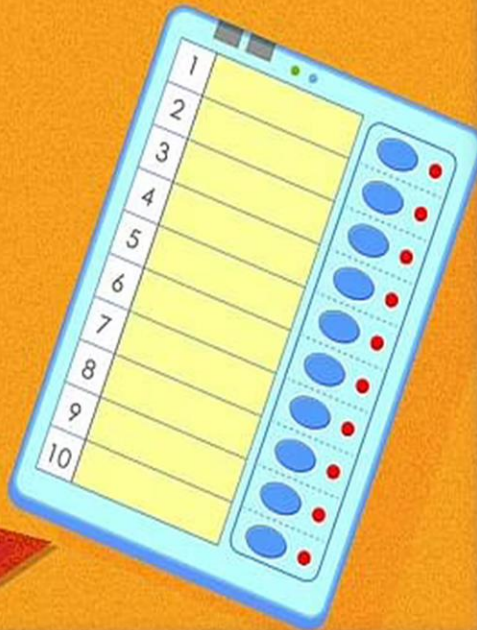


POSTAL BALLOT



RAJASTHAN ELECTION DEPARTMENT JAIPUR

Motive Behind PB

The categories of electors entitled for postal ballot facility, procedure and forms of postal ballot are specified under Part-III (Rule 17 to 27) of CER, 1961

In 2019, by amendments in Part IIIA of the CE Rules, 1961, vide Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 2019 and in 2020 too.

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PB TYPES



DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES

Service Voter (including wife if ordinarily residing with him) except those Classified Service Voters, who opted for proxy voting (Rule 17A)

Special Voters - (including wife if ordinarily residing with them) who are holding declared offices. [List of such declared offices is given in footnote below Sec. 20 of RP Act, 1950] (Rule 17b)

Voters on election duty (Rule 17C)

Notified voters - In special circumstances such class of persons as is notified by ECI under Sec. 60 (c) of RP Act 1951.

Absentee voters (defined in Rule 27A) - Senior Citizens (80+), PwD and Covid Positive

Electors subjected to preventive detention under any law

Specified Forms-

- Form 12- PB for voter on election duty
- Form 12A – EDC for voter on election duty
- Form 12B- EDC by RO
- Form 12C- For notified electors
- Form 12D- For absentee voters
- Form 13A- Declaration by elector
- Form 13B (Cover A)- Small envelope
- Form 13C (Cover B)- Large envelope
- Form 13D- Instructions for electors

SPECIAL NOTE

For absentee voter, it is only an additional facility and they can visit polling stations and vote personally or apply to avail postal ballot facility .

Voters who have been issued PB are not entitled to vote at polling station.

DETAILS TO BE PRINTED ON PB

PB Types Regarding Printing

PB for service voter

PB for other categories

Width - between 4" and 6"

Names and party affiliation
in state language and
English

Photograph of candidate

No election symbol

all specifications will be the same as those in PB for service voter except election symbol will be printed while party affiliation not required

PROCEDURE FOR SERVICE VOTERS

- ✓ In order to improve the postal ballot system of Service voters and cutting out the travelling time of postal ballot, one way electronic transmission of PB to record officer/unit officer
- ✓ Transmission of ETPBS by RO
 - Activation of 'RO operation' by C-Admin on ETPBS portal
 - Enter/view the data of election of RO's constituency
 - Interview download window for PB
 - PB template loading
 - Generation and approval of sample PB
 - Generation of PIN and password protected postal ballot in bulk

PROCEDURE FOR SERVICE VOTERS CONTINUED...

- ✓ **Download and printing of ETPBS by Record Officer**
 - ETPBS download by using secure OTP
 - Handover ETPBS print alongwith print of all forms and required envelopes (Form 13B- 4' X 9' and Form 13C- 4.75' X 11') to service voter
- ✓ **Voting and return**
 - Marking of choice by service voter on ballot paper
 - Placing marked ballot in Form 13B with serial no. of PB thereon, sealing of envelope and pasting label of 13B
 - Completing declaration in Form 13A and getting attested by designated officer
 - Placing Form 13B and 13A inside the large envelope, closing the same and pasting the label of Form 13C and putting signature thereon
 - Dispatch of 13C to RO through post (no postage required within India)

PROCEDURE FOR VOTERS ON ELECTION DUTY



Through
Postal Ballot



Election Duty
Certificate



Through Postal Ballot

If on duty in a constituency other than the constituency where they are enrolled as a voters.



Election Duty Certificate (EDC)

In case a government official is on election duty in the same constituency in which enrolled as a voter. (vote at the polling station where they are on duty).

PROCEDURE FOR VOTERS ON ELECTION DUTY CONTINUED...

- ✓ Preparation of database by DEO
- ✓ Distribution of pre-filled Form 12
- ✓ Collection of signed Form 12 alongwith copy of appoint letter of election duty and EPIC on 1st day of training, latest before last day of withdrawal of nomination

- ✓ Appointment of nodal officer for PB arrangement
- ✓ PB of such voter on poll duty who has not collected personally, should be dispatched by registered AD within 24 hours
- ✓ Casting of PB during training sessions in voting compartments at facilitation centres in presence of representatives of recognized political parties/candidates
- ✓ Specific time set to be apart for voting at facilitation centres
- ✓ Availability of gazetted officer for attestation of declaration
- ✓ Marking and sealing of envelopes as per the same procedure followed by service voters
- ✓ After all PBs have been cast, the box will be opened and PB will be sorted out by AC wise in presence of political party representatives

