

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Jammu and Kashmir

“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”

PRESS RELEASE


A number of electors belonging to Kashmir Valley had to Migrate and have been temporarily residing in various places outside their places of ordinary residence. With the amendments in J&K Representation of People Act, 1957 and J&K Conduct of Election Rules, 1965, their names continue to be enrolled in the Electoral Rolls of Assembly Constituencies of Kashmir Valley. As the Municipal Electoral Rolls are relatable to the Legislative Assembly Electoral Rolls, their names exist in the Electoral Rolls of the Municipal Bodies in the Kashmir Valley.

In order to provide them facility to exercise their franchise in the ensuing Municipal Elections, 2018, they have been notified as a class of persons who shall be given a choice to vote through Postal Ballots. The Notification to this effect has been issued on 16th September, 2018. Consequent upon this Notification, a detailed “Scheme for Voting by Kashmiri Migrants by means of Postal Ballots in the Municipal Elections, 2018” stands Notified vide Order No.CEO/ME/2018/463 dated 17-09-2018.

The scheme makes available electoral rolls to the Kashmir Migrants at sixteen (16) places including six (6) transit camps in Kashmir so that they can file an application to opt for Voting by way of Postal ballot. The Chief Electoral Officer has prescribed the last date for making such application as the last date for making nominations for a particular Municipal Body. All such applicants shall be issued Postal Ballots by the Returning Officers of their Municipal Bodies in Kashmir Valley. The Scheme also provides information about the process for recording the vote and return of the Postal Ballot.

While the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K has notified the Assistant Returning Officers (Migrants) for Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi, with the Assistant Returning Officer, (Migrants), Jammu as the Nodal point, the Relief Commissioner, Jammu has issued orders designating officers at various camps, who will facilitate the entire process.

The Scheme alongwith various connected documents is available on the website of the CEO J&K with the link www.ceojk.nic.in .


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