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THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE  
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FOURTH SCHEDULE

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Act No. 12 of 1968 & G.N. 138/68 & G.N. 122/68)

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Village Council Elections Regulations, 1961. Short title

2. (1) The Electoral Supervisory Commission may from time to time appoint a fit and proper person to be returning officer and some other fit and proper person to be deputy returning officer for each electoral area. Appointment of returning officers and deputy returning officers.

(2) Subject to the authority, directions and control of the returning officer, a person appointed under the preceding paragraph as deputy returning officer shall have all the powers and may perform any of the duties of a returning officer under these regulations.

(3) A registration officer may be appointed returning officer or deputy returning officer for any area.

(4) If any returning officer is prevented, by sickness or any other cause, from acting, or refuses or neglects to act, at any election, the Electoral Supervisory Commission may at any time appoint some other fit and proper person to act in the place of such returning officer at such election.

(5) Every appointment made under this regulation shall be published in the Gazette.

(6) The returning officer and deputy returning officer shall in no case be entitled to vote at the election for the electoral area for which they have been appointed.

3. The Electoral Supervisory Commission may, by Order published in the Gazette, appoint one or more polling stations for each electoral area, as occasion requires. Polling Stations.

4. (1) Not less than twenty-eight days before the day which shall be appointed by the Governor-General for the holding of an election the Electoral Commissioner shall give notice thereof, by publication of notices in the Gazette and in at least three daily newspapers, and shall in such notice appoint the date, not being less than fourteen days before the date appointed for the election, on which and the place at which the returning officer will receive notices of candidature for such election. Notice of election. 2/G.N. 122/68.

(2) The returning officer shall give further notice of such election and of the day, time and place on and at which he will receive the notices of candidature by causing notices in the Form 1 of the Appendix to these Regulations to be posted up in a conspicuous position at such places in such electoral area as he may deem necessary.

Copies of register of electors to be obtained.

5. Before the day fixed for holding the election the returning officer shall obtain from the Electoral Commissioner a sufficient number of copies of the register of electors for that area.

Notice of candidature.

6. (1) On the day and at the place fixed for the receipt of notices of candidature the returning officer shall attend between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to receive the notices of candidature for the seats to be filled.

(2) Any notice of candidature which is delivered after the hour of 3 p.m. shall be rejected.

(3) The notice of candidature shall be in the Form 2 of the Appendix to these regulations.

(4) Any candidate making a statement in a notice of candidature which is false in any material particular and which he knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years and to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees.

(5) The returning officer shall, on the notice of candidature being delivered to him, forthwith publish a notice of the name of the candidate by placarding or causing to be placarded in a conspicuous position outside his office the name of such candidate.

(6) (a) Before the hour of 3 p.m. on the day fixed for the receipt of notices of candidature and within one hour afterwards objection may be made to a notice of candidature by the returning officer or some other person and the returning officer shall decide on the validity of every such objection.

(b) The returning officer shall be entitled to hold a notice of candidature invalid only on one of the following grounds, that is to say:

(i) that the particulars of the candidate are not as required by law; and

(ii) that the notice is not subscribed as required.

(c) Where he decides that a notice of candidature is invalid, he shall endorse and sign on the notice the fact and the reasons for his decision.

(d) The decision of the returning officer that a notice of candidature is valid shall be final and shall not be questioned in any proceeding whatsoever. The decision of the returning officer that the notice of candidature of a candidate presenting himself for

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election is invalid may be questioned by that person within ten days from that decision by way of application to a Judge for an order directing the returning officer to insert his name on the list of candidates for the said election.

(e) Subject to the last foregoing paragraph, nothing in this regulation shall prevent the validity of a notice of candidature being questioned on an election petition.

7. Any candidate may withdraw from his candidature by notice in writing signed by him, and delivered by himself to the returning officer not more than seven clear days after the day fixed for the receipt of notices of candidature. Withdrawal of candidate.

8. (1) (a) If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacant seats a poll shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of these regulations. Contested elections and unopposed candidates.

(b) If the number of candidates is the same as the number of vacant seats, those candidates shall be declared elected in the manner hereinafter provided.

(c) If the number of candidates is less than the number of vacant seats, those candidates shall be declared elected in the manner hereinafter provided.

(d) If there is no candidate the returning officer shall report the fact to the Electoral Commissioner who shall appoint a fresh date for the receipt of notices of candidature.

(2) Where under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation any candidate is to be declared elected, the returning officer shall publicly declare such candidate elected and report the result of the election to the Electoral Supervisory Commission and cause such result to be published in the Gazette.

9. (1) The returning officer shall report to the Electoral Commissioner the names and particulars of the candidates as described in their respective notices of candidature. Notice of poll.

(2) Upon receipt of such report the Electoral Commissioner shall give public notice of the day on which the poll shall be taken, of the names of the candidates, of the situation of each polling station and of the description of electors entitled to vote at such polling station, by publication in the Gazette of a notice in the Form 3 of the Appendix to these regulations. The returning officer shall cause similar notices to be posted up in a conspicuous position at such places in the electoral area as he may deem necessary.

10. (1) The Electoral Commissioner shall allot a symbol of identification to each candidate: Symbol of identification.

Provided that the same symbol may be allotted to two or more candidates.

(2) The returning officer shall thereupon cause to be placarded in a conspicuous position outside his office a facsimile of the symbol allotted to each candidate.

Death of candidate.

**11.** If one of the candidates for election shall die before the poll has commenced the returning officer shall upon being satisfied of the fact of such death, give public notice thereof and the provisions of regulation 8 of these regulations shall apply.

Polling agents.

**12.** (1) (a) Each candidate may appoint such number of persons hereinafter referred to as polling agents as may be required, to attend at each polling station in the electoral area for which he is a candidate.

(b) Not more than two polling agents of any candidate shall at any time be admitted within the precincts of the polling station, and not more than one into a voting room.

(c) The returning officer may limit the number of polling agents who may be admitted at any time within the precincts of a polling station or into a voting room.

(2) Notice in writing of the appointment stating the names and addresses of the polling agents, together with the polling stations to which they have been assigned, shall be given by the candidates to the returning officer not later than three days before the day fixed for the election and the returning officer may refuse to admit into the precincts of the polling station any person purporting to be a polling agent in respect of whom such notice has not been given.

(3) If any polling agent dies or becomes incapable of acting as such, the candidate may, subject to notice being given by him to the returning officer before the opening of the poll or within one hour after such opening, appoint another polling agent in the place of any such agent.

(4) A polling agent shall not remove his marked register or make any extract therefrom or remove such extract from the polling station before the close of the poll.

Any polling agent contravening the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees (Rs 500) and to imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Vote by ballot.

**13.** In the case of a poll at an election the votes shall be given by ballot. The ballot of every voter shall consist of a paper (in these regulations called a ballot paper) showing the full name and description of each candidate together with the symbol of identification allotted to each candidate in accordance with regulation 10 of these regulations. Every ballot paper shall be in the Form 4 or.

where the Electoral Commissioner is of opinion that, in view of the number of candidates, it is impracticable to make use of that Form, in the Form 5 of the Appendix to these regulations and shall be printed in accordance with the directions set out in such form: it shall have a number printed on the back and attached to it a counterfoil with the same number printed on the face.

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14. (1) In cases where a poll is to take place, the returning officer shall ensure beforehand that each polling station is provided with proper doors, barriers, tables, chairs or other conveniences, properly arranged for carrying out the provisions of these regulations; and he shall, subject to the approval of the Electoral Supervisory Commission appoint a presiding officer to preside at each polling station.

Preparation  
for taking  
the poll :  
Staff.

Provided that he may himself act as presiding officer at any one polling station in the electoral area for which he has been appointed.

(2) The returning officer shall subject to the approval of the Electoral Supervisory Commission, also appoint such poll and other clerks and other persons to assist in the taking of the poll and he shall also provide each polling station with polling compartments or other places properly screened from observation, with copies of the register of electors for the electoral area, certified under his hand, a proper ballot box, and a sufficient number of ballot papers, and such other conveniences and materials for taking the poll as may be necessary.

15. The returning officer shall, on or before the day fixed for taking the poll, visit each polling station, and see that each such station is provided with such requisites as aforesaid for taking the poll.

Inspection  
of polling  
stations

16. (1) The poll at each polling station shall take place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 noon and of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., on the same day.

Hours for  
taking the  
poll

(2) During the interval when voting is suspended between 12 noon and 1 p.m. the presiding officer shall place the ballot box and all documents relating to the election under his own seal and shall otherwise take proper precautions for the security of such ballot box and documents.

17. The ballot box shall be of convenient size, and shall be so constructed that the ballot paper can be introduced therein but cannot be withdrawn without the box being unlocked. It shall be provided with a lock and key.

Ballot boxes.

18. The ballot box shall be exhibited empty to such persons as may be in the polling stations immediately before the taking of the poll, and shall then be securely locked, and sealed in such a

Exhibition of  
ballot boxes.

manner as to prevent its being opened without breaking the seal. It shall not be again unlocked except by the returning officer at the close of the poll in the manner hereinafter mentioned. It shall be placed in the view of the presiding officer for the receipt of ballot papers.

Elector to vote at polling station allotted to him.

**19.** No elector shall vote for more candidates than there are seats to be filled or at a polling station other than the one allotted to him.

Directions to voters.

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**20.** For the guidance of electors in voting, notices in the Form 6 of the Appendix to these regulations shall be printed in conspicuous characters in English, French, Hindustani, Tamil, Telegu, Urdu, Gujerati and Chinese and posted in various places outside and inside of each polling station.

Preservation of order at polling stations.

**21.** (1) The presiding officer shall keep order at his polling station and shall regulate the number of electors to be admitted at a time, and shall exclude all other persons except the election officers, the candidates, one polling agent for each candidate, and the members of the police force on duty.

(2) The agents aforesaid shall be posted in such a place that they can see each person who presents himself as an elector and hear his name as given in by him, but so that they cannot see how any elector votes. They shall not interfere in the proceedings save in so far as may be allowed by these regulations.

(3) If any person persists, after being warned, in disobeying the directions of the presiding officer or in acting in contravention of this regulation it shall be lawful for the presiding officer to cause him to be removed from the polling station.

(4) The Commissioner of Police shall, in consultation with the returning officer, take measures for the maintenance of order and the prevention of crowds in and around the polling station and in the vicinity thereof.

Duty of elector on coming to vote.

**22.** Every elector desiring to record his vote shall present himself to the presiding officer at the polling station allotted to him and shall state his name; the presiding officer after satisfying himself that the name of such elector appears on the copy of the part of the register of electors containing the names of the electors allotted to that polling station, shall subject to the provisions of the next succeeding regulation deliver the ballot paper to the elector.

Procedure on delivery of ballot paper to elector.

**23.** (1) Immediately before a ballot paper is delivered to an elector it shall be marked on both sides with the official mark, either stamped, embossed or perforated, and the number and name of the elector as stated in the copy of the register shall be called out, and the number of such elector shall be marked on the counter-foil and a mark shall be placed in the register against the number of the elector, to denote that he has received a ballot paper, but without showing the particular ballot paper which he has received.

(2) The official mark shall be kept secret, and an interval of not less than three years shall intervene between the use of the same official mark at elections for the same electoral area.

24. (1) Before delivering a ballot paper the presiding officer may, and shall, if requested by a candidate or a polling agent, put to the person applying therefor the following questions:— Questions which may be put to a voter.