- ✓ All PB for one AC to be kept in separate envelope and sent to the RO concerned through special messenger not below the rank of deputy tehsildar
- ✓ The details will be entered in the statement in Format 1 specified by ECI
- ✓ Videography of entire process
- ✓ RO to keep envelopes of PBs received from facilitation centres in a special strong room
- ✓ If any voter did not cast vote at facilitation centre, then he can vote only by post
- ✓ Postal department to nominate one post office for each PC/AC for delivering PBs everyday at 3 pm to the RO except for the counting day when the delivery will be before 8 am or time fix for commencement of counting

ABSENTEE VOTERS



**Senior Citizen
(80+)**

**PwD, already
flagged in ER**

**COVID
suspect/
affected
Persons**

LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR PB AT HOME

In 2019, by amendments in Part IIIA of the CE Rules, 1961, vide Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 2019,

Sr. citizens (80 plus) and persons with disabilities (PWDs) already flagged in the rolls, have been provided with the option of applying for voting through postal ballot paper

In compliance of this ruling, for senior citizen, PwD and covid affected, the voting is done at their residences and marked postal ballots are collected from their residencies, in case of electors on essential services, voting is done at specific location other than their residence

STEPS FOR EXECUTION OF PB AT HOME

Distribution and collection of 12D by BLO within five days of Declaration

RO draws list of all Absentee Voters in the 3 categories, i.e. (a) 'AVSC', (b) 'AVPD' and (c) AVCO, whose applications have been received in time and are in order

The RO shall also indicate entry 'PB' in the marked copy after issuing PB to the absentee voter

STEPS FOR EXECUTION OF PB AT HOME

The team of 2 polling officials, Micro-observers, Videographer, Police official shall visit the electors at the address mentioned in their application Form 12D for facilitating their voting by postal ballot paper.

The electors are intimated, in advance, about the date and approximate time of visit of poll officials, through SMS. The intimation is also given by post and/or *through the BLO.*

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STEPS FOR EXECUTION OF PB AT HOME

A tick mark shall be placed against the name of the elector in the list of AVSC, AVPD and AVCO to indicate that the person has voted. The counterfoil with the serial number and part number of elector duly filled up shall be got detached and kept in safe custody by the team.

The electors are intimated, in advance, about the date and approximate time of visit of poll officials, through SMS. The intimation is also given by post and/or *through the BLO.*

Poll officer is authorized to attest with his full name and designation 'poll officer', the declaration in Form 13A in the case of AVSC, AVPD and AVCO. In the case of a COVID affected person on treatment in Hospital, the Medical Officer attending to the person also authorized to attest the declaration.

STEPS FOR EXECUTION OF PB AT HOME

At the end of each day of visit by poll officers to the address of AVSC/AVPD/AVCO electors, the envelopes in Form-12C containing postal ballot paper etc. and the counterfoils of ballot papers containing the signature/thumb impression of electors and other particulars, shall be collected by the ARO designated of postal voting by the absentee voters.

Important

- ✓ Visits by teams of poll officers to the address of AVSC, AVPD and AVCO electors should be planned in such a way that the same is completed 1 day prior to the date fixed for poll in the constituency.
- ✓ For the poll officers deputed to AVCO electors appropriate protection equipment including PPE kit shall be provided. This should be done in consultation with the Nodal Health Officer for AVCOs.







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Annexure - II

Compiled Statement of Postal Ballots in the Category of Absentee Voters

(To be sent to the Commission)

Total Electors - 7,45,226

Sr.No	Category	No. of electors in the category	Number of Form 12D issued	Number of PB issued	Total Postal Ballots Received from absentee voters	% of received PB
1	80+	19984	19984	766	745	3.7
2	PWD	8532	8532	152	150	1.75
3	Covid - 19 suspect or affected voters	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total		28516	28516	918	895	3.14



Annexure - IV

Compiled Statement of Postal Ballots other than of Absentee Voters received by RO
Total Electors - 7,45,226

Sl.No.	Category	No. of electors in the category	Number of PB issued		Total no. of Postal Ballots Received by RO	% of received PB
1	Service Voters	520	520	-	69	13.27
2	Polling Staff	706	685	Received from the facilitation centre-460	578	81.87
				Received by Post-118		
Grand Total		1226	1205	-	647	52.77

Counting of PB

⦿ PB other than ETPBS

- ✓ Counting to be done at RO's table or by ARO nominated for the purpose
- ✓ Only such PBs which have been received before hour fixed for commencement of counting shall be counted
- ✓ Opening of Form 13C, should be verified
- ✓ Checking of Form 13A and Form 13B, both to be scrutinized
- ✓ 13A to be kept separately and sealed, 13B to be opened and PB to be counted

Ground for rejection

- 13A not found
- Declaration not duly signed or not attested by competent authority
- Otherwise substantial defective
- Difference of serial no. of ballot paper and serial no. on 13B
- ✓ All rejected covers to be endorsed suitably and to be placed in 13C along with declaration- all 13C to be kept together in separate packet duly sealed and details noted thereon
- ✓ In case of victory margin less than total no. of PBs received than mandatory re-verification of all PBs
- ✓ Entire counting proceeding to be videographed

⦿ ETPBS

- ✓ Counting to be done at RO's table
- ✓ The counting process will be same except the following steps-
 - Opening of Form 13C, should be verified
 - QR code to be scanned using software and QR code reader
 - Duplicate envelopes indicated by software to be kept together and invalidated duplicate vote



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you!