

# FORM 18

## APPOINTMENT OF COUNTING AGENT

[See rule 52(2) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961]

Election to the ..... from the ..... constituency

To,  
The Returning Officer,

I ..... \*a candidate/the election agent of ..... who is a candidate at the above election, do hereby appoint the following person as my counting agents to attend the counting of votes at .....

**Name of the counting agent**

**Address of the counting agent**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Signature of \*candidate/election agent**

We agree to act as such counting agents.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Place .....

Date .....

**Signature of counting agents**

### Declaration of counting Agents

(to be signed before the Returning Officer)

We hereby declare that at the above election we will not do anything forbidden by section 128\*\* of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which \*we have read/has been read over to us.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Date .....

**Signature of counting agents**

*Signed before me*

Date .....

**Returning Officer**

\* Strike off the inappropriate alternative.

\*\* Section 128 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 :-

*128 Maintenance of secrecy of voting-*(1) Every Officer, clerk, agent or other person who performs any duty in connection with recording or counting of votes at an election shall maintain, and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not (except for some purpose authorised by or under any law) communicate to any person any information calculated to violate such secrecy.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine or with both.