

THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the notification S.O. 26 Dated: 18-09-2020 and in exercise of powers vested in me under rule 39 Sub Section (2, 3 and 4) of the Amendment to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (Election) Rules 1995 and by virtue of Election Authority for the Election to 6th LAHDC-Leh, Election, I, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, IAS, Election Authority do hereby notify the following:

1. <u>Voting through postal ballot by Absentee Voters in Notified Essential</u>
<u>Service (AVNES) and others:</u>

1.1 The Doctors, Paramedics, officials on duty and COVID-19 positive patients in COVID Hospitals & COVID Care centres (CCC) and persons in Institutional quarantine shall be the absentee voters in above category for the purpose of the facility of postal ballot voting.

1.2 For the purpose of verification, officer as per annexure "A" shall be the Nodal Officer.

1.3 The issue of Postal ballot paper to the absentee voter of such class and return of the ballot paper after voting shall be in such manner as prescribed below.

2. Action to be taken by RO:

- 2.1 The officials/persons mentioned under above category shall be given postal ballot for the purpose of recording of votes.
- 2.2 After list of absentee voter voting through postal ballot paper is finalized, entry 'PB' shall be entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll against the names of such electors.

3. Form and design of Postal ballot paper:

3.1 The postal ballot paper for Absentee Voters shall be of the same form and language as prescribed under rule.

4. Centre for voting through postal ballot:

- 4.1 For the purpose of recording of vote by Absentee Voter, the place/canter of working/duty/admission of the concerned elector shall be treated as Polling Centre/Station. (List of Canters enclosed as Annexure "A").
- 4.2 The Returning Officer of the respective constituency under whom such centers fall shall identify a suitable room to be used as the place for issuing of postal ballot paper to such Absentee Voters and for facilitating their voting in such canters; and, thereafter, for collection of the postal ballot paper in sealed boxes.

5. Intimation regarding issue of Postal Ballot Paper and Voting:

5.1 All the persons who have applied for postal ballot paper under such category shall be duly intimated about the following:

- The Postal Voting Centre venue shall be the place where the officers/official/electors are working/admitted.
- Dates for postal ballot voting shall be intimated through RO/ARO and Nodal Officer concerned.

Procedures in the PVC:

- 6.1 The work involved in the PVC shall be the following:-
 - Issuing postal ballot paper along with all connected envelopes after duly verifying the identity of the voter.
 - ii) Identity of the elector shall be verified before issuing postal ballot paper. Name of elector and the document produced for identification shall also be entered in a register to be maintained for the purpose.
 - iii) The electors should be briefed about the procedure for voting and formalities to be observed on their part. They should be clearly briefed on the following points:
 - a) Making the declaration in Form 13A part II and getting it attested by the Nodal Officer present in the PVC.
 - b) Entering the serial number of postal ballot paper, both on Form 25 and on the smaller envelope (form-26).
 - c) Manner of marking vote i.e. by placing either cross mark or tick mark against the name of the candidate of choice.
 - d) Folding and placing the marked ballot in the smaller envelope and closing the envelope.
 - e) Placing the declaration in Form 13A, duly filled up, signed and attested along with closed envelope (form 25) containing the marked ballot paper inside the larger envelope (Form 26), closing the larger envelope and dropping it in the box kept in the PVC.

7. Close of poll protocol on the day of Poll:

- 7.1 After the days poll closes, the envelopes in Form 26 in the drop box shall be taken out and sealed in a larger packet super scribed "Postal Ballots in Centre". On the outer packet, the following particulars should be clearly mentioned:
 - i) Name and number of Constituency.
 - ii) Name of location of the "Centre".
 - iii) The date on which the votes were cast.
 - iv) The number of envelopes in Form 26 in the packet.
- 7.2 The counterfoils of postal ballots shall also be put in a separate packet super scribed "Counterfoils of PBs in PVC". Name and number of constituency and the dates on which it is sealed shall also be entered on such packet
- 7.3 Both the packets containing the polled postal ballots and the counterfoils shall be sent to the Election Authority in the same evening.
- 7.4 At the end voting period, all other material supplied to the Centre shall be collected by the Poll Officer in charge of the Centre and shall be immediately submitted to the Election Authority.

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- 7.5 If an Absentee Voter of such class does not turn up for voting in the Centre, there is no requirement of sending the postal ballot to him/her by post. The procedure prescribed for postal voting by them is voting in the PVC and in no other manner.
- 7.6 Forms at Annexure "B" and "C" shall be duly filled and submitted to the office of the Election Authority.

(Sachin Kumar Vaishya) IAS
Election Authority for
Elections to the 6th LAHDC, Leh

Dated: 21-09-2020

No:Elec-VI(C)LAHDC, Leh, 2020(703)II

Copy to the:-

- 1. Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor for kind information.
- 2. Secretary, Election Department, UT, Ladakh for kind information.
- 3. Superintendent of police, Leh for information.
- 4. Sub Divisional Magistrates, Nobra/Durbuk/Nyoma/Kharu/Liker/Khaltsi for information
- 5. All Returning Officers ______ for information.
- District Informatics Officer, NIC, Leh for information &to upload this on district website and for its publication in UT Gazette.
- 7. Private Secretary to Hon'ble CEC, LAHDC, Leh for information of the Hon'ble CEC.
- 8. Tehsildar, Nobra/Diskit/Sumoor/Durbuk/Nyoma/Kharu/Saspol/Khaltsi & Leh for information
- Assistant Director, Information, Leh to give wide publicity to the order both in print and electronic media.
- 10. I/c Station Director, Doordarshan /AIR Leh to give wide publicity to the order.
- 11. District President, Leh BJP/BSP/INC/AAP for inf. & n.a.
- 12. Notice board.

List/details of Notified Postal Ballots Centers

Sr. No	Name the Centre	Nodal Officer for the purpose of Postal Ballot		
01.	Mahabodhi COVID-19 Designated Hospital, Choglamsar	Dr. Tsering Angchuk M.O		
02.	Radhaswamy Satsang Beas Chuchot Yokma COVID Care Centre (CCC),	Dr. Tsewang Chorol BMO, Leh		
03.	ITI Hostel, Leh COVID Care Centre (CCC)	Dr. Tashi Namgyal, DIO, Leh		
04.	Sindhu Bhawan, Choglamsar, COVID Care Centre (CCC)	Dr. Tashi Namgyal, DIO, Leh		
05.	DIET Hostel, Leh Quarantine Center	Dr. Tashi Namgyal, DIO, Leh		
06.	Conference Hall of SDM, Khaltsi, Covid Care Centre (CCC)	Dr. Fayaz Ahmed, Incharge BMO, Khaltse		
07.	TRC, Diskit Nubra Quarantine Centre	Dr. Diskit Dolma, Incharge BMO		
08.	COVID Care Centre (CCC), Nyoma	Dr. Dolma Chuskit BMO, Nyoma		
09.	Govt. Hr Secondary School Hostel, Chushul COVID Care Centre (CCC), Chushul	Dr. Jigmet Wangchuk M.O Chushul		



Annexure-B

	List of essential services/Covid positive/ Person in Institutional Quarantine entitled through postal ballot							
	Name of Ele	ction:	6 th LAHDC	<u>, Leh</u>				
	Name of Co	onstituency/Venue:						
	Name and No. of polling station:							
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List of essential services/Covid positive/ Person in Institutional Quarantine entitled to yote through postal ballot to vote through postal ballot

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SI. No.	Name of Elector	f Electors in Essential services/Covid positive/ Perso in Institutional Quarantine	<u>n</u>	Date which voted	on	Signature of elector		
Signature of Polling Officer:								
Name:								

Date: