of the electoral rolls to be used at the special polling stations will consist of only the names of those electors who have been assigned to those polling stations as mentioned in paras 4.1 and 4.2 above. Instead of giving the whole electoral roll of the constituency running into several hundred pages and marking the names of persons who will be entitled to vote at these special polling stations, separate marked copy of the electoral roll may be prepared, polling station wise, containing the names of only those electors who have been assigned to only those polling stations as per paras 4.1 and 4.2 above. This marked copy of the electoral roll for the special polling stations may be prepared in the format at Annexure-I hereto. On the basis of the marked copy of the electoral roll for each special polling station so prepared, the Returning Officer of the constituency will mark the letters 'VSPS' against the names of the persons, included in the said marked copy (Annexure-I), in the marked copies of the electoral roll to be used at the respective polling stations normally provided for these voters in their native places, as envisaged in para 4.2 above.

Conduct of poll

- 6.1 The conduct of poll at these Special Polling Stations will be conducted by using separate EVMs for each Assembly Constituency as is being done at the original polling stations in the constituency and all rules and directions and instructions applicable to the conduct of poll at the normal polling stations will apply at these special polling stations also.

Postal ballot papers for notified electors

- 7.1 Any 'notified' voter who wishes to vote by post is required to make an application for postal ballot in Form 12C appended to the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 to any of the above AROs at least 10 days before the date of poll in the Assembly constituency in-which he is registered as elector.
- 7.2 The Returning Officers of the said Assembly Constituencies concerned have to make available well in advance, the electoral rolls of the Assembly constituencies concerned in the offices of the above AROs to enable the 'notified' voters to fill in their required particulars in their applications in Form- 12C.

- 7.3 These applications before submission are required to be verified and attested by the officers in charge of transitory camps or by any other gazetted officer. Sufficient number of gazetted officers should, therefore, be made available for the purpose in the offices of the aforementioned AROs.
- 7.4 The ARO Migrant at Jammu, "Assistant Commissioner (Relief)", Jammu in the Office of-Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), Jammu will be solely responsible for handling the applications in Form-12C received from 'notified' voters and for supply of postal ballot papers to them. For this purpose, all Returning Officers of Assembly Constituencies concerned shall make available to the ARO at Jammu sufficient number of postal ballots.
- 7.5 Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning & Marketing, New Delhi, Deputy Secretary, in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi and Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur, shall make every endeavor to forward with least delay all applications in Form-12C received by them for postal ballot paper to the designated ARO Migrant at Jammu. They will also maintain a complete list of applications so received by them and forwarded to the ARO Migrant at Jammu.
- 7.6 The designated ARO Migrant at Jammu, on being satisfied as to the entitlement of the applicant to vote by post, shall then be obliged to send the postal ballot paper to the applicant at least 8 days before the date of poll. The postal ballots and accompanying documents (Form 13-A, 13-B, 13-C and 13-D) shall be sent by the ARO at Jammu to 'notified' voters by registered post.
- 7.7 Duly filled-in Postal Ballot Papers should be sent by such voters through Registered Post (pre-paid by RO) to the Returning Officer concerned of the Assembly Constituencies concerned so as to reach him before the hour fixed for counting of votes. This will be the responsibility of the Postal Authorities. The Commission will issue a separate instruction to Postal Authorities.
- 7.8 The 'notified' voters can also post their applications (Form-12C) for supply of postal ballots and, later on their marked postal ballot papers in the special letter boxes, which will be available at the offices of the abovementioned Assistant Returning Officers at Jammu, Delhi and Udhampur.
- 7.9 The AROs at Delhi and Udhampur shall send the applications in Form-12C received by them to the ARO at Jammu for issue of postal ballots to the voters. Similarly, all three AROs at Jammu, Delhi and Udhampur shall send the polled postal ballots received by them in the aforesaid letter boxes to the Returning Officer concerned of the Assembly Constituencies concerned so as to reach the same before the date and hour fixed for counting of votes.
- 7.10 In addition to the above instructions, the Migrant electors residing at various places other than Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi can also download Form 'M' and Form 12-C from the ECI website and after filling such Forms can be got verified from the Electoral Registration Officer of the areas where he/she is residing. The Electoral Registration Officers can have access to the details of migrant electors enrolled in different Assembly Constituencies in Kashmir through ERO-Net. The ERO concerned, after verifying details in the Form 'M' will scan and upload to electronically transmit the same to AROs Migrants at Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur

for further necessary action. Hard copy so uploaded, are to be sent to AROs Migrant Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur, as the case may be.

