

TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
1st Floor, DTCP Building, A.C. Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004.

CIRCULAR

Cir. No.90/TGSEC-ULBs/2026

Dated:12.01.2026

Sub: TGSEC – 2nd Ordinary Elections to Urban Local Bodies, 2026 - Elections to the Ward Members of Municipalities /Municipal Corporations (Except GHMC) where elections are conducted with Ballot Papers and Ballot Boxes – Counting of Votes – instructions issued – Reg.

The Commission decided to issue revised instructions in supersession of the earlier instructions issued in the reference cited above on Counting of Votes for Elections to Urban Local Bodies where elections are conducted with Ballot Papers and Ballot Boxes.

Ordinary elections to Urban Local Bodies in the State are conducted on party basis. Counting of votes is one of the most important stages of the election procedure. The counting takes place on the day & time as notified by the State Election Commission.

Under the law, counting of votes is to be done by the Returning Officer in the presence of the candidates and their counting agents as per the schedule given by the State Election Commission. The law authorizes the Assistant Returning Officer also to undertake the counting of votes.

The following instructions are issued for the guidance of the Returning Officers–

1. LEGAL PROVISIONS:

Rule 56 of Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2019, regulate the counting of ballot papers.

Rule 56(2) of Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2019 in case of Municipalities & Municipal Corporations stipulates that, the postal ballot papers shall be counted first.

Rule 56(7), of Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2019 stipulates that, subject to such general or special directions, if any, as may be given by the State Election Commission, the ballot papers taken out of all boxes used in all polling stations pertaining to a particular ward shall be mixed together, arranged in convenient bundles and then scrutinized.

2. DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF COUNTING:

The Returning Officer shall commence the counting at the appointed time as specified by the State Election Commission in its notification and as he/she has already specified in the Election notice issued under Rule 5 of Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2019.

In case of adjournment of poll at any or some polling stations u/s 227, 228 & 229, the counting of votes shall not commence, till the adjourned poll/fresh poll is completed.

The place for the counting of votes of all wards in a Municipality or Municipal Corporation as the case may be shall be a place that has sufficient number of spacious halls and affords good security. It is desirable to complete the counting of votes latest by 5.00 P.M. The Commissioner of Municipal Corporation / Municipality should obtain the approval of Collector & District Election Authority for the selection of the counting centers well in advance.

Notice in writing to each candidate or his/her election agent about the date, place and time of counting at least one week before the date fixed for poll in the Ward of Municipal Corporation or Municipality as the case may be in Form as prescribed in hand book of Returning Officer shall be served.

In case of any change in place of counting also, obtain prior approval from the District Election Authority / Election Authority / Commission. The Returning Officer should give notice of every change in writing to each candidate or his/her election agent.

Generally each ward shall be provided with one counting table to complete the entire counting process before 5.00 P.M on the day of counting. If the wards are small (in terms of voters strength) then more than one ward could be counted on a single table. Only wards pertaining to a given Returning Officer alone should be counted on a table. This ensures that a given counting table or group of them remain under the exclusive control of one Returning Officer. In case, if the number of polling stations in a ward are more and sufficient No. of counting halls are available, the District Election Authorities may increase the No. of Counting Tables for Municipal Corporation/Municipality. As a thumb rule, the following criteria can be considered by the District Election Authorities:

S. No.	Average No. of Polling stations in a ward	Ratio between counting tables and wards
1	≤ 2	1:3
2	3 to 4	2:3
3	≥ 5	1:1

3. ASSISTANCE AT COUNTING:

The required staff for each counting table is one Counting Supervisor and two Counting Assistants. The District Collector shall make advance plan for appointment of counting staff accordingly and train them on counting of votes well in advance. The instructions on Randomization/Appointment of Counting Personnel are given separately.