(a) Are you the person registered in the register of electors for this electoral area as follows (the whole entry from the register to be read)?

(b) Have you already voted at this election either here or elsewhere?

and may require such person to furnish an impression of his thumb or, if he is incapacitated by physical cause from impressing his thumb print, of such other finger as may be available for the purpose.

(2) If any person does not answer satisfactorily any question put to him or refuse to furnish an impression of his thumb or finger, as in this regulation provided, or if the presiding officer is satisfied that the person offering himself to vote is not the same person whose name is on the register of voters or that such person has already voted at the election, the presiding officer may refuse to give him a ballot paper.

(3) If any person makes a false answer to any such question he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

25. The elector, on receiving his ballot paper, shall forthwith proceed to a polling compartment, within the polling station, and there secretly mark his paper, and fold it up so as to conceal his vote, and shall then put the ballot paper, so folded up, into the ballot box after having shown to the presiding officer the official mark on the back; he shall vote without undue delay, and shall quit the polling station as soon as he has put his ballot paper into the ballot box. Mode of voting.

26. The elector shall mark his vote upon the ballot paper by placing a cross opposite the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote. How to mark a vote.

27. The presiding officer shall on request give such instructions as may appear to be necessary to any elector as to the manner in which he should record his vote. Instructions by presiding officer.

28. If a person representing himself to be a particular elector named on the register applies for a ballot paper after another person has voted as such elector, the applicant shall, upon duly answering the question set forth in regulation 24 of these regula- Tendered ballot paper.



tions, be entitled to mark a ballot paper in the same manner as any other elector; but the ballot paper (hereinafter called a tendered ballot paper) shall be of a colour differing from the other ballot papers and instead of being put into the ballot box, shall be given to the presiding officer, and shall be endorsed by him with the name of the elector and his number in the register of electors, and set aside in a separate packet, and shall not be counted by the returning officer. The name of the elector and his number on the register shall be entered on a list to be called the tendered votes list.

Spoilt ballot papers.

29. (1) An elector who has inadvertently dealt with his ballot paper in such a manner that it cannot be conveniently used as a ballot paper may, on delivering to the presiding officer the ballot paper so inadvertently dealt with, and proving the fact of the inadvertence to the satisfaction of the presiding officer, obtain another ballot paper in the place of the ballot paper so delivered up (hereinafter called a spoilt ballot paper), and the spoilt ballot paper shall be immediately cancelled by the presiding officer writing "cancelled" across the face thereof.

(2) All spoilt papers shall be preserved by the presiding officer, in a separate packet, and shall be given up by him at the close of the poll to the returning officer as hereinafter mentioned.

Incapacitated electors  
as R. & R.  
by 2/63/62

30. (1) If any elector makes an application to the presiding officer to be allowed to vote with the assistance of another person by whom he is accompanied (hereinafter referred to as "the companion"), the presiding officer shall proceed as hereinafter provided.

(2) If the presiding officer is satisfied that the elector is an incapacitated person and is also satisfied by a declaration made by the companion that the companion is a qualified person within the meaning of this regulation, has not previously assisted more than one incapacitated person to vote at the election, is not a relative of a candidate or his agent and neither a polling agent nor a candidate at such election, the presiding officer shall grant the application, and thereupon anything which is by these regulations required to be done to or by the said elector in connection with the giving of his vote may be done to, or with the assistance of, the companion.

(3) For the purpose of this regulation, a person shall be qualified to assist an incapacitated person to vote, if that person—

- (a) is entitled to vote as an elector at the election; and
- (b) is the father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son or daughter of the incapacitated person and has attained the age of eighteen years.

(4) If the incapacitated person declares to the presiding officer that he is not accompanied by a companion as provided in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of these regulations, the poll clerk shall, at the request of the presiding officer, and in his presence mark the vote of such incapacitated person in the manner directed by such incapacitated person.

