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Relief & Rehabilation Commissioner (Migrant) J&K, Jammu.

No. CEO-ELECOCOE/11/2024-1/5489-93

11 -04-2024 Dated

General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024- Scheme for Kashmri Subject: Migrants to vote in person at transitory camps - Partial Modidfication-regarding.

Sir,

In continuation to this Office Letter No CEO-ELECOCOE/11/2024-1/2552-70 dated 23-03-2024, find enclosed herewith a copy of Commission's Letter No. 3/J&K-HP/2024-NS-1 dated 11-04-2024 along with Commisson's order No 3/J&k-HP/2024-NS-1, dated 11-04-2024 wherein certain modifications have been made to the original scheme notified on 22nd March 2024.

You are requested to give wide publicity to the changes and take consequent action as required in the said order

DAILY EXCELSIOR Yours faithfully,

Joint Chief Electoral Officer, 2 UT of J&K, Jammu.

Copy alongwith Commission's order referred to above for information and necessary action to the :-

- 1. Deputy Secretary, in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi
- 2. Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur
- 3. Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu.
- 4. Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi.

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 3/J&K-HP/2024-NS-I

Dated: 11th April, 2024

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir, Srinagar.

Subject: -

General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024 - Scheme for Kashmiri migrants to vote in person at transitory camps-partial modification-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.CEO-ELECOCOE/11/2024-1/5415, dated 9th April, 2024, on the subject cited and to forward herewith the Commission's Order No. 3/J&K-HP/2024-NS-I, dated 11th April, 2024 for necessary action and compliance.

2. Kindly ensure that frequent and repeated publicity/announcement is made in print/electronic media of all leading newspapers and All India Radio etc. in the next few days for the benefit of Kashmiri migrants.

DAILY EXCELSIOR

Yours faithfully,

(B. C. PATRA)

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SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No. 3/J&K-HP/2024(NS-I)

ORDER

Dated: 11.04.2024

The Commission vide letter No. 464/J&K-HP/2024, dated 22.03.2024 had issued the scheme for Kashmiri migrants to vote in person at transitory camps or voting by means of postal ballot pertaining to any of the three Parliamentary Constituencies namely 1-Baramulla, 2-Srinagar and 3-Anantnag-Rajouri in the UT of J&K in connection with the ongoing General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024; and

Whereas, as per the scheme, Kashmiri migrant voters, who are residing at various relief camps in Delhi, Jammu, and Udhampur and who have opted to cast their votes in person through Electronic Voting Machines at the forthcoming General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2024 can do so at any one of the designated polling stations located at Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur; and

Whereas, Migrant electors residing at various places other than Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi can also download Form-M and Form 12-C from the Commission's website and after filling, such Forms shall be got verified from the Electoral Registration Officer of the areas where he/she is residing. The Electoral Registration Officers can have access to the details of migrant electors enrolled in different Parliamentary Constituency in Kashmir through ERO-Net. The ERO concerned, after verifying details in the Form-M will scan and upload it to electronically transmit the same to AROs Migrants at Delhi, Jammu and Udhampur for further necessary action; and

Whereas, in the meantime, representations have been received from several Kashmiri Migrant groups regarding the scheme, projecting the difficulties they face in filling of Form-M every election, mentioning that this brings a lot of hassle to them in exercising their right to franchise. They have informed that the Form-M procedure subjects these voters to additional bureaucratic hurdles compared to other voters and also the process of filling out the Form-M is often complex and cumbersome, requiring specific documentation, proof of migration status and attestation by a gazetted officer; and

Whereas, as per the usual practice, the representations were forwarded to Chief Electoral Officer, UT of Jammu and Kashmir for his comments vide letter dated 06.04.2024, and after due consultation with the political parties;

Whereas, the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir has submitted his comments to the Commission on 09.04.2024 with due consultation with the political parties; and



Whereas, the Commission has gone through the report of the Chief Electoral Officer, UT of Jammu and Kashmir; and

Now, therefore, the Commission after taking into consideration the representations received from several Kashmiri Migrant groups regarding the scheme, feedback from the political parties and comments of the Chief Electoral Officer, UT of Jammu and Kashmir, has directed that the Scheme for Kashmiri migrants to vote in person at transitory camps and voting by means of postal ballot pertaining to the ongoing General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024, issued vide order dated 22.03.2024, shall be partially modified, as under:

