

FORM 13D

[See rule 23(1)(d)]

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GUIDANCE OF ELECTORS

(To be used at an election to the House of the People or to the Legislative Assembly of a State)

Election to the*.....from the.....

The persons whose names are printed on the ballot paper sent herewith are candidates at the above election. Record your vote by placing clearly a mark opposite the name of the candidate to whom you wish to give your vote. The mark should 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 your vote, your vote will be invalid.

The number of members to be elected is one. Please remember that you have only one vote. Accordingly you should not vote for more than one candidate. If you do so, your ballot paper will be rejected.

Do not put your signature or write any word or mark any mark, sign or writing whatsoever on the ballot paper other than the mark required to record your vote.

After you have recorded your vote on the ballot paper, place the ballot paper in the smaller cover marked 'A' sent herewith. Close the cover and secure it by seal or otherwise.

(1) You may then sign the declaration in Form 13A also sent herewith in the presence of a stipendiary magistrate and obtain the attestation of your signature by such stipendiary magistrate.

(2) If you are a member of the armed forces of the Union or of an armed police force of a State but is serving outside that State, the attestation may be obtained by such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the Commanding Officer of the Unit, ship or establishment in which you or your husband, as the case may be, are employed.

(3) If you are employed under the Government of India in a post outside India the attestation may be obtained by such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the diplomatic or consular representative of India in the country in which you are resident.

(4) If you hold an office like the office of the (i) President, (ii) Vice-President, (iii) Governors of States, (iv) Cabinet Ministers of the Union or of any State, (v) The Deputy Chairman and Members of the Planning Commission, (vi) The Ministers of State of the Union or of any State, (vii) Deputy Minister of the Union of any State, (viii) The Speaker of the House of the People or of any State Legislative Assembly, (ix) The Chairman of any State Legislative Council, (x) Lieutenant Governors of Union territories, (xi) The Deputy Speaker of the House of the People or of any State Legislative Assembly, (xii) The Deputy Chairman of the Council of States or of any State Legislative Council, (xiii) Parliamentary Secretaries of the Union or of any State, the attestation may be obtained by an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary to the Government of the Union or the State, as the case may be.

(5) If you are on an election duty, attestation may be obtained by any gazetted officer or by the Presiding Officer of the polling station in which you are on election duty.

(6) If you are under preventive detention, the attestation may be obtained by the Superintendent of the jail or the Commandant of the detention camp in which you are under detention.

In all the above cases you may take the declaration to the authorised officer and sign it in his presence after he has satisfied himself about your identity. The officer will 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.

If you are unable to mark the ballot paper and sign the declaration yourself in the manner indicated above by reason of illiteracy, blindness or other infirmity, you are entitled to have your vote marked and declaration signed on your behalf by any of the authorised officer mentioned above. Such an officer will, at your request mark the ballot paper in your presence and in accordance with your wishes. He will also complete the necessary certificate in this behalf.

After your declaration has been signed and your signature has been attested, place the declaration in Form 13A as also the smaller cover marked 'A' containing the ballot paper in the larger cover marked 'B'. After closing the larger cover, send it to the returning officer by post or by messenger. You have to give full signature in the space provided on the cover marked 'B'.

No postage stamp need be affixed by you, if the cover is posted in India. If, however, you are an elector employed under the Government of India in a post outside India, you should return the cover to the returning officer concerned direct by air mail service after the requisite postage stamp is duly affixed thereon by the office in which you are serving except where it is sent by diplomatic bag.

You must ensure that the cover reaches the Returning Officer before****on.....

Please note that :—

- (i) if you fail to get your declaration attested or certified in the manner indicated above, your ballot paper will be rejected; and
- (ii) if the cover reaches the returning officer after**.....on the**.....your vote will not be counted.

* Appropriate particulars of the election, to be inserted here.

1. Subs. by Notifn. No. S.O. 961 (E), dated the 29th December, 1986, for Form 13D.

** (Here specify the hour and date fixed for the commencement of counting of votes).