

Vice-Presidential Election-2012  
By Special Messenger

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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No. 481/2012-CC & BE

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

To

The Returning Officer for  
Vice-Presidential Election  
And Secretary General, Lok Sabha,  
Parliament House,  
New Delhi.

Subject: Vice-Presidential Election, 2012- Design and Form of Ballot Papers-  
Directions.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the directions issued  
by Commission under Rules 10 (1) and 26 (1) of the Presidential and Vice-  
Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, for your information and guidance.

Yours faithfully,

**(DILIP K. VARMA)**  
**UNDER SECRETARY**

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Copy together with a copy of the direction referred to above forwarded for information to:

1. The Secretary to the President, President's Secretariat, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary to the Vice-President, Vice-President's Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Legislative Department, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.
6. The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.
7. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.

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## DIRECTION

### Vice-Presidential Election, 2012-Design and Form of Ballot papers

In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of rule 10 and sub-rule (10) of rule 26 of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974, the Election Commission hereby directs that the ballot papers for the Vice-Presidential Election, 2012 shall be prepared in the form, and the particulars therein shall be in the language or languages, as indicated herein below:-

1. The ballot paper shall be printed on thick **white** paper.
- 2.1 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 for stitching at the top centre of the counterfoil;
  - (b) the following particulars printed therein:-

“Counterfoil

NO.....

### Ballot Paper

### VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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

- (c) a perforated straight line below, separating the counterfoil from the ballot papers.
- 2.2 The particulars on the counterfoil shall be printed in **English** only.
- 3(i) Below the perforated straight line separating the counterfoil from the ballot paper, the particulars of the election and the date of poll shall be printed in the centre on the front-face of Ballot Paper as follows:-

**“Ballot Paper**

**VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

**7 AUGUST, 2012**

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

(ii) Immediately below item (i), the following ‘headings’, columns shall be printed in small type in a panel, viz.; “Name of candidate, Order of preference”.

There shall be a thick line at the bottom of this panel. The depth of the panel containing the headings shall be 1.5cms.

(iii) The width of the ballot paper, including its counterfoil and headings, shall be the same throughout, namely, 15cms. irrespective of the number of candidates. The length of the portion of the ballot paper, which will contain the panels for the contesting candidates, shall be 10 cms, where the number of candidates is five or less, and should be divided equally into panels equal to the number of contesting candidates. Where the number of candidates exceeds five, the length of the ballot paper shall be determined at the rate of 2 cms panel for each candidate. Just below the column headings 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 column on the left-hand side of the vertical line should be 12 cms. in width and the name of each contesting candidate shall be printed in this column in the panel for him 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.

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

(v) The particulars and the instructions on the ballot paper shall be printed in **HINDI AND ENGLISH.**

4. (i) On the reverse side of the ballot paper, on the left hand side top corner, 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 {after omitting that portion of instruction (2) below, which is inappropriate, having regard to the number of contesting candidates} be reproduced on the reverse side of the ballot paper:-

## “INSTRUCTION

(1) Vote by placing the figure 1 in the space opposite the name of the candidate whom you have chosen for your first preference. Place the figure 1 opposite the name of one candidate only.

(2) In addition, you may mark your second preference by placing in the space opposite the name of the other candidate the figure 2, in addition, you mark your subsequent preference(s) by placing in the space opposite the name(s) of the other candidates(s) the figure 2, 3, 4 etc. in the order of such preference(s).

(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.”

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

- (i) Apply gum along the two extremities of the width of the slip.
- (ii) Paste one end on reverse side of ballot paper so as to cover effectively the serial number.
- (iii) Thereafter fold the slip alongside the edge of the ballot paper and paste its other end of the width, duly gummed, in the front side of ballot paper covering the area where the serial number is printed on the reverse. However it should be ensured that no particulars printed on the front of the 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 serial number on its counterfoil are identical.

6. The Postal Ballot paper shall be of the same design as the one to be used at the place of poll, except that the words “Postal Ballot Paper” shall be stamped on the reverse side of the ballot paper.

7. The ballot papers shall be stitched into convenient bundles with consecutive serial numbers. It will be ensured that the serial numbers on each ballot paper and its counterfoil are identical.

By Order,

**(K. N. BHAR)**  
**SECRETARY**