

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

No. 2024/SBEC-III/Elections

New Delhi Dated 08.10.2024

**PCPOs & Returning Officers
All Zonal Railways (Open Line)
Metro Railway, Kolkata
Production Units (CLW & RCF)**

Sub: Secret Ballot Elections 2024 – regarding Polling Dates.

Ref: SBEC's letter No. 2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 30.08.2024.

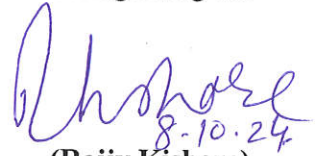
Requests are being received from contesting Unions to allow voting by Ticket Checking Staff and Escort Duty Staff on 3rd day along with Running Staff for whom voting facility has been permitted for three days that is 4th, 5th & 6th December 2024.

2. The decision to have election for two days was taken in consultation with major stakeholders with whom there was a broad consensus that two days were enough for organising elections for all the Railway Staff, as the means of communications etc. had vastly improved, as compared to the previous two elections. We were also informed that voting on the third and last day was hardly 10% of the total voting.

3. The voting for three days for Running Staff was kept on the basis of discussion with the field staff from whom it was gathered that Running Staff, especially those working on goods train cannot be identified much in advance, for permitting them the facility of Postal Ballot. This constraint was resolved by keeping three days voting at few identified booths primarily attached with the Running Staff lobbies, so that they could cast their vote on any of the three working days.

4. For Ticket Checking Staff and Escort Duty Staff who also undertake long outstation duty, provision of Postal Ballot has been made as these staff can be identified in advance by their Controlling Officer and Postal Ballot facility can be made available to them. Presiding Officer and Assisting Presiding Officer should take pro-active measures in identifying such staff to be deployed for outstation duties in these two categories, along with sufficient number of reserve candidates, who should also be given Postal Ballot facility to take care of exigencies. This will ensure that all the employees have equal and fair opportunity to cast their vote.

5. Returning Officer/Assisting Presiding Officer should apprise all concerned regarding the above arrangements and also identify the staff for Postal Ballot facility.


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