

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
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SECRETARIAT OF THE
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.481/2012/CC&BE

Dated: 20th June, 2012

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States, NCT Delhi and UT of Puducherry.

Sub: Presidential Election, 2012 - Directions for printing of ballot papers under Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for your information a copy of the direction together with its Hindi version issued by the Commission under Rule 10(1) and Rule 26 (1) of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974 relating to design, form and language of the Ballot Papers for the Presidential Election, 2012.

2. Where the ballot papers are required to be printed in languages other than Hindi and/or English, the Chief Electoral Officers of the respective States [namely, 1. Andhra Pradesh, 2. Assam, 3. Goa, 4. Gujarat, 5. Jammu & Kashmir, 6. Karnataka, 7. Kerala, 8. Maharashtra, 9. Manipur, 10. Odisha, 11. Punjab, 12. Sikkim, 13. Tamil Nadu, 14. Tripura 15. West Bengal & 16. Puducherry] are requested to take steps for procuring required quantity of paper, setting the matter in print etc. Final printing of ballot paper can be undertaken, if necessary, after the last date for withdrawal of candidatures fixed for the election (i.e. **4th July, 2012**).

3. Election Commission will arrange for printing of ballot papers, which are to be printed in Hindi and/or in English Languages in Delhi, in respect of 1. Arunachal Pradesh, 2. Bihar, 3. Chhattisgarh, 4. Haryana, 5. Himachal Pradesh, 6. Jharkhand, 7. Madhya Pradesh, 8. Meghalaya, 9. Mizoram, 10. Nagaland, 11. Rajasthan 12. Uttarakhand, 13. Uttar Pradesh and 14. NCT of Delhi, and required number of ballot papers will be supplied direct to the Chief Electoral Officer/Assistant Returning Officer as was done in the past.

4. The receipt of this letter along with its enclosure may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

(K. N. BHAR)
SECRETARY

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Copy together with a copy of the direction with its Hindi version referred to pre page forwarded for information to:

1. The Returning Officer for the Presidential Election and Secretary General, Rajya Sabha, Room No. 29, Parliament House, New Delhi.
2. The Assistant Returning Officers at Headquarter for Presidential Election, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House, New Delhi.
3. The Assistant Returning Officers for the Presidential Election (Through Chief Electoral Officers).
4. The Secretary to the President of India, President Secretariat, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice, Legislative Department, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
7. The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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DIRECTION

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 2012
DESIGN AND FORM OF BALLOT PAPER

1. In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of rule 10 and sub-rule (1) of rule 26 of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, the Election Commission hereby directs the Chief Electoral Officers of all States, NCT of Delhi and Union Territory of Puducherry, that the ballot papers for the Presidential Election shall be prepared in the form, and the particulars therein shall be in the language or languages, as indicated herein below: -

1.1 The ballot papers for use by the elected members of both Houses of Parliament shall be printed on **green colour paper (75 GSM)** and those for use by the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States and UTs shall be printed on **pink colour paper (75 GSM)**.

1.2 Every ballot paper shall have a counterfoil attached to it. The counterfoil shall be at the top of the ballot paper and its depth shall be 10 cms. The counterfoil shall contain:

(a) Sufficient space at the top for center stitching in the center of the counterfoil.

(b) The following particulars shall be printed therein-

“Counter foil

Sl. No.

BALLOT PAPER
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
(Date of Poll: 19th July, 2012)

Serial No. of elector in the list maintained under rule 40 of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974,.....”

(a) a perforated straight line below, separating the counterfoil from the ballot paper.

2. (i) The particulars of the election and the date of poll shall be printed in the center on the front face of the ballot paper as follows:-

“BALLOT PAPER”
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
(Date of Poll: 19th July 2012)”

The depth of the panel for the above particulars will be 5cms.

