

COUNCIL ELECTION – 2021 MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS

(FOR MEMBERS VOTING AT THE POLLING BOOTHS)
FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL-2021 FROM EASTERN INDIA REGIONAL CONSTITUENCY

1. On entering the allotted polling booth, the voter should proceed directly to the person in charge of identification who in turn shall announce the identity of the voter for information of candidates/ their authorised representatives available inside the polling booth. After the identity has been established, he will be given one ballot paper on appending his signature opposite to his name given in the List of Voters/Attendance Sheet.
2. Before issuance of the Ballot Paper, voter's left ring finger would be marked with indelible ink. Thereafter, on receiving the ballot paper, voter shall forthwith proceed to the Secret Chamber set apart for the purpose of recording the votes.
3. The election shall be held in accordance with proportional representation by means of a single transferable vote. A voter shall have one vote only, and he shall have as many preferences as there are candidates. A voter is entitled to cast only one vote but he may give as many preferences as the number of candidates and not restrict himself to the number of candidates to be elected to Council from Eastern India Regional Constituency.
4. The voter in order to cast his vote:
 - (a) 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 as his first preference; and
 - (b) may, in addition, place on his / her ballot paper the number 2 or the numbers 2 and 3 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) in the rectangles opposite the names of other candidates in the order of his/her preference.
 - (c) may put 'X' against whom he has not mentioned any preference.
5. It may be noted that a ballot paper shall be invalid under Rule 31 of the Company Secretaries (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006 (the Election Rules):
 - (a) 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 Company Secretaries (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006 upon it by which the ballot paper becomes recognisable or by which voter can be identified; or
 - (b) 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
 - (c) if number 1 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) is not marked on it; or
 - (d) if number 1 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) is set opposite the names of more than one candidate; or
 - (e) if number 1 (in Arabic or Roman numerals or in words) and some other numbers are put opposite the name of same candidate; or
 - (f) if it is unmarked or the marks made are void or cannot be unambiguously determined; or
 - (g) if it is so damaged or mutilated that its identity as a genuine ballot paper cannot be established.
6. After you have recorded your vote in the manner prescribed above, on the ballot paper for the election to the Council-2021 from Eastern India Regional Constituency, you should fold the ballot paper, leave the Secret Chamber and insert the ballot paper in ballot box in the presence of Polling Officer.