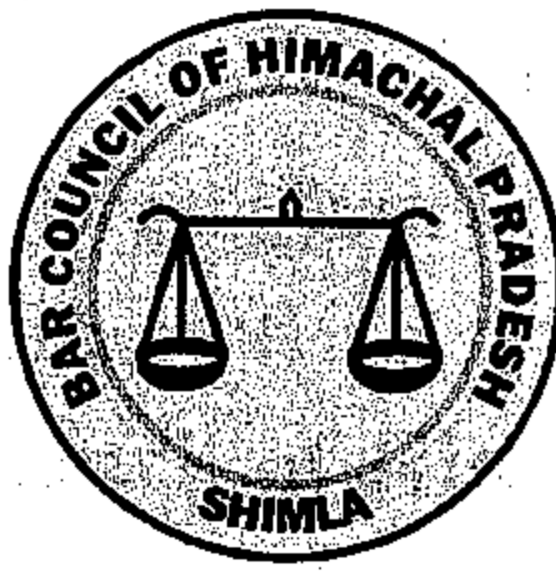


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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES AND VOTERS.

The High-Powered Election Committee after due consideration has decided to formulate instructions to all voters and candidates for the election to the Bar Council.

1. For the purpose of identification, all voters will carry their Identity Card issued by the State Bar Council or the Enrolment Certificate, with photograph in original, issued by the State Bar Council, or a Driving License, Passport or Voter ID card, in order to be eligible to cast his or her vote. In case the photograph of any voter is not found printed on the electoral roll, he/she would be required to prove his or her identity by showing the above referred documents. In the absence of a valid identification, no one shall be permitted to cast vote.

2. If during the polling there is a dispute regarding identity of the voter then the Assistant Returning Officer shall verify his/her identification by checking the identification documents specified in the instructions issued by Returning Officer/High-Powered Election Committee.

3. Every voter is required to vote in person and shall cast his or her vote at the allotted polling booth on the date notified.

4. A differently abled voter will not be permitted to bring any help inside the polling booth, but will be given assistance by the polling staff.

5. No polling agent of any candidate will be allowed inside the polling booth.

6. No voter or candidate shall be allowed to wear on his/her person any badge, card or serial no. of any candidate in the polling area of any polling booth at the time of voting.

7. No voter shall disturb any fellow voter and shall not be permitted to stay at or near the polling booth after casting his vote. A voter, who has cast his vote, shall NOT be

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permitted to enter the polling booth thereafter, or even after the conclusion of the polling.

8. No voter shall be permitted to carry mobile phone, camera or any other electronic device inside the polling booth.

9. No voter shall, be handed over a second ballot paper except in the cases provided under Rules.

10. No candidate or his agent or his/her supporter shall canvass for votes from voters on the date of election within a radius of 200 yards from the polling station.

11. No candidate shall be permitted to erect a tent or other such arrangement on the date of polling within a radius 200 yards from the polling station.

12. No candidate, his/her agent or supporter shall be allowed to use loudspeakers, mic or any other sound enhancing device during the polling time.

13. No candidate, his/her agent or supporter shall be allowed to distribute any gift, food items, eatable or drinks during polling hours except for small water bottles (that too after permission from local authorities).

14. No outsider except eligible voter shall be allowed to enter the polling area and if any candidate is found to have brought unwanted element with intention to disturb the election process and indulges in disturbing the polling process, the High-Powered Election Committee shall be constrained to immediately cancel candidature of such candidate in addition to recommending other legal action in accordance with law.

15. If a report is received from any of the polling stations/polling booth of any malpractices or interference in the polling process by a candidate or any of his/her supporters, then the voting at such polling station or polling booth will be liable for cancellation by the High-Powered Election Committee after satisfying itself as to the report of the malpractices or interference in the polling process.

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16. During the counting of votes, no one except the candidate or his authorized agent shall be permitted inside the place of counting of votes.

17. Even after declaration of result, if it is found by the High-Powered Election Committee that any candidate or his agent has indulged in serious malpractice or have committed grave misconduct during the election, the candidature of such elected candidate will also be cancelled along with recommendation of other legal action against that candidate.

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