

No. UD-A(1)-2/2016-1
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Urban Development

Election Matter

To

The Director
Urban Development Department
Himachal Pradesh

29th Aug, 2020

Subject:- Clarification regarding reservation of Wards for women

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. UD-II(A(5)-1/2019-ULBs-23100 dated 29.08.2020, I am directed to request you that the issue raised by the Deputy Commissioners regarding allotment of seats to various category as envisaged under Section 11 of the HP Municipal Act, 1994 and Rule 10 of the HP Municipal Election Rules, 2015 was considered at the Government level and keeping in view the said provisions and prevalent past practices the process for reservation of wards for women in Municipalities is hereby clarified as under:-

1. Step-I. Ward will be reserved for Scheduled Caste based on their population proportion as per Section 11 (1)(a) of the act ibid and Rule 10(2) of the rule ibid.
2. Step-II. Out of the wards so reserved for Scheduled Caste (in Step- I) one half of the wards will be reserved for women through draw of lots in accordance with sub-rule(4) of the rule ibid
3. Step-III. For the purpose of step II above, wards reserved for general category women in the immediately preceding election, will be taken up in draw of lots for the purpose of making reservation of wards for SC (women) in this election.
4. Step-IV. The seats shall be reserved for Scheduled Tribe category in the same manner as explained in Step-I to III above.
5. Step-V. After excluding all wards that have been reserved for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe in Step I-IV and also excluding the wards reserved for general category women in the immediately preceding election, remaining wards will be considered for reservation for general category women by draw of lots.
6. Step-VI. If the number of wards remaining (in step-V) is equal to total No. of seats to be reserved for general category women, then all such seats shall be reserved for women (and no need of draw of lots will be there).

7. Step. VII. If the number of wards remaining (in step-V) is more than the number of seats to be reserved for general category women, then draw of lots shall be done.

It may also be brought to the notice of all the Deputy Commissioners that the State Election Commission has extended the last date of reservation of wards till 5th September 2020. Hence, you are requested to send to this office consolidated details of orders of reservation/rotation of seats of Members/Councilors of ULBs made by all the Deputy Commissioners in accordance with the provisions contained in Sub-Rule 11 of Rule 10 of the HP Municipal Election Rules, 2015 and Rule 10 (10) of HP Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 2012

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Joint Secretary (UD) to the
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Endst No. UD- as above

Dated

29th Aug 2020

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary State Election Commission for information.
2. All the Deputy Commissioners (Except Kinnaur & Lahul -Spiti) with the directions that the above clarifications are just for guidance and while reserving the wards in Municipalities all provisions enshrined under HP Municipal Act, 1994 and HP Municipal Election Rules, 2015 may be adhered to strictly.


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