4. RECEIPT OF BALLOT BOXES, ETC., FROM PRESIDING OFFICERS:

- i. The Returning Officer shall make necessary advance arrangements for receipt of ballot boxes and other election material from the Presiding/Polling Officers and for their safe custody. Soon after conclusion of the poll, the polling parties, escorted by the security forces shall reach the reception centre in the vehicle provided by the Returning Officer. They shall be stored as per the instructions of the Collector & District Election Authority concerned.
- ii. While receiving the Presiding Officer's Diaries, the Returning Officer of ward concerned shall verify one by one and satisfy that the Presiding Officers have recorded their observations in the relevant columns of the diary and all the columns are filled properly. He/she should satisfy himself/herself that the poll went on peacefully and orderly. Then only the Returning Officer shall store the polled ballot boxes (Ward wise) in the strong room.
- iii. Care should be taken to see that ballot boxes are stored ward wise and polling station wise and do not get mixed up. This is essential since the Ballot Paper Accounts have to be tallied polling station wise for each of the wards at the time of counting. To aid this, get the floor of the Strong room painted in a grid form indicating separate space for each of the Polling stations of a ward.
- iv. Serial number of the Ward of the Municipal Corporation /Municipality and polling station number shall be noted on the ballot boxes to avoid confusion while keeping them in Strong Room.

5. STRONG ROOMS:

Instructions were already issued on identification of strong rooms and counting halls vide Circular No.77/TGSEC-ULBs/2026, dated:12.01.2026. While identifying suitable strong rooms and counting halls, instructions issued in this regard shall be adhered scrupulously. Besides this, at the time of depositing the polled Ballot Boxes, the contesting candidates, their election agents/Polling agents can remain present and they can also affix their seals on the lock of strong room.

6. ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE AT COUNTING CENTRE, COUNTING PROCEDURE AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

6 (1). ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE AT COUNTING CENTRE:

- i. Please read the Rules 56 to 66 of the Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2019 for conduct of elections to Municipalities & Municipal Corporations thoroughly and also the

relevant Chapters in the Hand Book for Returning Officer (where Ballot Boxes are used) for detailed guidelines.

- ii. In case the number of wards and number of contesting candidates are more in the ULB and where one spacious counting hall to accommodate all the wards is not available, the Municipal Commissioner concerned may, with the prior approval of the District Election Authority, arrange Returning Officer wise counting halls since there will be one Returning Officer for 2 to 3 wards. So that dispersal of counting agents can be made in such a manner so as to avoid overcrowding in one counting hall. Such Returning Officer wise additional counting halls shall be provided in the same premises.
- iii. The counting of votes of all Wards of a Returning Officer shall be taken up in one hall only. However, if the number of polling stations and voter strength is higher or the number of contesting candidates is particularly large in a particular ward, additional counting halls may be arranged basing on the halls available in the premises with prior approval of the District Election Authority. Such counting should be arranged in side by side halls so that the Observer can keep an effective check at all such places of counting. The compilation, signing of final result sheet and declaration of results shall be performed by the Returning Officer only.
- iv. The counting of votes of all polling stations of a particular ward shall be taken up at counting table(s) earmarked for that ward only.
- v. The Assistant Returning Officers of the ward concerned shall assist Returning Officer in the counting process.
- vi. The RO's table shall be in his counting hall itself. It should be a separate table with a demarcated area. Candidates and their Election Agents will also be seated at this table and watch the counting proceedings. The counting agent appointed at RO's table shall watch the process of postal ballot papers counting. Once the postal ballot paper counting is over, he shall leave the counting hall. The contesting candidates/ his election agents, seating at RO's table may be allowed to go to the counting tables where the counting is taking place for that ward without disturbing the counting process.
- vii. Similarly, the table and the computer on which the computation and compilation of data from each table at the conclusion of a round is done, shall be in the counting hall alongside the RO's table.
- viii. In addition, there shall be a sufficiently large black board on which the candidates' names and round number will be pre-written (since the numbers of rounds (1000 votes for each round) is already planned).
- ix. A layout of a model counting hall is given in the hand book of Returning Officer and also enclosed to this circular as **Annexure - III**.
- x. Mobile phones of the candidates, their election agents & counting agents shall not be allowed in counting halls.