(5) The name and number in the register of electors of every elector whose vote is marked in accordance with this regulation and the name and number in the register of electors of the companion, if any, shall be entered by the presiding officer on a list to be called "the list of electors assisted".

(6) The declaration made by the companion—

(a) shall be in the Form 7 of the Appendix to these regulations; and amended G.  
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(b) shall be made and subscribed before the presiding officer at the time when the elector applies to vote with the assistance of a companion and shall forthwith be given to the presiding officer who shall attest and retain it.

(7) For the purposes of this regulation an incapacitated person means a person incapacitated by blindness or other physical cause from voting in the manner laid down in these regulations or a person who declares that he is unable to read or understand the symbols or write.

31. (1) In any case where the election proceedings at any polling station shall be interrupted or obstructed by any riot or open violence, the presiding officer may adjourn proceedings at such polling station until the next day, and, if necessary, may further adjourn such proceedings until such interruption or obstruction shall have ceased; Procedure  
in case of  
obstruction  
of elections.

Provided that such adjournment shall not continue to be made beyond the day on which it is necessary to close the poll in order that the return of the election may be made before the expiry of the last day on which such election may be held under the provisions of the Village Councils Ordinance, 1951, or of any enactment that may be substituted for that Ordinance.

(2) Whenever the election proceedings shall be adjourned under the foregoing paragraph, the presiding officer shall forthwith give notice of such adjournment to the returning officer.

32. (1) The presiding officer of each polling station, as soon as practicable after the close of the poll, shall in the presence of the agents of the candidates, make up into separate packets, sealed with his own seal and the seals of such agents of the candidates as desire to affix their seals— Duty of  
presiding  
officer at  
each station  
on the close  
of the poll.

(a) each ballot box in use at his station, unopened but with the key attached, and so sealed as to prevent the introduction of additional ballot papers;

(b) the unused and spoilt ballot papers;

(c) the tendered ballot papers;

(d) the marked copies of the register of electors and the counterfoils of the ballot papers; and

(e) the tendered votes list and the list of electors assisted; and shall, with all convenient speed, deliver such packets to the returning officer.

(2) The packet shall be accompanied by a statement made by such presiding officer, showing the number of ballot papers entrusted to him, and accounting for them under the heads of "ballot papers in the ballot box" and "unused, spoilt, and tendered ballot papers" which statement is in these regulations referred to as the ballot paper account.

33. (1) Each candidate may appoint not more than two persons, hereinafter referred to as counting agents, to attend the counting of votes at each counting compartment.

(2) The returning officer may limit the number of counting agents who may be admitted at any time into a counting compartment.

(3) Notice in writing of the appointment, stating the name and addresses of the counting agents, shall be given by the candidate to the returning officer not later than three days before the day of election and the returning officer may refuse to admit to the place where the votes are counted any person purporting to be a counting agent in respect of whom such notice has not been given.

(4) If a counting agent dies or becomes incapable of acting as such the candidate may appoint another counting agent in his place and shall immediately give the returning officer notice in writing of the name and address of the counting agent so appointed.

34. The returning officer shall make arrangements for counting the votes as soon as possible after the close of the poll. He shall, in the presence of such of the duly appointed agents of the candidates as attend, first proceed to count the ballot papers contained in each ballot box and record the number thereof keeping the ballot papers with their faces upwards, and taking all proper precautions for preventing any person from seeing the numbers on the backs of such papers. The returning officer may, with the approval of the Electoral Supervisory Commission in addition to any clerks, appoint competent persons to assist him in counting the votes.

Counting  
the votes  
as R & R by  
3/63/62

35. The returning officer shall, so far as practicable, proceed continuously with the counting of the votes, allowing only time for refreshment, and excluding (except so far as he and the candidates or their agents otherwise agree) the hours between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. During the excluded period the returning officer shall place the ballot papers and other documents relating to the election under

Continuous  
counting.

his own seal and the seals of such of the agents of the candidates as desire to affix their seals, and shall otherwise take proper precautions for the security of such papers and documents.

