



**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
NIGAM BHAWAN, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI-110006  
PHONE NO.011-23990915, 23914156, 23952340  
E-mail : stateelectioncomm.delhi@gmail.com**

Dated:

## **PRESS NOTE**

**Subject: General Elections to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi-2022.**

A single unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been constituted as per provisions of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 as amended vide Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, (Amendment) Act, 2022 (10 of 2022) w.e.f. 22.05.2022.

### **1. Municipal Wards**

As determined by the Central Government vide Delimitation order no. 14011/04/2022-Delhi-II dated 17.10.2022 under Section 3 and 5 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 as amended vide Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, (Amendment) Act, 2022 (10 of 2022), MCD shall consist of 250 wards, out of which 42 wards have been reserved for SC population in proportion to their population percentage as per 2011 census. Also, as provided, not less than 50% of the seats are reserved for woman out of the reserved SC seats i.e. 21 seats. Also, out of remaining 208 seats, 104 have been reserved for woman details of which are contained in reservation order no. F. 4(307)/SEC/LAW/2022/163 dated 20.10.2022. Both the said orders have been placed on website of the Commission.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi	Total No. of Wards	Total Seats reserved for Scheduled Castes	No. of Seats reserved for SC Woman	No. of Seats reserved for SCs	No. of Seats reserved for Woman	No. of Seats for General Category
	250	42	21	21	104	104

### **2. Electoral Rolls**

- Under proviso to section 7 (E) of the Act, the State Election Commission, as earlier, has adopted the Electoral Roll (ER) of the ECI as revised with reference to 01.01.2022 as the qualifying date with all supplements.
- The Commission will use photo Electoral Rolls for above elections to MCD and Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) for identification of voters.
- The Commission will issue instructions to allow additional documents for identification of voters separately

As on today, total voters in Delhi are as under:

Total no. of Voters	Male	Female	Transgender
<b>14673847</b>	7986705	6686081	1061

### 3. Polling Stations

The number of Polling Stations in the Wards covered under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi are as follows-

Municipal Corporation of Delhi	No. of Polling Stations in 2017	No. of Polling Stations in 2022 (approximate)
	13138	13665

➤ Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) at Polling Stations:

The Commission has upgraded the status of facilities at the Polling Stations from the earlier concept of Basic Minimum Facilities (BMF) to Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF). Accordingly, instructions have been issued to the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and other concerned agencies to ensure that every Polling Station is equipped with Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) like drinking water, shed, toilet, ramp for the physically challenged voters, a standard voting compartment etc. for the convenience and facilitation of voters.

➤ Special Arrangement for Disabled Voters:

The Commission has issued instructions to ensure that as far as practicable, all polling stations are located at ground floor and sturdy ramps are provided for the convenience of disabled electors.

- At least one model polling station would be set up in each Assembly Constituency and one polling station shall be set up to be manned exclusively by women officers/officials in each Assembly Constituency.

### 4. Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs):

The poll of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi will be conducted at all polling stations using M-2 model of ECIL make EVMs. The Commission has already made elaborate arrangements to ensure availability of adequate number of EVMs for the smooth conduct of election. First level checking in respect of all the 55389 EVMs has already been completed by the Commission with the help of ECIL.

- Mock Poll: - As per Commission's instructions, a Mock Poll shall be conducted on the day of poll by the Presiding Officers at each Polling Station before the commencement of actual polling in the presence of the Polling Agents appointed by the contesting candidates and as they are present at the polling station and a Certificate of successful conduct of the Mock Poll shall be made by the Presiding Officer concerned in each case.
- None of The Above (NOTA): In EVMs, on the Balloting Unit, below the name of the last candidate, there will be a button for NOTA option so that electors who do not want to vote for any of the candidates can exercise their option by pressing the button against NOTA.



NOTA Symbol

➤ Photographs of Candidates on Ballot Paper fixed on EVM's.

In order to facilitate the electors in identifying the candidates, the Commission has prescribed an additional measure by way of adding provision for printing of photograph of the candidates also on the ballot paper to be displayed on the EVM (Ballot Unit). This will also take care to avoid likely confusion when candidates with same or similar names contest from the same Ward.