- xi. The Counting staff are permitted to carry their mobiles, but shall keep them in Switch off mode.
- xii. Sufficient lighting arrangements shall be made inside & outside of the Counting Centre.
- xiii. In Circular No.89/TGSEC-ULBs/2026, dated:12.01.2026, illustrations on the method of determining the validity of ballots and vote preference are given.
- xiv. The seating of the counting assistants shall be such that the scrutinizing of Ballot Papers is clearly visible to the counting agents sitting outside the Iron Mesh. At least 5 seconds time shall be spent on scrutinizing each ballot paper so as to afford reasonable opportunity to the counting agents to object to any decision of the counting assistants on each of the Ballot Paper.
- xv. After completion of counting of votes, the related election papers shall be sealed ward-wise properly taking utmost care.
- xvi. It must be ensured that, results are declared and 'Certificates of Election' are issued to the elected candidates by the respective Returning Officer immediately after declaration of the Result.
- xvii. In case of any fresh poll or adjournment of poll at any or some polling stations of any ward, as mentioned under **Section 227,228 & 229 of Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019,** the counting of votes in that ward shall not commence till the adjourned/ fresh poll is completed.

6(2) COUNTING PROCEDURE:

A. COUNTING OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS:

Under **Rule 56(2)** of Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of members) Rules,2019, the Postal Ballot Papers of each ward are to be counted first, ward by ward at Returning Officer's table. The Returning Officer should first deal with the postal ballot papers.

Covers (**Cover 'B' - Form-XVII**) containing Postal Ballot Paper and Declarations received after the hour fixed for the commencement of the counting of votes should not be opened and counted as per **Rule 57(2)** of conduct of election rules. They should be rejected with a suitable endorsement to that effect on the **cover 'B' (Form-XVII)** should be made on each such cover received after the commencement of counting. Thereafter, these Covers in **Form 'B' (Form-XVII)** will be put into a larger cover and sealed, before proceeding further.

All the postal ballot paper covers received in time for the Municipality/Municipal Corporation as the case may be, have to be sorted out ward wise separately before proceeding for detailed counting. Then the Returning Officer concerned should take up detailed counting of the ward wise Postal Ballot Papers by following the points/stages scrupulously mentioned below:

1. All covers (**Cover 'B' - Form XVII**) containing postal ballot papers, which were received in time should be opened one after another.
2. On opening the **Cover 'B' (Form XVII)**, two documents are required to be found inside. First is the Declaration by the voter in **Form XV** and the second is the inner "**Cover 'A' (Form XVI)** containing the postal ballot paper. Before opening the **Cover 'A' (Form XVI)** containing the postal ballot paper, the Returning Officer shall first scrutinize the Declaration (**Form XV**).
3. The Returning Officer shall reject a postal ballot paper without opening its inner **Cover 'A' (Form XVI)** in any of the following cases:
 - a. If the declaration (**Form-XV**) is not found in the Cover 'B' (**Form XVII**);
 - b. If the declaration has not been duly signed and or not attested by an Officer competent to do so or is otherwise substantially defective;
 - c. If the serial number of ballot paper appearing in the declaration (**Form XV**) is different from the serial number on the Cover 'A'(**Form XVI**)
4. Each such rejected cover 'A' (**Form XVI**) containing the postal ballot paper should be endorsed suitably by the Returning Officer. Later, the Declaration (**Form -XV**) & the **Cover 'A' (Form XVI)** containing ballot paper should be placed in **Cover 'B' (Form-XVII)**. All such Covers (**Cover 'B' - Form-XVII**) should be kept together in a separate packet duly sealed and full particulars such as the name of the ward, the date of counting and a brief description of contents should be noted thereon for easy identification.
1. All the Declarations (**Form-XV**), which have been found to be in order should then be kept in a separate packet and sealed in order to ensure that the secrecy of the postal ballot is kept inviolate. The packet should then be sealed noting thereon the particulars regarding the name of the Ward, the date of counting and brief description of the contents. This should be done before the Covers (**Cover 'A' Form XVI**) containing the Ballot papers are opened.
2. Thereafter, the Cover 'A' (**Form XVI**) containing the ballot paper should be opened one after another and the validity of the Ballot papers scrutinized and decisions arrived at. A postal ballot paper should be rejected for following reasons:
 - i. If it bears any mark (other than the mark to record to vote) or writing by which the voter can be identified.
 - ii. If no vote is recorded thereon; or
 - iii. If votes are given on it in favour of more candidates than one; or
 - iv. If it is a spurious ballot papers; or
 - v. If it is so damaged or mutilated that its identity as a genuine ballot paper cannot be established; or
 - vi. If it is not returned in the cover sent along with it to the elector by the Returning Officer; or
 - v. If the mark indicating the vote is placed on the ballot paper in such a manner as to make it doubtful to which candidate the vote has been given; or