**36.** (1) Any ballot paper which has not on its back the official mark or on which votes are given to more candidates than there are seats to be filled, or on which anything, except the number on the back, is written or marked by which the voter can be identified, or which is unmarked, or about which there is any uncertainty as to the vote, shall be void, and not counted. What ballot papers are not to be counted.

(2) A ballot paper shall not be deemed to be void for uncertainty as respects any vote as to which no uncertainty arises and that vote shall be counted.

**37.** The returning officer shall endorse "rejected" or "rejected in part" on any ballot paper which he may reject in whole or in part respectively, and shall add to the endorsement "rejection objected to" if an objection to his decision be in fact made by any candidate or agent. The returning officer shall report to the Electoral Supervisory Commission the number of ballot papers rejected in whole or in part under the several heads of— Ballot papers rejected in whole or in part

- (a) want of official mark;
- (b) voting for more candidates than entitled to;
- (c) writing or mark by which voter could be identified;
- (d) unmarked or void for uncertainty;
- (e) rejected in part;

and shall on request allow any candidate or agent, before such report is sent, to copy it.

**38.** The decision of the returning officer as to any question arising in respect of any ballot paper shall be final, subject to reversal on petition questioning the election or return. How far decision of returning officer final.

**39.** (1) A candidate may, if present when the counting is completed, require the returning officer to have the votes recounted or again recounted but the returning officer may refuse to do so if in his opinion the request is unreasonable. Recount.

(2) No step shall be taken on the completion of the counting or any re-count of the votes until the candidates present at the completion thereof have been given a reasonable opportunity to exercise the right conferred by this regulation.

**40.** Whenever there is an equality of votes between any candidates at any election, the election as between the candidates with an equal number of votes shall be decided by the drawing of lots in the presence of the returning officer. Election in the event of equality of votes.

Verification  
of ballot  
paper  
account.

**41.** Upon the completion of the counting, the returning officer shall seal up in separate packets the ballot papers counted or rejected or rejected in part. He shall not open the sealed packet of tendered ballot papers or of marked copies of the register of electors and counterfoils of ballot papers, but shall proceed, in the presence of the agents of the candidates, *to verify each ballot paper account by comparing it with the number of ballot papers counted by him as aforesaid*, and the unused and spoilt ballot papers in his possession and the tendered votes list, and shall seal each packet open by him for purposes of verification.

Declaration  
of result.

**42.** Subject to the provisions of regulation 39(2) the returning officer shall, as soon as he shall have ascertained the result of the poll, forthwith publicly announce such result and shall declare elected as members for the Council of the electoral area the candidate who has received the greatest number of votes and the candidate or the candidates standing next in order on the basis of the number of votes they have received, up to the total number of seats to be filled, and shall immediately thereafter make a return to the Electoral Supervisory Commission of the names of the candidates elected and the number of votes given to such candidates and shall cause the names of the candidates elected to be published in the Gazette.

Papers to be  
sent to the  
Electoral  
Commissioner.

**43.** The returning officer shall, as soon as may be after making the return as aforesaid, make up *into one parcel all the packets of papers mentioned in regulation 41* of these regulations and sealed up as therein provided and shall seal up such parcel so that it cannot be opened without breaking the seals and shall forward it to the Electoral Commissioner, who shall keep such parcel in safe custody, and shall not allow any person to have access thereto:

Provided that when an election petition has been presented questioning the validity of any election or return, the Electoral Commissioner shall, on the order of a Judge of the Supreme Court, deliver to the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court the parcel of papers relating to the election which is in dispute:

Provided also that after the expiration of six months from the date of any election the Electoral Commissioner shall burn the said parcel of papers used at such election unless otherwise directed by an order of the Electoral Supervisory Commission.