- 7.11 Similarly, the ERO concerned will verify the details in Form 12-C and sign the certificate in Part-II of the Form and scan and upload it to electronically transmit the same to the ARO Migrant at Jammu who will take further necessary action to send Postal Ballot to the elector concerned. Hard copies so uploaded are to be sent to ARO Migrant at Jammu.
- 7.12 The Postal Ballot will be sent through Speed post to the elector concerned by the ARO Migrant, Jammu. The elector can send polled Postal Ballot through Speed post (free of cost) to the Returning Officer concerned of the Assembly constituency to which he belongs so that the same can reach the RO concerned in time. The cost of Speed Post will be paid by the R.O. concerned.

Counting of Votes:

- 8.1 As has been stated in para 3.4 above, the counting of the votes cast at the special polling stations should be done by the specified AROs and the result transmitted by them to the ROs concerned by using Form 20. Such transmission of the result by the AROs may be done by using fax, e-mail or any other means of fast communication available, followed by a duly authenticated copy.
- 8.2 Only the Returning Officer of the respective Assembly Constituencies concerned shall count postal ballot papers.

Annexure-A

Name of the District	Name and Number of Assembly Constituency
Kupwara	1-Karnah
	2-Trehgam
	3-Kupwara
	4-Lolab
	5-Handwara
	6-Langate
Baramulla	7-Sopore
	8-Rafiabad
	9-Uri
	10-Baramulla
	11-Gulmarg
	12-Wagoora-Kreeri
	13-Pattan
Bandipora	14-Sonawari
	15-Bandipora
	16-Gurez(ST)
Ganderbal	17-Kangan(ST)
	18-Ganderbal
Srinagar	19-Hazratbal
	20-Khanyar
	21-Habbakadal
	22-Lal Chowk
	23-Channapora
	24-Zadibal
	25-Eidgah
	26-Central Shalteng
Budgam	27-Budgam
	28-Beerwah
	29-Khansahib
	30-Chrar-I-Sharief
	31-Chadoora
Pulwama	32-Pampore
	33-Tral
	34-Pulwama
	35-Rajpora
Shopian	36-Zainapora
	37-Shopian
Kulgam	38-D.H.Pora
	39-Kulgam
	40-Devsar
Anantnag	41-Dooru
	42-Kokernag(ST)
	43-Anantnag West

	44-Anantnag
	45-Srigufwara-Bijbehara
	46-Shangus-Anantnag East
	47-Pahalgam

FORM M**LETTER OF INTIMATION TO ASSTT. RETURNING OFFICER FOR MIGRANT VOTERS**

Dated: _____

To

The Assistant Returning Officer, (For Migrants)

_____(Parliamentary Constituency/Assembly Constituency)

(Designation & address of ARO)

Sir,

I, along with the following members of my family whose particulars are given below,
wish to cast our votes in person at the polling station being provided at

_____(location of the polling station in

_____(name of city):-

S.No.	Name	Father's/Mother's Husband's Name	Name of the Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency	Name of the Assembly Segment	Part No. of Electoral Roll	S. No. in that Part
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						

My present address is as follows: -

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It is hereby certified that the particulars given above are correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

Yours faithfully,

Signature

Name.....

ANNEXURE-1

Marked copy of electoral roll to be used at the polling station provided under section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

SL. No. & Name of Assembly Constituency

SL. No. & Name of Polling Station

Date of Poll _____

Part No. of electoral roll	Sl.No. of elector in that part	*House No.	*Name of electors	*Relationship	*Father/Mother/Husband's Name	*Sex	*Age

*Headings to be the same as in the electoral roll

(Assistant Returning Officer)

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

KIND ATTENTION KASHMIRI MIGRANTS

1. The General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, 2024 has been announced by the Election Commission of India to be held in the following phases as under: -

Phase	No. and Name of Assembly Constituencies	Date of poll
Schedule-I	32-PAMPORE, 33-TRAL, 34-PULWAMA, 35-RAJPORA, 36-ZAINAPORA, 37-SHOPIAN, 38-D.H.PORA, 39-KULGAM, 40-DEVSAR, 41-DOORU, 42-KOKERNAG(ST), 43-ANANTNAG WEST, 44-ANANTNAG, 45-SRIGUFWARA-BIJBEHARA, 46-SHANGUS-ANANTNAG EAST, 47-PAHALGAM	18.09.2024
Schedule-II	17-KANGAN(ST), 18-GANDERBAL, 19-HAZRATBAL, 20-KHANYAR, 21-HABBAKADAL, 22-LAL CHOWK, 23-CHANNAPORA, 24-ZADIBAL, 25-EIDGAH, 26-CENTRAL SHALTENG, 27-BUDGAM, 28-BEERWAH, 29-KHANSAHIB, 30-CHRRAR-I-SHARIEF, 31-CHADOORA	25.09.2024
Schedule-III	1-KARNAH, 2-TREHGAM, 3-KUPWARA, 4-LOLAB, 5-HANDWARA, 6-LANGATE, 7-SOPORE, 8-RAFIABAD, 9-URI, 10-BARAMULLA, 11-GULMARG, 12-WAGOORA-KREERI, 13-PATTAN, 14-SONAWARI, 15-BANDIPORA, 16-GUREZ(ST)	01.10.2024