The valid votes should then be counted and each candidate credited with the votes given to him. The total number of postal votes received by each candidate should then be counted, entered in the Final Result Sheet in Form-XXIV, and announced for the information of the candidates.

Thereafter, ward-wise all the valid ballot papers and all the rejected ballot papers should be separately bundled and kept together in a packed and sealed with Returning Officer's seal and the seals of such of the candidates, their election agents or counting agents as may desire to affix their seals thereon. The particulars such as the name & number of the ward with the name of the Municipal Corporation/ Municipality, the date of counting and a brief description of the contents should be recorded on the sealed packet for identifying it. Postal Ballot Covers in Form XVII received late should be sealed separately with endorsement on the top of the packet.

B. COUNTING OF REGULAR BALLOT PAPERS (VOTES) :

- (1) Generally, the number of counting tables for Municipal Corporation /Municipality as the case may be is equivalent to number of wards or in any other particular ratio such as 2 counting tables for 3 wards etc., as shown in table in Para 2 depending on the voter strength of the wards in that Municipal Corporation / Municipality Plus one table for each of the Returning Officers. However, when counting of more than one ward is done at one counting table (sequentially) then in such a case, the counting of one ward should be completed fully and result declared before taking up the counting of another ward. Similarly when counting of three wards is taken up on 2 counting tables then also the counting should be in sequential order i.e., one ward after another. In other words the counting of first ward should be taken up on the two tables and only after full counting and declaration of result of that ward the counting of the next ward could commence at these two counting tables, so on and so forth.
- (2) For each counting table, necessary Rope barricading shall be arranged. If one hall is not sufficient to accommodate all the wards of given ULB then contiguous halls could be arranged to set the tables. In such a case the hall could be shared by two or more Returning officers. However, ensure that all the wards of any given RO should be within one hall where he/ she is seated.
- (3) **Initial Counting:** (i) Under the system, the counting of votes of ward Member is done in two stages. In the first stage called initial counting, all the ballot papers in the ballot box or boxes used at a polling station are taken out and merely accounted without unfolding them, at the table earmarked for that ward. Then they will be aggregated into bundles of 25 ballots each separately. This number shall normally tally with the Ballot Paper Account in Part- I (as at **Annexure-I**) of the Polling Station as recorded by the Presiding Officer concerned. If there is any variation, count once again and arrive the actual available number of ballot papers and the discrepancy if any shall be recorded in the part II of the ballot paper account.

(ii) At the time of the initial counting, all the ballot boxes used at the polling stations of that ward shall be brought to the counting table earmarked for that ward one polling station after another. The ballot papers, with the vertical fold intact, are made up into bundles of 25 for convenience of counting and each bundle is kept together by means of rubber bands tied at both ends. If at the end of the initial counting, the balance left over ballot papers in the box or boxes of the Polling Station are less than 25, then they are made into a separate bundle and kept apart in a separate tray noting the number on it. Enter the details of number of bundles with 25 ballots and bundle with less than 25, total and send it to drum incharge. All the bundles containing the full number of 25 ballot papers of that ward will be placed inside a drum or other receptacle by the drum incharge. The drum shall be kept near the respective Returning Officer's table. The above procedure will be followed in respect of ballot box or boxes used at every polling station of that ward. After the full bundles of ballot papers from all the ballot boxes used at all the polling stations within a ward have been placed in the drum or other receptacle, they will be mixed together ensuring that no ballot paper is damaged or spoiled in the process. The bundles containing less than 25 ballot papers of each ward will be made up into bundles of 25 ballot papers as far as possible and put inside the receptacle before mixing. The odd lot of remaining ballot papers i.e., less than 25, shall be kept separately noting the number of ballots in the bundle on a slip of paper placed in such incomplete bundle. This process goes on serially one ward after another.