A. For migrant voters of Jammu and Udhampur:

- a. All the 22 special polling stations (21 in Jammu and 1 in Udhampur) shall be mapped to camps/zones individually, ensuring that every zone has at least one Special Polling Station. In case there are multiple polling stations in one zone, the zonal officers shall earmark the intra-zonal jurisdiction for each such polling station keeping in mind the distance/ease of approach for each set of electors.
- b. In case there is any zone that does not have any of the existing Special Polling Stations, a new Special Polling Station shall be proposed by the ARO Migrant concerned in a suitable Government building following all extant directions of the Commission concerning setting up a polling station, including consultation with political parties.
- c. Consequent to this, the electors staying in these zones/camps shall be mapped to the respective polling stations by a table top exercise to be done by the respective AERO Migrants at Jammu and Udhampur. The zone wise polling stations list is attached herewith as Annexure.
- d. Electoral roll extracts corresponding to each of these Special Polling Stations shall be culled out of the basic electoral rolls of their respective assembly constituencies.
- e. Draft Electoral Roll Extracts, to be used as the rolls for respective Special Polling Stations, for each of the Zone shall be notified by the respective AERO Migrants at Jammu and Udhampur and published in the newspapers as well as given wide publicity by placing it at all conspicuous places in the zone including the Zone Office as well as other places of importance for the Migrants like Office of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, J&K, websites, etc.
- f. All electors within 7 days of the notification of the draft electoral roll extract, approach the respective Assistant Returning Officers (Migrant) at Jammu and Udhampur in case:

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- i. there is any omission of any eligible name in the draft lists
- ii. s(he)wishes to opt for voting through postal ballot
- iii. s(he) wishes to vote at the original polling station in Kashmir valley,
- iv. those who have already submitted their Form-M, choosing a Special Polling Station which is different from the one allotted in the draft and wish to retain the same, as per choice already given in Form-M.
- g. After the passage of 7 days period, the Assistant Returning Officers (Migrant) shall notify the final Electoral Roll Extracts for each Special Polling Station and the same shall be used at these polling stations on the day of poll.
- h. A copy of these Final Electoral Roll Extracts shall be shared immediately by the Assistant Returning Officers (Migrant) with the Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers of the respective Constituencies in Kashmir for marking of the Electoral Rolls to be used at the original polling stations in Kashmir.
- i. In order to doubly ensure that no elector who opts for postal ballot by filling Form 12C gets the voting opportunity to vote at these special polling stations, the ARO Migrant Jammu who is the nodal officer for Postal Ballots under the scheme, shall ensure that in case Form 12C is received from any of these electors and the postal ballot has been dispatched, marking of 'PB' shall be made against the name of the said elector in the corresponding Electoral Roll Extracts.
- B. For the migrants who are staying outside Jammu and Udhampur

To remove the hassle of looking for a Gazetted officer to attest the Certificate appended with Form M, 'Self Attestation' of these Forms can suffice. However, in order to avoid impersonation at the Special Polling Stations, they shall be required to produce either EPIC or any of the alternate documents prescribed by the Commission for the identification of electors at Polling Stations.

C. Other provisions and terms & conditions of the Scheme *ibid* issued on 22.03.2024 shall remain unchanged.

By order,

(B. C. PATRA)

