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IMPORTANT NOTICE

REF – INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VOTERS

As recorded in the Bar Council of Delhi Rules under Rule 14 (Form-C), it is clarified by the Election Committee that the **numerals 1, 2, or 3** are required to be written only in numerical form.

The use of commas (,) or inverted commas (‘ ’) is not prescribed under the Rules. Such commas or inverted commas, only depicted to highlight the numerals and do not form part of the prescribed method of voting.

Accordingly, for the purpose of clarification and clarity, the correct pattern of voting and marking of numerals is being uploaded once again for the guidance of voters, clearly explaining the manner of recording preferences on the ballot paper, as enclosed herewith as **Annexure-A & Annexure-B,** respectively.

All candidates are requested to disseminate this information among prospective voters.

Col. Arun Sharma (Retd.)
Secretary

Annexure-A

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VOTERS

1. The number of members to be elected is 23 including 5 women candidates

2. The voting is by the single transferable preference vote

3. The mark should be so placed as to indicate clearly and beyond doubt to which candidate he/she is giving his/her vote. If the mark is so placed as to make it doubtful to which candidate the vote has been given, the vote will be invalid.

4. **Method of Voting :**

   (1) A voter in giving his/her vote –

   (a) Shall place on the voting paper the figure **1** in the space opposite the name of the candidate whom he/she chooses for his/her first preference; and

   (b) There is no restriction on number of preferences. A voter can give preferences like **1**.....**2**....**3**..... as per his/her preference.

   (c) There is no provision of giving separate preferences for Female contestants,

   (d) Kindly don't give two separate **1** or any other preferences in duplicate for Male and Female candidates. This would lead to vote being declared invalid

   (2) A voter shall not sign the voting paper nor place any mark thereon by which he/she can be identified.

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5. **Voting papers when invalid :**

A voting paper shall be invalid on which –

(a) the figure **1** is not marked; or

(b) the figure **1** is set opposite the name of more than one candidate or is so placed so as to render it doubtful to which candidate it is intended to apply; or

(c) the figure **1** and some other figures are set opposite the name of the same candidate; or

(d) there is any mark or writing by which the voter can be identified; or

(e) the preferences are indicated in words as **One** **Two** etc.; or

(f) the marking in the voting paper is not in the international form of numerals; or

(g) if there is such effacement, obliteration, erasure or mutilation as to make the preferences ambiguous.

6. **Voter voting in person :**

A voter voting in person shall put the voting paper after voting, into the ballot box.

7. There is no provision for postal ballot.

8. For convenience, sample performa of manner of recording preference on ballot paper with valid marking and invalid marking of votes, is attached.

Annexure-B

MANNER OF RECORDING PREFERENCE(S) ON BALLOT PAPER

	Sl. No.	Name	Enrolment No.	Address	Valid Marking	Invalid Marking	Reason of invalid Marking
Illustration 1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	T	Preference not marked in Arabic Numeral
Illustration 2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	One	Preference not Marked in Arabic Numeral
Illustration 3	3	.....	.....	.....	1	(i)	Preference not Marked in Arabic Numeral
Illustration 4	4	.....	.....	.....	1		Ist preference not marked at all
Illustration 5	5	.....	.....	.....	1	Kumar	Name written in the box instead of marking valid preference
Illustration 6	6	.....	.....	.....	1		Signature used instead of marking valid preference
Illustration 7	7	.....	.....	.....	1	एक	Preference not marked in Arabic Numeral
Illustration 8	8	Candidate 1 Candidate 2 Candidate 3	....	....	1 2 3	1 1 2	Making same preference to more than one candidate, makes that preference and all the subsequent preference invalid
Illustration 9	9	.....	.....	.....	1	✓	Tick symbol is used instead marking preference in Arabic Numeral
Illustration 10	10	.....	.....	.....	1	X	Ist preference is not marked