

## **FORM 17**

***[See rules 69N(4)(d) and (6)(a) and (c) and 69W(1)]***

### **INSTRUCTION FOR THE GUIDANCE OF ELECTORS FOR USE OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPER**

Election of Members to the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ from  
\_\_\_\_\_ \* Ward.

The person whose names are printed on the ballot paper sent herewith are candidates at the above election. If you desire to vote you shall record your vote in accordance with the directions given in Part-I below and then follow the instructions detailed in Part-II.

#### **PART I**

##### **DIRECTIONS TO ELECTORS**

1. The number of members to be elected is one.
2. You have only one vote.
3. You must not vote for more than one candidate. If you do so your ballot paper shall be rejected.
4. Record the vote by placing clearly a mark opposite the name of the candidate to whom you wish to give that vote.
5. The mark shall be so placed as to indicate clearly and beyond doubt to which candidate you are giving your vote. If the mark is so placed as to make it doubtful to which candidate you have given the vote, that vote shall be invalid.
6. Do not put your signature or write any word or make any mark, sign or writing whatsoever on the ballot paper other than the mark which you are required to make thereon in accordance with paragraph 4.
7. An elector shall obtain the attestation of his signature on the declaration in Form 14 by a magistrate or a Gazetted Officer, if he is on election duty, by any Gazetted Officer or by the Presiding Officer of the polling station in which he is on election duty; and

#### **PART II**

##### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTORS**

- (a) After you have recorded your vote on the ballot, place the ballot paper in the smaller cover marked "A" sent herewith. Close the cover and secure it by seal or otherwise.
- (b) You have then to sign the declaration in Form 14 also sent herewith in the presence of a Magistrate or any other Officer competent to attest your signature (see direction 7 above). Take the declaration to any such Officer and sign it in his presence after he has been satisfied about your identity. The Officer shall attest your signature and return the declaration to you. You must not show your ballot paper to the Attesting Officer nor tell him how you have voted.

- (c) If you are unable to mark the ballot paper and sign the declaration your self in the manner indicated above by reason of illiteracy, blindness or other infirmity you are entitled to have your vote marked and the declaration signed on your behalf by any Officer referred to in item (b). Such an Officer shall at your request mark the ballot paper in your presence and in accordance with your wishes. He shall also complete the necessary certificate in this behalf.
- (d) After your declaration has been signed and your signature has been attested in accordance with item (b) or item (c) place the declaration in Form 14 as also the smaller cover marked "A" containing ballot paper, in the larger cover marked "B". After closing the larger cover, sent it to the Returning Officer by post or by messenger. You have to give your full signature in the space provided on the cover marked "B" No postage stamp need be affixed by you.
- (e) You must ensure that the cover reaches the Returning Officer before \*\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\*\*
- (f) Please note that:
- (i) If you fail to get your declaration attested or certified in the manner indicated above, your ballot paper shall be rejected; and
- (ii) If the cover reaches the Returning Officer after \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ your vote shall not be counted.

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\* - Appropriate particulars of the election to be inserted.

\*\* - Here specify the hour and date fixed for the commencement of counting of votes.