- (4) **Detailed Counting:** (i) After the initial counting for the purpose of tallying Ballot Paper Account in respect of all polling stations in a ward has been completed and the bundles of ballot papers have been mixed as explained above, the second stage of counting i.e., detailed counting so as to scrutinise ballot papers for their validity or otherwise, sorting them out candidate-wise and counting them candidate-wise to ascertain the result, is taken up. In each round one thousand Ballot papers i.e., 40 bundles, each containing 25 ballot papers, will be taken at random from the drum or receptacle and sent for detailed counting to each of the concerned counting table earmarked for that ward. For sorting out candidate wise polled ballots and doubtful votes, big wooden trays having the compartments equal to number of contesting candidates including NOTA +1 for doubtful votes will be used at each counting table. There will be a separate compartment for NOTA, as if it is a separate candidate just like other contesting candidate.

(ii) At the counting table, the said 1,000 ballot papers contained in 40 bundles will be taken up for detailed scrutiny and sorting candidate-wise. The ballot papers contained in each bundle will be scrutinized for determining their validity or otherwise by examining the Ballot papers one by one.

However, it should be noted that this is only tentative and preliminary assessment based on apparent judgment of the counting staff. The counting assistants and the counting supervisor shall be alive to the objections/suggestions of the counting agents while deciding the validity or choice of the voters as marked on the ballot paper. Each ballot paper should be shown to the counting agents for reasonable length of time (say 5 seconds) and intimated about its treatment in clear terms.

Candidate wise valid votes will be placed in their respective compartment of the wooden tray and all the bordering cases or doubtful votes will be placed in the doubtful votes compartment of the wooden tray in each round. Later, they have to be counted and made into bundles of 100 votes, each, and doubtful votes and votes polled to NOTA also to be bundled accordingly. Category wise balance votes, if any, after making into bundles of 100 to be made into separate bundle and note down the number on such bundles with the help of slip of a paper. After making candidate wise polled valid votes into bundles and doubtful votes bundles and votes polled to NOTA, the number of polled votes to each candidate and doubtful votes, have to be recorded in the counting sheet, duly signed by counting supervisor, make them into a big bundle with wrapper and sent to pigeon-hole in charge who will in turn send it to Returning Officer. The Returning Officer should personally verify the validity of every ballot paper and particularly those of doubtful category shall be decided by the Returning Officer only and his decision shall be final. It may be noted that the Returning Officer shall scrutinize every bundle before confirming their allocation candidate wise finally. All the decisions of counting staff thus, shall be subject to confirmation by Returning Officer.

(iii) The Returning Officer of ward concerned will scrutinize table-wise all the doubtful votes and decide if either they are in favour of any of the candidates including NOTA or to be rejected as invalid as per the rules. The additional votes decided candidate wise are added in the result sheet of that round, correct the figures of candidate wise polled valid votes and rejected votes, sign the sheet and send it to Result Sheet posting in charge and he will post the round wise candidate wise polled valid votes and rejected votes in the Result Sheet.

(iv) The above procedure for distribution of 1,000 ballot papers to each table and their scrutiny and sorting and counting candidate-wise, as explained above, will be repeated, till all the bundles of ballot papers in the drum or receptacle relating to that ward are distributed to the concerned counting table(s) and counted. The procedure will be repeated till all the ballot papers of that ward are counted round-wise at the counting table(s) and all the doubtful (round wise, table wise) ballots are decided by the Returning Officer concerned. The round wise, table wise polled votes and rejected votes are posted in the final Result Sheet by the incharge concerned. Convention of taking of signatures of agents after every round may be continued.

- (5) After completion of the detailed counting of the entire ward votes at the concerned counting tables and the doubtful votes are scrutinized and decided by the concerned Returning Officer, then only the final result sheet of that ward will be rechecked by the concerned Returning Officer. The Final result sheet will be signed and results declared at the end by the Returning Officer concerned after giving due opportunity for seeking a recount, if any, by any of the candidates or their agents.