Power to  
vary dates.

**44.** (1) The Electoral Supervisory Commission may, as respects any election, by order published in the Gazette, vary any or all of the dates, times, or time limits mentioned in any provision contained in these regulations and may substitute any other date or dates, time or time limit in lieu thereof; and upon any such order being made, that provision shall have effect subject to such order.

(2) Any order made under the preceding paragraph may be varied or revoked by a subsequent order of the Electoral Supervisory Commission.

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS REGULATIONS, 1961

APPENDIX

Form 1—(Regulation 4)

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF ..... MEMBERS OF THE  
.....VILLAGE COUNCIL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the election of ..... Members of the  
..... Village Council is to be held on the .....  
day of ..... 19..... and that the Returning Officer for the said  
Village Council election will on the ..... day of ..... 19.....  
next ensuing between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at ..... receive  
the notices of candidature for such election.

Form of notices of candidature may be obtained at the office of \*.....  
..... between the hours of ..... and ..... on  
working days except on Saturdays when the office will be closed at noon.

Every notice of candidature must be delivered to the Returning Officer  
between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Every notice of candidature shall specify the name, address, and occupation  
of the candidate, and also contain a declaration by the candidate of his  
qualification.

Date .....

.....  
*Returning Officer*

for the ..... Village Council Election.

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\*Specify Office of Returning Officer

*Form 2—(Reguation 6(3) )*

ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE ..... VILLAGE COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF CANDIDATURE**

To the Returning Officer for the.....Village Council Election

I, .....  
(Surname)

.....  
(Other names)

.....  
(Occupation

of .....  
(Address)

hereby give notice of my candidature for election as a Member of the.....  
..... Village Council.

I hereby declare that I am qualified to be elected a Member of the said Village Council in that I am qualified to be registered as an elector for the aforesaid village by virtue of .....

I also hereby declare that I am not disqualified from being elected a Member of the said Village Council.

This ..... day of ..... 19.....

.....  
*Signature of Candidate*

Form 3—(Regulation 9 (2))

ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE ..... VILLAGE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF TAKING OF POLL

THE VILLAGE OF .....

Notice is hereby given to the registered electors of the Village aforesaid that a poll for the election now pending for the ..... Village Council will be opened on the ..... day of ..... 19..... between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the following stations appointed for the said electoral area—

<i>Polling Stations</i>		<i>Distinguishing letter (s) of the part of the Register</i>
<i>Name</i>	<i>Where situated</i>	
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

And that the candidates for the election are as follows—

<i>Candidates</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand at ..... this ..... day of ..... 19.....

.....  
*Electoral Commissioner*



Form 4—(Regulation 13)

FORM OF FRONT OF BALLOT PAPER

Ballot Paper	<b>1</b>	<b>BROWN</b> (JACQUES EDOUARD Brown, of Boulet Rouge, Flacq, tailor)		
The Village of	<b>2</b>	<b>BROWN</b> (THOMAS ARTHUR Brown, of Argy, Flacq, overseer)		
Counterfoil No.....	<b>3</b>	<b>JOSEPH</b> (Charles Francis Joseph, of Riche Mare, Flacq, stonemason)		
(To correspond with that on the back of ballot paper)	<b>4</b>	<b>RAMSAMY</b> (Ramsamy Ramsamy, of Boulet Blanc Flacq, teacher)		
Elector's Number on register.....	<b>5</b>	<b>VITHILINGUM</b> (Marie Thérèse Vithilingum, of Constance, Flacq, housewife)		
<i>Official Mark</i>				

FORM OF BACK OF BALLOT PAPER

No.....

(to correspond with the number on the counterfoil)

The Village of.....

Election held on.....