(ii) On the right hand side, below the particulars to be printed as detailed in item (i) above, shall be shown a rectangle (a) in the case of ballot papers for use by the elected members of both Houses of Parliament, the word **“PARLIAMENT”** and (b) in the case of ballot papers for use by the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States, the name of the State concerned. In both the cases, the number of votes which each such ballot paper shall be deemed to represent under rule 30 of the said Rules should be printed as per example shown below:-

PARLIAMENT 708	ANDHRA PRADESH 148	TAMIL NADU 176
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(iii) Immediately below item (ii), the following headings viz. “Name of candidate” “order of preference” shall be printed in small type. There shall be a thick line at the bottom of this panel. The depth of panel containing the heading shall be of 1.5 cms.

(iv) The width of the ballot paper, including its counterfoil and heading, shall be the same throughout, namely, 15 cms. irrespective of the number of candidates. The length of the portion of the ballot paper containing the panels for the contesting candidates shall be 10cms, where the number of candidates is five or less. Where the number of candidates exceeds 5, the length of the ballot paper shall be determined at the rate of a panel of 2 cms. for each candidate. Just below the heading of the ballot

paper, a vertical line shall be drawn from its top to the bottom dividing the width of the ballot paper into two columns. The columns on the left hand side of the vertical line shall be 12 cms. in width and the name of the each candidate shall be printed in this column in the panel for him. The column on the right hand side of the vertical line shall be 3 cms. in width. This column will be used by the voter for marking his order of preference.

(v) The space between the names of any two candidates shall be divided by means of a single thick horizontal line.

(vi) The particulars on the counterfoil of the ballot paper shall be printed in the **English language only**.

(vii) The particulars and the instructions on the ballot papers for use by the elected members of both Houses of Parliament shall be printed in Hindi and English.

(viii) The particulars and the instructions on the ballot papers for use by the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States specified in column 1 of the Table below shall be printed in the language or languages specified in the corresponding entry in column 2: -

TABLE

<u>State</u> (1)	<u>Language(s)</u> (2)
1. Andhra Pradesh	Telugu and English
2. Arunachal Pradesh	English
3. Assam	Assamese and English
4. Bihar	Hindi and English
5. Chhattisgarh	Hindi and English
6. Goa	Konkani and English
7. Gujarat	Gujarati and English
8. Haryana	Hindi and English
9. Himachal Pradesh	Hindi and English
10. Jammu & Kashmir	Urdu and English
11. Jharkhand	Hindi and English
12. Karnataka	Kannada and English
13. Kerala	Malayalam and English
14. Madhya Pradesh	Hindi and English
15. Maharashtra	Marathi and English
16. Manipur	Manipuri and English

17.	Meghalaya	English
18.	Mizoram	English
19.	Nagaland	English
20.	Odisha	Odiya and English
21.	Punjab	Punjabi and English
22.	Rajasthan	Hindi and English
23.	Sikkim	Tibetan, Nepali and English
24.	Tamil Nadu	Tamil and English
25.	Tripura	Bengali and English
26.	Uttarakhand	Hindi and English
27.	Uttar Pradesh	Hindi and English
28.	West Bengal	Bengali and English
29.	NCT Delhi	Hindi and English
30.	Puducherry	Tamil and English

1. (i) On the left hand side top corner on the reverse side of the ballot paper just below the perforated straight line separating the counterfoil from the ballot paper, the serial number of ballot paper (which shall be the same as that on its counterfoil) shall be printed.

(ii) The following instructions shall also appear thereon:

“INSTRUCTIONS

1. Vote by placing the figure 1 in the space opposite the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. Place the figure 1 opposite the name of one candidate only.

2. Indicate the relative preference(s) for the other candidates(s) by placing in the space(s) opposite his/their name(s) the figure(s) 2,3,4 etc. in the order of such preferences.

3. Do not place more than one figure opposite the name of any candidate.

4. Do not place the same figure opposite the names of more than one candidate.

5. The figures, referred to above, may be marked in the international form of Indian numerals or in the Roman form or in the form used in any Indian language but shall **not** be indicated in **words**”.

(iii) The serial number of every ballot paper shall, before delivery of the ballot paper to an elector, be effectively concealed. For this purpose slips of black paper of sufficiently long size be pasted in the following manner.

(1) Apply gum along the two extremities of the width of the slip.

(2) Paste one end on reverse side of ballot paper so as to cover effectively the serial number.