2. Electoral rolls of Assembly Constituency in the Kashmir valley have already been published on **20th August, 2024** and the period of continuous updation started thereafter for giving opportunity to new electors who have to enroll themselves as electors and also for the other electors to get their names/particulars corrected or deleted from the rolls. The electoral rolls have, as an additional measure, been now kept for inspection in the office of the following Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, (a) Assistant Commissioner, (Relief), Jammu. (b) Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur (c) Deputy Director, Horticulture, (P and M), Delhi and (d) Deputy Secretary in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi

3. Kashmiri migrant voters, who are residing at various relief camps in Delhi, Jammu, and Udhampur and who have opted to cast their votes in person through Electronic Voting Machines at the forthcoming General Election to the Legislative Assembly of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, 2024 can do so at any one of the following polling stations: -

Jammu

1. Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu
2. Indian Institute of Management, Jammu Canal Road, Jammu
3. North Zonal Accountancy Training Institute, Muthi, Jammu
4. Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Janipur, Jammu
5. Migrant School Purkhoo, Jammu
6. Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Complex, Gole Puli Talab Tillo, Jammu

7. Govt. Mixed Higher Secondary School, Muthi (Lower Roop Nagar), Jammu
8. Migrant School, Nagrota, Jammu
9. Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti, Jammu
10. Anuradha Higher Secondary School Barnai, Jammu
11. Agriculture University Complex, Udhaiywala, Jammu
12. J&K Board of School Education, Rehari, Jammu
13. Govt Middle School (Migrants), Jagti, Jammu
14. Kendriya Vidyalaya Ban Talab, Jammu
15. Sant Mela Singh College of Education, Near Digiana Ashram, Jammu
16. Sarvodya Public School, By Pass Santra Morh, Jammu
17. Govt Girls Higher Secondary School, Miran Sahib, Jammu
18. Birla Open Minds International School, Channi Himmat Jammu
19. NSM College Anand Nagar, Bohri, Jammu

Udhampur

1. Government ITI, Udhampur

Delhi

1. J&K House, 5, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi.
2. O/o the Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.
3. Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Paprawat, New Delhi
4. Arwachin International School, F-Block, Dilshad Garden, Delhi.

4. For migrant electors of Jammu and Udhampur, the earlier practice of filling of Form-M has been done away with. The electors staying in zones/camps will be mapped to their respective polling stations by the respective AERO Migrants at Jammu and Udhampur. For migrants who are residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, they can now self-certify the certificate attached with the Form-M, instead of getting it attested by a Gazetted officer. Those voters who are required to fill Form-M i.e. those residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, who wish to exercise their franchise in person should intimate details of the electors in their families to the Assistant Returning Officers mentioned below in prescribed Form-M, which is available free of cost at the offices of these Assistant Returning Officers, so as to reach them at least ten days before the date of poll. Option once given shall be final.

1. Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu.
 2. Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur.
 3. Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi and
 4. Deputy Secretary, office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi
5. All migrant voters other than those who opted to vote in person have the option to vote through postal ballot papers. They may apply for the postal ballot paper in the prescribed Form

12C appended to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 available in the offices of the Assistant returning Officers mentioned above.

6. They are advised to send the application forms (Form 12C) duly filled in, requesting for the Postal Ballot to the concerned Assistant Returning Officer at Jammu (mentioned in para 4 above) so as to reach him 10 days before the date of poll for each phase. To facilitate attestation of forms, sufficient number of gazetted officers will be available at these centres and will attest the same.

7. They can also drop their application forms, and later on, their marked postal ballot papers in the special letterboxes, which will also be available at offices of all the Assistant Returning Officers mentioned above.

8. In addition to the above instructions, the Migrant electors residing at various places other than Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi can also download Form-M and Form 12C from the ECI website and after filling such Forms can be got verified from the Electoral Registration Officer of the areas where he/she is residing. The Electoral Registration Officers can have access to the details of migrant electors enrolled in different Assembly Constituencies in Kashmir through ERO-Net. The ERO concerned, after verifying details in the Form-M will scan and upload to electronically transmit the same to AROs Migrants at Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur for further necessary action. Hard copy so uploaded, are to be sent to AROs Migrant Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur, as the case may be.

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