ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCILS–2014

on

Friday and Saturday, the 12th & 13th December, 2014
at Delhi/New Delhi and Mumbai
and
on Friday, the 12th December, 2014
at all other places across the country

HOW TO CAST VOTES

1. Members may bring any one of the following to establish their identity at the following booths:

   - Membership Card Issued by ICSI
   - Voter Identity Card issued by Election Commission
   - Driving License
   - PAN Card
   - Passport
   - Credit Card having photograph
   - Aadhar Card

2. The elections to the Council and Regional Councils shall be held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of a single transferable vote.

3. Vote shall be given by secret ballot and every voter shall cast his vote personally in the designated polling booth allotted to the voter, unless a voter is allowed to cast his vote by post. It is reiterated that a voter desiring to record his vote, shall do so in person and not by proxy. Further, the voter will be allowed to vote at the designated Polling Booth only.
3. On entering the polling booth, the voter shall proceed directly to the Polling Officer/person in charge of identification who would announce his identity. After the identity has been established, the signature of the voter will be taken against his name given in the List of Voters or in any other specified format available with the Polling Officer. Further, the voter’s left forefinger would be marked with indelible ink marker pen.

4. After completing the aforesaid formalities, two Ballot Papers will be given to the voter, i.e., one for the Council Election and the other for Regional Council Election and thereafter the voter shall proceed to the Secret Chamber for the purpose of recording his votes. A voter is entitled to indicate as many preferences as there are candidates. It may be noted that marking of the first or a few preferences only in the ballot paper does not add a greater value or efficacy to vote in favour of the candidates preferred. On the other hand, the voter may thereby be merely depriving himself of the privilege conferred upon him.

5. The voter in order to cast his vote:

- shall place on his ballot paper the number 1 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) in the rectangle opposite the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote; and

- may, in addition, place on his ballot paper the number 2, or the numbers 2 and 3 or the numbers 2, 3 and 4 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) and so on in the rectangles opposite the names of other candidates in the order of his preference, up to the maximum number of preferences (equal to the total number of contesting candidates) available to him.

- may put ‘X’ against the name of the candidate to whom, he has not voted/mentioned any preference. However, if voter is marking his preferences through Roman Numerals, he may put “—“ or No preference” against such candidates.

6. It may be noted that a ballot paper shall be rendered invalid under Rule 31 of the Election Rules:-

- If a voter signs his name or writes any word or figure upon it or makes any mark including a tick (√)/cross (X), not being a mark of
'X' put under clause (c) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 20, of the Election Rules upon it by which the ballot paper becomes recognizable or by which voter can be identified; or

- if it is not printed by or under the authority of the Council or it is different in any manner from the ballot papers printed under Rule 25 of the Election Rules; or
- if number 1 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) is not marked on it; or
- if number 1 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) is set opposite the name(s) of more than one candidate; or
- if number 1 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) and some other numbers are put opposite the name of the same candidate; or
- if it is unmarked or the marks made are void or cannot be unambiguously determined; or
- if it is so damaged or mutilated that its identity as a genuine ballot paper cannot be established.

7. After a voter has recorded his votes on the ballot papers for the Council and the Regional Council Election, as applicable, he shall fold the two ballot papers separately, leave the Secret Chamber and insert the ballot papers in ballot box in the presence of Polling Officer.

Voters may please note that for easy identification of ballot papers, it has been indicated on each ballot paper whether it relates to election to the Council or Regional Council. In addition, the ballot papers concerning Council election are on white paper and also bear a single coloured strip on the top left hand corner whereas ballot papers for the Regional Council Election are on coloured paper and bear no such strip.

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Returning Officer and
Chief Executive & Officiating Secretary