## 5. Deployment of Election Personnel

The Commission shall engage Officers/ Officials from Central Government, Delhi Government, Municipal Corporation and other Government Departments/ Agencies/ Autonomous Bodies/ Government Undertakings for conduct of General Election. The details of Officers/ Officials deployed in the elections are as under:

S. No.	Designation	Numbers
1	District Election Officer (DEOs)	11
2	General Observers	68
3	Returning Officers (ROs)	68
4	Assistant Returning Officers (AROs)	250
5	Sector Officers	(Approx.) 2000
6	Expenditure Observers	68
7	Polling staff	1 Lakh (Approx.)

A list of 68 Returning Officers showing their names, designation & address etc. has been put on website of this Commission and will also be published by the Commission. The same is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

## 6. Videography Coverage

All critical events will be video-graphed by the Commission and it will arrange sufficient number of video and digital photographer/videographer teams for the purpose. The events for videography will include filing of nomination papers and scrutiny thereof, allotment of symbols, preparations and storage of Electronic Voting Machines, important public meetings, processions etc. during election campaign.

## 7. Law and Order, Security Arrangements and Deployment of Forces

The conduct of elections involves elaborate security arrangement by Delhi Police. Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) are also deployed to supplement the local police force in ensuring a peaceful and conducive atmosphere for the smooth conduct of elections in a free, fair and transparent manner.

## 8. Effective use of Media:

Multimedia campaign:- The Commission has decided to enhance its interaction and involvement with all the stakeholders in the electoral processes by using different media platforms. To enhance the voting percentage in the ensuing elections, the Commission will use print/ electronic / digital, outdoor and social media.

## 9. Deployment of Observers:

### (a) General Observers

The Commission will deploy General Observers in adequate number to observe all election activities and to ensure smooth conduct of elections. The Observers will be asked to keep a close watch on every stage of the electoral process to ensure free and fair elections. Their names, addresses, wards assigned and their telephone numbers will be publicized in local newspapers so that the general public can easily approach them for any grievance redressal. The Observers will be given detailed briefing by the Commission before their deployment. The Observers will fix a suitable time every day for meeting the political parties, candidates and other stakeholders to redress their election related grievances. They will report important events to the Commission at every stage.

### (b) Expenditure Observers

The Commission shall also appoint adequate number of Expenditure Observers who will exclusively monitor the election expenditure of the contesting candidates, check their accounts. They will also guide the candidates about maintaining such accounts correctly for which the candidate must obtain Bills/vouchers from the Supplier & these are submitted to Returning Officer along with Account of Election Expenditure. The maximum limit of expenditure by a candidate at an election to a ward has been fixed by the Commission as Rs. 8 Lakhs.

## 10. Model Code of Conduct

Model code of conduct shall come into force **with immediate effect** from the issue of this press note and shall continue to be in force till completion of the election. The Government, the ruling party including the local bodies shall not announce any financial grant in any form or promises thereof. No foundation stone of any project or scheme of any kind shall be laid in these wards during the said period. No promises for works like construction of roads, new drinking water facilities, construction of playgrounds or launching new schemes or projects etc. will be made during the aforesaid period so as to attract/ influence the voters. However, the scheme/project of the government/MCD etc. already in progress may continue. Political Parties and contesting candidates are requested to also strictly abide by the provisions of The Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007. Any violation of the said Act will be viewed seriously and penal/ remedial actions will be taken promptly.

The Commission has prepared booklets on Model Code of Conduct in English and Hindi languages and which will also be available on Commission's website. Political Parties and Contesting Candidates can also collect the same from the Commission or the Returning Officers.  
**(Copy attached with this press note)**

All authorities concerned with the conduct of elections including District Election officers/ Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers, Police officers/Officers of civic authorities etc shall ensure immediate and strict compliance of the MCC till completion of elections.

### **Measures to Prevent Public Nuisance:**

#### **(a) Restrictions on the use of loudspeakers:**

The Commission is genuinely concerned about the serious 'noise pollution' and great disturbance to the peace and tranquility of the general public by the reckless, widespread and flagrant use of loudspeakers during election canvassing and campaign by candidates, Political parties and their agents. To prevent such nuisance, particularly during the examination time, the Commission has directed that the use of public address system or loudspeakers or any sound amplifier, whether fitted on vehicles of any kind whatsoever, or in static position used for public meetings for electioneering purposes, during the entire election period starting from the date of announcement of election and ending with the date of declaration of results, shall not be permitted between 10.00 p.m. and 06.00 a.m.

Further, no loudspeakers fitted on vehicles of any kind or in any other manner whatsoever shall be permitted to be used during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll in any Polling area.

