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To

1. All the District Election Officers-cum-Deputy Commissioners Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Electoral Registration Officers-cum-Sub-Divisional Officers, Himachal Pradesh (Rohru/Kumarsain/Una/Bajnath/Nadaun/Bangana/Sangrah/Baddi)

Subject :- Preparation of draft electoral rolls of PRIs and ULBs which are involved in creation/re-organization/bifurcation.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that the General Election to Panchayat Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies were due in the State during the month of January, 2026. The Commission had prepared electoral rolls of all 3577 Gram Panchayats and 72 ULBs with qualifying date 01.10.2025. But general elections to these Local Bodies could not be conducted. The matter for timely conduct of elections was adjudicated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No. 5451 of 2026 titled as Pr. Secretary HP vs Dikken Kumar wherein the Hon'ble Apex Court has directed the Commission as well as the Government to complete the general elections to Local Bodies before 31.05.2026.

In the meantime, the Government has created 196 new Gram Sabhas and almost 40 Gram Sabhas have been re-organized. About 500 Gram Sabhas are impacted by this creation/reorganisation process wherein delimitation of wards is in progress. Besides, the Government has also created new Nagar Panchayats and some areas of Panchayat has been included in certain municipalities. The Commission vide its Notification dated 18.03.2026 has already issued programme for the updation of electoral rolls through Special Revision in those Gram Panchayats and ULBs which are not impacted by creation/re-organisation process. But the electoral rolls of those Gram Panchayats and Municipalities which are involved in creation/re-organisation/inclusion of areas are also required to be prepared afresh as soon as delimitation of these Local Bodies is finalized.


Therefore, the Commission has fixed following timeline for the completion of different activities to generate draft electoral rolls of PRIs and ULBs (except Nagar Panchayat Jhandutta and Swarghat District Bilaspur): -

Sr. No.	Name of activity	Date of Completion of exercise
1.	Verification and shifting of electors from Part-I.	Within 3 days after final publication of delimitation of Gram Panchayat.
2.	Print Preview copy of draft electoral rolls.	Within one day of shifting of electors.
3.	Convening of Special Meeting of Gram Sabha.	Within one day after generation of preview copy of draft electoral rolls.
4.	Shifting of stage from working to draft.	Within one day after convening of special meeting of Gram Sabha.
5.	Publication of draft electoral rolls.	As per programme to be issued by the State Election Commission.

Since, post of Pradhan in the Gram Panchayat is vacant, therefore, BDOs may issue at least three days notice to call the special meeting of the Gram Sabha. The concerned Panchayat Secretary will place the preview copy of the draft electoral roll before Gram Sabha. Besides, certain ULBs have no house in existence at present. In such cases, the meeting of all stakeholders may be convened by the Administrator/Officer in charge of the ULB and preview copies of the draft electoral rolls may be placed before them. Instructions issued vide letter dated 01st and 23rd August, 2025 shall be adhered to strictly, wherever applicable.

As soon as draft electoral rolls are ready intimation to this effect shall be given to the State Election Commission so that the programme for preparation of electoral rolls is issued immediately.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

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Copy to the following with the request to ensure that the aforesaid programme is implemented in letter and spirit: -

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Govt. of U.P.
3. The Principal Secretary (Urban Development) Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Secretary (PR) Government of Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director Panchayati Raj Department HP Shimla-9.

6. The Director Urban Development Department Government of HP Shimla-2.
7. All the concerned Commissioners Municipal Corporations of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Deputy Director General-cum-State Informatics Officer NIC Shimla-2.
9. All the Assistant District Election Officers-cum-District Panchayat Officers Himachal Pradesh.
10. All the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers-cum-Block Development Officers.
11. All the concerned Executive Officers/Secretaries Municipalities in HP.
12. E-Gazette/Website/Guard File.



(Surjeet Singh Rathore)

Secretary

State Election Commission

Himachal Pradesh.