

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories

**Subject: Amendments in clause (e) of Rule 27A of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961-
Modification in the Postal Ballot instructions regarding**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that, on the recommendation of the Election Commission of India, the Ministry of Law & Justice has made amendment in clause (e) of Rule 27A of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 vide Gazette Notification S.O. 995(E), dated 1st March, 2024 (copy enclosed).

2. Vide the above said Notification, in rule 27A, in clause (e), for the words and figures "above 80 years", the words and figures "above 85 years" has been substituted.

3. Hence, now clause (e) of Rule 27A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 shall be as under: -

27A. Definitions.

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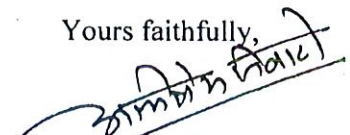
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(e) 'senior citizen' for the purpose of this Part means an elector belonging to the class of absentee voters and is above 85 years of age

4. In view of the above said amendment, in para 15.2 (i), Format 4 and Format 5, of the Commission's instructions dated 31.10.2023 pertaining to the guidelines on postal ballot papers, the figure "80" **may be read as "85"**. Consequently, the Form 12D for exercising option of home voting shall be provided to the electors who are above 85 years of age in the category of Senior Citizen.

5. This may be brought to the notice of all District Election Officers/Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers and other election officers concerned and also to the State Units of recognized political parties and all registered unrecognized political parties based in your State/Union territory, for their information.

Yours faithfully,



(Abhishek Tiwari)
Under Secretary

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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 1 मार्च, 2024

का.आ. 995(अ).—केन्द्रीय सरकार, लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 (1951 का 43) की धारा 169 के साथ पठित धारा 60 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, भारत निर्वाचन आयोग से परामर्श करने के पश्चात्, निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 का और संशोधन करने के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात् :--

- (1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम निर्वाचनों का संचालन (संशोधन) नियम, 2024 है।
(2) ये राजपत्र में उनके प्रकाशन की तारीख को प्रवृत्त होंगे।
- निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के नियम 27क के खंड (ड) में, "80 वर्ष से अधिक", अंकों और शब्दों के स्थान पर, "85 वर्ष से अधिक", अंक और शब्द रखे जाएंगे।

[फा. सं. एच-11019/3/2024-वि.2]

सुधा रानी रेलंगी, संयुक्त सचिव और विधायी परामर्शी

टिप्पण : मूल नियम, भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण में अधिसूचना संख्यांक का.आ. 859(अ), तारीख 15 अप्रैल, 1961 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए थे और अधिसूचना संख्यांक का.आ. 3778(अ), तारीख 23 अगस्त, 2023 द्वारा अंतिम बार संशोधित किए गए थे।

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st March, 2024

S.O. 995(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 60 read with section 169 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), the Central Government, after consulting the Election Commission of India, hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 2024.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, in rule 27A, in clause (e), for the words and figures “above 80 years”, the words and figures “above 85 years” shall be substituted.

[F. No. H-11019/3/2024-Leg.-II]

SUDHA RANI RELANGI, Jt. Secy. and Legislative Counsel

Note : The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary *vide* notification number S.O.859(E), dated the 15th April, 1961 and were last amended *vide* notification number S.O. 3778(E), dated the 23rd August, 2023.