

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
Election to the State Veterinary Council, West Bengal - 2017
WEST BENGAL VETERINARY COUNCIL
37, Kshudiram Bose Sarani, Kolkata - 700037

Proceedings of Meeting held on 17.07.2017 with the Candidates

The Returning Officer, Election to the State Veterinary Council, West Bengal – 2017 along with all the Asst Returning Officers have conducted a meeting with the Candidates of the said election on 17.07.2017 at 3.00 p.m. The following Candidates are present in the meeting:

1) Amarendu Biswas 2) Ashutosh Kumar Biswas 3) Barun Ray 4) Chayan Bhattacharyya 5) Dayanarayan Bandyopadhyay 6) Jaharlal Chakraborty 7) Jayanta Kuamr Roy Barman 8) Saibal Chattoapdhyay 9) Shuvendu Halder 10) Subir Kumar Basu 11) Sunit Kumar Mukhopadhyay

The following Points have been discussed in the Meeting:

- 1> Scrutiny and Counting of Votes will be held on 21.07.2017 from 11 A.M. as per programme of the Election to the State Veterinary Council West Bengal 2017 published in Official Gazette.
- 2> Counting will be done at 3 Tables in three separate rooms. One ARO will remain in - charge of each Counting Table.
- 3> Each candidate may appoint four representatives as Counting Agent. But at a time only one representative may remain present in each counting table. Fourth representative will act as reliever of other representatives and fourth one will not be allowed within Council premises at a time.
For identification, Identity Card will be issued for candidate as well as representatives. Each candidate has to submit form for appointment of representative and two copies passport size photographs both for the representatives and candidate within 20.07.2017 4pm.

As per rule Counting will be performed in two stages:

- i> Outer Cover (Form XIV) will be opened and Declaration and Ballot Paper will be scrutinized. In this stage Ballot Cover containing Ballot Paper will be rejected on the following grounds as per Rule, 18 (1) of West Bengal Veterinary Council Rules, 1999.
 - a>The Outer Envelope contains no Declaration Paper outside the Ballot Paper Cover
 - b> The Declaration Paper is not the one sent by the Returning Officer
 - c> The Declaration Paper is not signed by the Elector, or is otherwise incomplete;
 - d> The Ballot Paper is placed outside the Ballot Paper Cover; or
 - e> More than one Declaration Paper or Ballot Paper Cover have been enclosed in one and the same Outer Envelope.

- ✓ All Rejected Ballot Paper Covers (containing Ballot Papers - Form No XIII) along with corresponding Declaration will be sealed.
- ✓ All Valid Declaration will also be Sealed at this stage.
- ii> From Ballot Paper Covers (Form XIII) found valid, Ballot Papers will be taken out for Scrutiny and Counting. Assistant Returning Officers shall show the Ballot Papers to the Candidates or their Authorized Representatives at the time Counting of Votes.

Ballot Papers will be invalid as per Rule, 19 (4) of West Bengal Veterinary Council Rules, 1999 if:

- a> It does not bear the Returning Officer's initial or facsimile signature, or
 - b> A Voter signs his name on the Voting Paper, or writes any word on it, or makes a mark on it by which his identity may be ascertained
 - c> No Vote is recorded thereon
 - d> It is void for uncertainty of the Vote recorded
 - e> The Number of Votes recorded thereon exceeds the Number to be Elected
 - f> The recording of the Vote has been at a place other than that provided for the purpose.
 - 4> Mobile phone, water bottle and smoking/ inflammable items will not be allowed in the counting hall. Only drinking water will be provided on the ground floor of Council building.
 - 5> At a time interval Progress of Counting will be notified by the Returning Officer.
 - 6> After Completion of Counting all materials will be finally sealed. Candidate or his Representative may remain present during Final Sealing of Materials.
 - 7> In the meeting it is also decided that declaration form will be valid
 - i) If the name of Elector is not mentioned in the signatory zone.
 - ii) If attesting Officer does not mention his name but put his full signature from which his full name can be identified then the declaration will be consider as valid.
- All the candidates present in the meeting have agreed with this decision.

Candidates present in the meeting have been satisfied with the explanations made in different issues. Finally, the meeting have been ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

(Shri Narendra Nath Datta)
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Returning Officer

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