



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, DELHI
Old St. Stephen's College Building, Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006

No. CEO/COE/102(14)/2017/ 24884-906

Dated: 19-09-2018

To,

The District Election Officer (North West), Office of the DC(NW), Kanjhawala, Delhi.	The District Election Officer (South), Office of the Dy. Commissioner, BDO Office, MB Road, Saket, New Delhi
The District Election Officer (North East), DSIIDC Complex, Nand Nagri, Delhi	The District Election Officer (Central), Old Employment Exchange Building, 14, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002
The District Election Officer (South West), Old Terminal Tax Building, Kapashera, Delhi-110037	The District Election Officer (East), I&F Department Complex, A Block, LM Bandh, Shastri Nagar, Delhi
The District Election Officer (West), Old Middle School Building Complex, Rampura, Delhi	The District Election Officer (New Delhi), 12/1, Jam Nagar House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi
The District Election Officer (North), Office of the District Magistrate (North), Near Shardhanand College, GT Karnal Road, Alipur, New Delhi-110010	The District Election Officer (Shahdara), O/o The DEO/DC (Shahdara), DSIIDC Complex, Nand Nagri, Delhi
The District Election Officer (South East), O/o The DEO/DM(South East), Old Gargi College, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024	

Sub: Provision for "None of the above" (NOTA) option on ballot paper for elections to Rajya Sabha and State Legislative Council-Withdrawing the provision-reg.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to forward herewith a letter No. 576/3/2018/SDR/Vol.III dated 11th September, 2018 received from Secretary, Election Commission of India on the subject noted above for information that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgment dated 21.08.2018 in WP (C) no. 631/2017 (Shailesh Manubhai Parmar Vs. ECI & Ors.) has directed that None of the Above (NOTA) option should be provided only in direct elections (Election to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies) and None of the Above (NOTA) option should not be made applicable for elections to Council of States. Hence the column for (NOTA) shall not be printed in the ballot papers for future elections to Council of States.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

(CHARANJIT SINGH)
ELECTION OFFICER (COE)

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1. Copy to All SDMs for information and compliance.
2. SSA with the request to upload the same on the link 'latest instructions'.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI- 110001

No.576/3/2018/SDR/Vol.III

Dated: 11th September, 2018

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer of
All States and Union Territories

Sub: - Provision for "None of the above" (NOTA) option on ballot paper for elections to
Rajya Sabha and State Legislative Council-withdrawing the provision-reg.

Sir,


I am directed to state that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgment dated 21.08.2018 in WP (C) no. 631 of 2017 (Shailesh Manubhai Parmar Vs. ECI & Ors.) has directed that None of the Above (NOTA) option should not be made applicable for elections to Council of States. It has been held that NOTA should be provided only in direct elections (election to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies).

In pursuance of the above-referred judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the NOTA option will no longer be applicable in Rajya Sabha election and Legislative Council election.

The above instruction may kindly bring to the notice of the Returning Officers for Elections to the Council of States and State Legislative Councils with instructions that column for NOTA shall **not** be printed in the ballot papers for these elections.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully.


(N.T. Bhutia)
SECRETARY