*Official Mark*

FORM OF FRONT OF BALLOT PAPER

Ballot Paper	The Village of.....						
The Village of	1	BROWN (JACQUES EDOUARD Brown, of Boulet Rouge, Flacq, tailor)					
.....	2	BROWN (THOMAS ARTHUR Brown, of Argy, Flacq, overseer)					
Counterfoil No.....					49	RAMSAMY (Ramsamy Ramsamy, of Boulet Rouge, Flacq, teacher)	
Elector's Number on register.....	3	JOSEPH (Charles Francis Joseph, of Riche Mare, Flacq, stonemason)			50	VITHILINGUM (Marie Thérèse Vithilingum, of Constance, Flacq, housewife)	

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FORM OF BACK OF BALLOT PAPER

No.....  
(To correspond with the number on the counterfoil)

The Village of.....

Election on.....

Official Mark

### DIRECTIONS AS TO PRINTING BALLOT PAPER (FORM 5)

The directions contained in Form 4 shall be followed for the printing of Form 5, subject to the following further arrangements:—

- (a) a thick vertical line shall separate the ballot paper into two equal spaces, the candidates being listed in alphabetical order, starting in the left-hand column and continuing in the right-hand column;
- (b) there shall be a margin at the top of the left-hand column where the name of the Village shall be printed;
- (c) there shall be a margin at the bottom of the right-hand column for the official mark.

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### DIRECTIONS AS TO PRINTING THE BALLOT PAPER

1. Nothing is to be printed on the ballot paper except in accordance with these directions.
2. So far as practicable, the following arrangements shall be observed in the printing of the ballot paper—
  - (a) no word shall be printed on the face except the particulars of the candidates;
  - (b) no rule shall be printed on the face except the horizontal rules separating the particulars of the candidates from one another and the vertical rules separating those particulars from the numbers on the left hand side and the symbols on the right, and also the symbols of identification from the spaces where the vote is to be marked;
  - (c) except for the margin at the bottom for the official mark, the whole space between the top and bottom of the paper shall be equally divided between the candidates by the rules separating their particulars.
3. The surname of each candidate shall in all cases be printed by itself in large capitals, and his full particulars shall be set out below it and shall be printed in ordinary type except that small capitals shall be used:—
  - (a) if his surname is the same as another candidate's, for his other names; and
  - (b) if his other names are also the same as the other candidate's, either for his residence or for his description unless each of them is the same as that of another candidate with the same surname and other names.

Form 6—(Regulation 20)

DIRECTIONS TO VOTERS FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1. Each voter registered in this electoral area may vote only at one polling station.
2. Each elector may vote for not more than.....candidates.
3. The elector will go into one of the compartments and with a black lead pencil there provided place a cross X opposite the name of the candidate or each of the candidates for whom he votes.
4. The elector shall then fold the ballot paper so that his cross (or crosses) cannot be seen, show the official mark on the back to the presiding officer and place it in the ballot box. The elector shall forthwith quit the polling station.
5. If an elector inadvertently spoils a ballot paper he may return it to the presiding officer who on being satisfied of the fact will give him another.
6. If an elector votes for more than ..... candidates or places any mark on the ballot paper by which he can afterwards be indentified his vote will be void and will not be counted.

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Form 7—(Regulation 30 (6) )

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY THE COMPANION OF A VOTER

I,  
of  
having been requested to assist \_\_\_\_\_ who is numbered \_\_\_\_\_  
on the register of local government elections for the village of \_\_\_\_\_  
to record his vote at the election now being held for the said election, do  
hereby declare that I am entitled to vote as an elector at the said election,  
that I am the \* \_\_\_\_\_ of the said voter, that I have attained the  
age of 18 years and that I have not previously assisted any person (except

Signed

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1971.

I do hereby certify that the above declaration, having been first read to the above-named declarant, was signed by the declarant in my presence.

Presiding Officer

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1971, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

NOTE: If the person making the above declaration knowingly and wilfully makes therein a statement false in a material particular, he will be guilty of an offence.

\* State the relationship of the companion to the voter.