



भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय /MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड/RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2024/SBEC-III/Elections

Dated: 28.11.2024

**The PCPOs/Returning Officers
Zonal Railways (Open Line)
Metro Railway, Kolkata
Production Units (CLW & RCF only).**

Sub: Postal Ballot Paper System.

In view of extension of date for making request for postal ballot paper, in terms of SBEC's letter No. 2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 27.11.2024, some units have made a request for placing a ballot box exclusively for collecting voted postal ballots at Division too or else the voted postal ballots are likely to be wasted due to paucity of time.

2. The SBEC had considered the request and decided that in relaxation of relevant sections of Annexure VI of Final Modalities dated 09.09.2024 and subsequent instructions, a Ballot box (sealed in the same manner as prescribed for sealing of ballot boxes in booth) may be kept in office of Presiding Officer in the division. Postal ballot beneficiaries may drop their voted postal ballot in the ballot boxes so kept. On conclusion of voting, the Ballot box in the sealed condition should be securely delivered to Returning Officer (RO). The box shall be opened in RO's presence in HQ. RO's may issue operational guidelines for this activity and also regarding the officials to be deployed for transfer of sealed box to HQ with required security. These instructions should be widely circulated and advised to contesting unions.

(Rajiv Gandhi)

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