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Annexure

S.No.	Name of Zone/Camp	Adjacent areas of the Zone/Camp	Name of Polling Station and its adjacent areas (Jammu)
1.	Nanak Nagar	Shastri Nagar, Rani Talab, Sanjay Nagar, Last Morh Gandhi Nagar, Digiana, Nai Basti, Preet Nagar, Shivaji Chowk, Gandhi Nagar, Bahu Plaza, Trikuta Nagar	Women College Gandhi Nagar Jammu
2.	Zone Digiana	Brij Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Chatha, Miran Sahib, Airport area	Govt. High School Miran Sahib (Sagoon)
3.	Zone Bhagwati Nagar	Bhagwati Nagar, Gole Gujral, Beli Charana, Canal Road, Jewel Chowk, Krishna Nagar, Mazdoor Basti.	Indian Institute of Management College Canal Road
4.	Zone DC-A	Ustad Mohalla, Gujjar Nagar, DC-Office area, Fatu Jukan, Rajinder Bazar Raghunath Bazar, Parade, Residency Road, Indra Chowk, Jain Bazar, Old city Jammu	
5.	Zone/Camp Muthi	Laxmi Nagar, Muthi Talab,	Directorate School Education Muthi, Jammu
		Upper Roop Nagar, Aap Shamboo Upper Roop Nagar, Muthi Camp, TRT Buta Nagar, Buta Nagar, Neel Sheel Vihar	Govt. Mixed Higher Secondary School, Muthi, Jammu
6.	Zone DC-B	Janipur Colony, Pamposh Colony, Gujjar Basti Janipur, Bhawani Nagar, Naseeb Nagar,	Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Janipur Jammu
7.	Camp TRT Purkhoo	Camp Purkhoo, Purkhoo Gompul, Domana, Mishriwalla, Kana-chak, Jhiri, Nardhani Raipur, Kot Bhalwal	Migrant School Purkhoo, Jammu
8.	Talab Tillo	Bhagwati Nagar, Bharat Nagar, Gole Gujral, Poonch House, Kabir Colony, Ajit Colony, Amar Colony, Bank Colony, Sunder Nagar, Nitco Lane	Agriculture Complex Talab Tillo Jammu
9.	Camp Nagrota	Camp Nagrota, Toll Post, Doke Wazira, Sainik School, Kamini Market	Migrant School, Nagrota, Jammu
10.	Camp Jagti-A	Camp Jagti, Dhammi, Panj Garain	Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti-A Jammu
11.	Camp Jagti-B	Camp Jagti, Dhammi, Panj Garain	Government Higher Secondary School, (Migrants) Jagti-B, Jammu
12	Camp Jagti-C	Camp Jagti, Dhammi, Panj Garain	Govt Middle School (Migrants), Jagti Community Hall Jagti.
13.	Zone Sarwal	Toph Sherkhania, Paloura, Patoli, Paloura Top, Indra Vihar	J&K Board of School Education, Rehari, Jammu (A)
14.	Zone JKBOSE	Rehari Colony, Subash Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Rajpura, Shiv Nagar,	J&K Board of School Education, Rehari, Jammu (B)
15.	Zone Mini- Stadium	Kachi Chawni, Dogra Hall, Exchange Road, CPO Chowk, Shakuntala area, Bakshi Nagar,	J&K Board of School Education, Reharl, Jammu (B)



16.	Zone Talli Morh	Durga Nagar Sector-1 and 2, Chinore Bantalab, Ganga Nagar, Sukhi Naher, Raipur, Swarn Vihar, Police Colony, Dream City	Govt. Girls Middle School Check Changerwan Chinore Chowk, Jammu
17.	Zone Ghomanasa	Udheywalla, Saari, Vishwa Bharti Colony, Akalpur, Sangrampora, Santra Morh,	Govt. Primary School, Ponichak
		Barnai, Panchayat Ghar Dharmal, Dina Nagar, Saraswati Vihar Barnai, Patoli, Gurha Keran, Anuradha Puram, Nather Kothian, Geeta Colony, Khajuria Mohalla, Shardha Colony, Nagbani	Anuradha Higher Secondary School Barnai Jammu
18.	Zone Bari- Brahmana	Kunjwani, Model Town, Kailash Resort,	Govt. Girls Primary School Gangyal
19.	Zone Bakshi Nagar-B	Anand Nagar, Saraswati Vihar, Hazuri Bagh, Ram Krishen Vihar, Ganesh Vihar, Kailash Vihar, Manorama Vihar, Colonel Colony	Agriculture University Complex, Udheywala, Jammu
20.	Zone Channi Himmat	Channi Himmat Colony, Narwal, Sabzi Mandi, Narwal Bye-pass, Transport Nagar, Police Colony Channi Himmat, Bathindi, Chowadi, Sidhra Colony, Rajeev Nagar, Qasim Nagar	Govt. Higher Sec. School Channi
21.	Zone Udhampur	Udhampur and adjoining areas	Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Udhampur

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