



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA(BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(RAIL MANTARALYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. 2024/SBEC-III/Elections.

Dated 18.11.2024

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

Sub: Voting by staff posted in small outstation offices.

Ref. Item No. 9 of Record Notes (of the Review meeting dated 12.11.2024 held with PCPOs) circulated vide letter of even No. dated 14.11.2024.

On the issue of voting by staff posted in outstation offices having small strength, the following mechanism is devised in light of discussions held with PCPOs and deliberation by SBEC:-

2. An officer may be deputed to these outstation offices, get the voters to vote in a confidential manner as is done in a polling booth and bring the duly voted ballot papers in the sealed Ballot box and hand it over to the Presiding officer. It is the existing polling booth system with modification in view of unique requirements and also to make the process efficient from cost and time angles.
3. Since the number of staff is only a handful in such outstation offices the election shall be held only for one day for which an officer would be deputed as a Polling officer who with the help of the senior most staff of the outstation office organise the voting, sealing of Ballot box etc. The Unions may depute their Polling agents who would be eligible for Spl. CL only for the polling day. If need be a staff may accompany the Polling officer who may be given the benefit of Postal Ballot System (PBS) as available to Polling staff. The Polling authorities shall be entitled for honorarium at half the rate as permissible to Polling staff who perform regular election duty.
4. In order to ensure that the accountal of votes is done without any error because of these outstation polling booths, the names of the voters posted in these outstation

offices should be blocked in the original Voter list and added to new Voter list for the Outstation offices to be prepared. The blocking of names in original voter list and addition of names in new voter list for outstation offices should be exactly the same. ROs may get it confirmed from PO.


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