- (3) Thereafter fold the slip along side the edge of ballot paper and paste its other end of the width duly gummed on the front side of ballot paper covering the area where serial number is printed on reverse.

However, it should be ensured that no particulars printed on the front of ballot paper are covered or affected even partially in this process. Before doing so it should be checked and verified that the serial number of the ballot paper and the serial number on its counterfoil are same.

2. The postal ballot paper will be of the same design as the one to be used at the place of poll, except that the word **"Postal Ballot Paper"** will be stamped on the back of the paper.
3. The ballot papers will be stitched into convenient bundles with consecutive serial numbers. It will be ensured that the serial number on each ballot paper and its counterfoils is identical.
4. A sample ballot papers for Members of parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly are enclosed at Annexure-I and II respectively.

By order

(K.N. BHAR)
SECRETARY

SAMPLE BALLOT PAPER

Counterfoil Sl. No. 21	
BALLOT PAPER <u>PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION</u> 19TH JULY, 2012.	
Serial Number of elector in the list maintained under rule 40 of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974	
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(Perforated line)	
मतपत्र राष्ट्रपतीय निर्वाचन 19 जुलाई, 2012	
BALLOT PAPER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 19TH JULY, 2012	
संसद Parliament 708	
अभ्यर्थी का नाम Name of Candidate	अधिमान क्रम Order of Preferences
चन्द्रकान्ता नेगी CHANDERKANTA NEGI	
जानकी देवी JANKI DEVI	
कप्तान चन्द कौंडिल KAPTAN CHAND KOUNDIL	
राजेश कुमार सिंह RAJESH KUMAR SINGH	

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5 cms

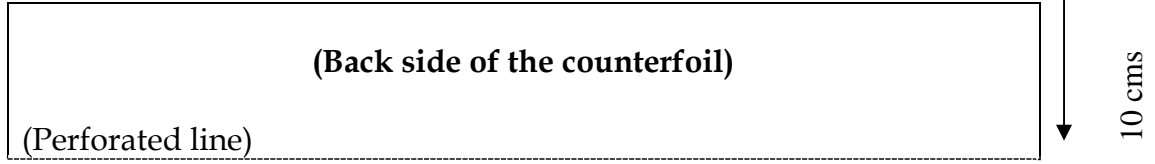
1.5 cms

10 cms

12 cms

3 cms

REVERSE SIDE OF THE BALLOT PAPER



Sl. No. 21

अनुदेश

1. आप जिस अभ्यर्थी को मत देना चाहते हैं उसके नाम के सामने वाले स्थान में अंक 1 लगाकर मत दें। अंक 1 केवल एक अभ्यर्थी के नाम के सामने लगाइए।
2. अन्य अभ्यर्थी/अभ्यर्थियों के लिए अपने क्रमिक अधिमान का उपदर्शन आप उसके/उनके नाम/नामों के सामने वाले स्थान/स्थानों में ऐसे अधिमान के क्रमानुसार अंक 2,3,4 आदि लगाकर करिए।
3. किसी अभ्यर्थी के नाम के सामने एक से अधिक अंक न लगाइए।
4. एक से अधिक अभ्यर्थियों के नामों के सामने वही अंक न लगाइए।
5. ऊपर निर्दिष्ट अंक भारतीय अंकों के अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय रूप में या रोमन में अथवा किसी भारतीय भाषा में प्रयुक्त रूप में लगाए जा सकते हैं परन्तु उनके शब्दों को उपदर्शित नहीं किया जाएगा।

INSTRUCTIONS

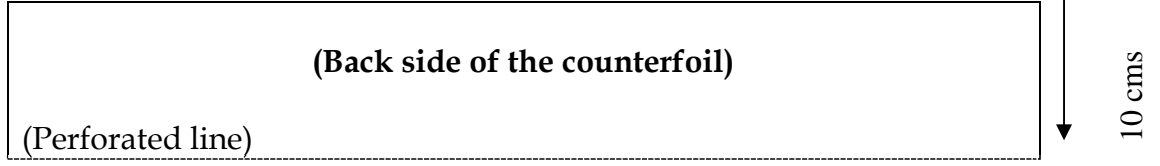
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