

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

No.2024/SBEC-III/Elections

Dated 17.10.2024

The General Managers All Zonal Railways (Open Line) Metro Railway, Kolkata Production Units (CLW & RCF).

<u>Sub:</u> Corrigendum No.5 to Final Modalities - Signature by Polling Officer on the Ballot Paper.

Ref: Board's letter of even no. dt. 09.09.2024 enclosing Final Modalities .

- (I) In the Final Modalities circulated vide above referred letter, Section 16.26 provides for signature on the top of each Ballot Paper by the Polling Officer, whereas Section 16.32 provides for signature by Polling Officer on the reverse of the Ballot Paper. In order to reconcile these two differing provisions, the following modifications are made in (a) Section 9.1, (b) 16.26 and (c)16.32 of the Final Modalities.
- a. A new subsection 9.1.1 is inserted below Section 9.1 and above 9.2 to read as follows:

New Sub Section 9.1.1: 'Space for signature by Polling Offices should be made on front side of the Ballot Paper if possible. Otherwise, suitable space on the reverse of the Ballot Paper should be provided for signature by Polling Officer'.

b. Section 16.26 is modified to read as under:

Modified Section 16.26- 'Each Ballot Paper should be signed by the Polling Officer in ink, on the front or reverse of the Ballot Paper, as per space provided.'

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- c. Section 16.32 is modified to read as under:

 Modified section 16.32 The Polling Officer shall again satisfy himself regarding the voter's identity by rechecking the Identity Card. He will hand over one Ballot Paper (after affixing her/his signature at the space provided) in the serial order of the counterfoil of Ballot Paper (without skipping any ballot paper). The signature of the Railway Servant casting the vote shall also be obtained on the counterfoil of the Ballot Paper.
- (II) Returning Officers may get the Ballot Paper printed as per provisions laid down and provide space for signature either on front or reverse of the Ballot paper, as per availability of space. Needless to say, over one Railway/PU the format of Ballot Paper shall be uniform and all polling authorities should be properly briefed about it during training and by written instructions.

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ED/RRB & Convener

Secret Ballot Election Committee-III

Copy to: All concerned PCPOs/ Returning Officers for information and necessary action.