

## Postal Ballots

Question433. Who are the Persons entitled to vote by post at an election in a assembly constituency?

Answer: The following Persons are entitled to vote by post:

- (A) special voters
- (B) service voters
- (C) voters on election duty and;
- (D) electors subjected to preventive detention

(Refer Rule 20 of the CE Rules 1961)

Question434. What is the time limit for dispatching the Postal Ballots to the service Electors, after these are printed?

Answer. 48 Hours

Question435. What documents should be sent with the postal ballot paper?

Answer: A Postal Ballot Paper shall be sent to the Elector together with:

- (A) A declaration in Form 13A
- (B) A cover in Form 13B
- (C) A large cover addressed to the returning officer in Form 13C
- (D) An instructions for the guidance of the elector in Form 13D

(Refer Rule 23 of the CE Rules 1961)

Question436. What is the colour of Postal Ballots in the Election to the Legislative Assembly?

Answer. Pink

Question437. Is the symbol printed on the Postal Ballots?

Answer. No

Question438. Is the Postal Ballot Paper and the Ballot paper used in the EVM, same?

Answer. No

Question439. What is to be written on the counter foil of the Postal Ballot Paper?

Answer. SN & Part No of Voter (Refer Rule 23 of the CE Rules 1961)

Question440. When should the Postal Ballot Paper reach the Returning Officer?

Answer. Before the hour fixed for the commencement of counting of Votes. (Refer Rule 27 of the CE Rules 1961)

Question441. At what stage are the Postal Ballot Papers counted?

Answer.Counting of postal ballot paper starts half an hour before counting of votes on EVMs.

Question442. In which envelop the Postal Ballot is sent to the Elector?

Answer. 13B

Question443. In which envelop, the Electors sends his Postal Ballot back to the RO?  
Answer. 13C

Question444. The instructions for filling up of the postal ballots are contained in which Form?  
Answer. 13D

Question445. What Form is to be filled up by an official on Election duty, desirous of being issued Postal Ballot?  
Answer. Form 12

Question446. What Form is to be filled up by a person desirous of being issued EDC?  
Answer. Form 12A

Question447. A person who has been issued PB, can cast his vote at Polling Booth? Y/N  
Answer. No

Question448. What is written on the Envelope 13 B?  
Answer. SN of Postal Ballot

Question449. The elector signs the postal Ballot to mark his preference? Y/N  
Answer. No

Question450. Is a person subjected to preventive detention under any law entitled to vote in an election?

Answer. Yes. He is entitled to vote by Postal Ballot paper. Electors under preventive detention who wishes to vote by post at an election shall send an intimation in Form 12B to the returning officer so as to reach him at least ten days before the date of poll.

(Refer: Proviso to Section 62(5) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and Rules 18 (a) (iv) & 21 of Conduct of Elections Rules 1961).