### **11. General guidelines for Candidates including nomination process**

- The timing for submission of nomination by the candidates shall be 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on all working days including Saturday in the office of the concerned Returning Officer.
- All the candidates at the time of filing nomination papers with the concerned Returning Officers are required to file two Affidavits in the prescribed forms viz. Form 21 & Form 22 (available with the Returning Officers regarding their criminal background, if any, assets & liabilities and educational qualifications, etc.)
- The candidates can file nominations in the office of the respective Returning Officers (already appointed by the Commission), whose names, designations and official addresses shall be re-published in leading news papers and the same is available on this Commissions' website [www.sec.delhi.gov.in](http://www.sec.delhi.gov.in)
- In case a candidate of a National Party or of a Delhi State Party as recognized by the Election Commission of India for NCT of Delhi, desires to contest the above said election, he/she will be required to file his/ her nomination paper duly proposed by an elector from the same ward from which he/she intends to contest. Candidates of State Parties (not recognized for NCT of Delhi, but recognized in other States by the Election Commission of India) and other candidates including the Independent candidates will have to file nomination papers with 10 proposers being voters in the same Ward from where the candidate is being proposed. Other conditions are given in the Symbol order issued by this Commission & is available on Commissions website mentioned above. A security of Rs. 5000/— (Rupees five thousand only) for each candidate shall have to be deposited in cash with the Returning Officer at the time of filing of nomination paper and when the candidate is a member of a Scheduled Caste, this amount shall be 50% i.e. Rs. 2500/— (Rupees two thousand five hundred only).
- The maximum limit of election expenditure which a candidate can incur in connection with an election to a Ward of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been increased to Rs. 800000/— (Rupees Eight Lakhs only). From Rs 5,75, 000 during the last General Election in 2017.

- Every nominated candidate shall be required to maintain account of his/her election expenses from the date he/she is nominated till he/she has withdrawn or his/her nomination has been rejected/declaration of result of the election, as the case may be, in the prescribed form and manner and submit the same to the concerned Returning Officer within ten (10) days of the declaration of the result of the election. A register for the maintenance instructions on the subject and a Performa of Affidavits in Forms 20 to be filed by the candidates along with the register of accounts will be supplied to each candidate by the Returning Officer concerned at the time of filling nomination papers.
- The candidates/political parties can file their applications for seeking permission to hold rallies/use of vehicles/loudspeaker etc using the Single Window System link at [sec.delhi.gov.in](http://sec.delhi.gov.in)

Further instructions in this regard will be issued by Returning Officers.

## **12. IT initiatives of the Commission**

As a part of election management system, SEC has introduced **'Nigam Chunav Delhi'** mobile application (available on android play store and apple Appstore).

The **'Nigam Chunav Delhi'** mobile App offers the convenience to all voters to find information on following:

- names in the electoral roll
- locate their Polling Station on Maps
- know about Candidate and their affidavits
- file complaints
- obtain contact information
- view results

The voters can obtain the above information on their mobile application with a few clicks and minimal effort. The icons available on the dashboard of application offer ease of access, and easy navigation. Voters/Citizens can also register complaints regarding violation of MCC.

As part of the electoral management tool, the Commission has also provided for a Single Window System for ensuring a coordinated action by all election functionaries i.e. DEOs/ROs/AROs/Delhi Police/MCD etc in an integrated manner. The portal will facilitate the grant of permissions to candidates/political parties for holding rallies/use of vehicles/loudspeaker etc.

The link for the single window portal has been provided on the website of the Commission i.e. [sec.delhi.gov.in](http://sec.delhi.gov.in)

## **13. The schedule of elections to Municipal Corporation of Delhi is annexed at Annexure-2**

The Commission now seeks active cooperation, close collaboration and constructive partnership of all the esteemed stakeholders in the electoral process and strives to employ the collective synergies towards delivering smooth, free, fair, participative and festive election.

**(BANSH RAJ)  
SECRETARY**

## **ANNEXURE-2**

The schedule of the above Election shall be as under: -

1	Issue of Notification calling upon the wards to elect councilors and commencement of filing of nominations	07.11.2022 (Monday)
2	Last date for filing nominations	14.11.2022 (Monday)
3	Scrutiny of nominations	16.11.2022 (Wednesday)
4	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	19.11.2022 (Saturday)
5	Date of poll, if necessary	04.12.2022 (Sunday)
6	Counting of votes	07.12.2022 (Wednesday)
7	Completion of elections	15.12.2022 (Thursday)

Hours of Poll shall be from **8.00 AM to 5.30 PM**