Such procedure will continue for all wards in a Municipality/Municipal Corporation.

6 (3) DECLARATION OF RESULTS:

After obtaining the necessary approval of the observer, as required under law, to declare the result, the Returning Officer should complete and sign the Final Result Sheet. The candidate to whom the largest numbers of valid votes have been given should then be declared elected.

7. EQUALITY OF VOTES:

If two candidates contesting any seat happen to secure the highest number of votes and their votes are equal in number, the result will have to be declared by draw of lot.

Example - If in a ward A, B, C and D are the contesting candidates and the total number of votes they have secured is as follows:

A-12703

B-17567

C-17567

D-16394

A lot will be drawn between B and C who have each polled the highest number of votes and which are equal. The name of whichever of them is drawn will be declared elected. For the purpose five chits for each candidate (B & C) with equal size to be prepared for lot. This entire process shall be video graphed. Final Result Sheet in Form XXIV is enclosed at **Annexure-II**

8. RECOUNTING OF VOTES:

As per Rule 60 of Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2019, after completion of the counting, the Returning Officer shall record in the result sheet in the prescribed Form the total number of votes polled by each candidate and announce the same.

After such announcement has been made, wait for two minutes, if any candidate or in his absence, his election agent may request for recount. Allow him 15 minutes time to file application mentioning the grounds/reasons for recount request.

On such an application being made, the Returning Officer shall decide the matter and may allow the application in whole or in part or may reject it in toto, if it appears to him to be frivolous or unreasonable.

Every decision of the Returning Officer shall be in writing and contain the reasons therefor.

If the Returning Officer decides to allow a recount of the votes either wholly or in part, he shall: -

- (a) do the re-counting by following the procedure as explained here in before;
- (b) amend the result sheet to the extent necessary after such recount; and
- (c) announce the amendments so made by him.

After the total number of votes polled by each candidate has been announced the Returning Officer shall complete and sign the Final result sheet in the prescribed Form.

Any candidate or his agent shall on application be supplied with a copy of the result sheet in the prescribed form.

The diagram showing the counting hall arrangements is appended as **Annexure – III** for ready reference.

Instructions issued in this regard shall be followed scrupulously.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Sd/- Lingya Naik
SECRETARY

To

1. All the Collectors and District Election Authorities in the State.
2. All the Commissioners of Municipal Corporation & Municipalities.
3. All the Returning Officers of ULBs in the State through the DEAs concerned.

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration and Election Authority,
Telangana, Hyderabad.

// Attested //


Joint Secretary

FORM - XXIII
[See Rule 52 (1)]
BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT
(Where Ballot Boxes are used)

Election to Member of Ward No of
Municipality/ Municipal Corporation in..... District.

PART - I

Ward No.....

Municipality/ Municipal Corporation

Name and No. of the Polling Station.....

Sl. No.	Details	Serial No (s)		Total No
		From	To	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Ballot Papers Received	.....	.....	.....
2	*Ballot Papers unused (i.e. not issued to Voters):			
	(a) With the signature of Presiding Officer	.....	
	(b) Without the Signature of Presiding Officer	.....	
	(c) Total (a)+(b)			.....
3	*Ballot Papers used at the Polling Station (1-2=3)			.....
4	Ballot Papers used at the Polling Stations but not inserted into the Ballot Box			
	(a) Ballot Papers cancelled for violation of voting procedure under Rule 47	.....	
	(b) Ballot Papers cancelled for other reasons	.....	
	(c) Ballot Papers used as Tendered Ballot Papers	.....	
	(d) Total (a) + (b) + (c)			.....
5	* Ballot Papers to be found in the Ballot Box (3-4=5)			.....

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Presiding Officer

PS No. & Name

* Serial number need not be given

* * *Strike off the inappropriate alternative.*

Part – II (of Form XXIII)

RESULT OF INITIAL COUNTING

(to be used when the counting of votes is done by mixing)

1. Total number of ballot papers found in the ballot box (es) used at the polling station are :
2. Discrepancy, if any, between the total number as shown against item 1 in this Part and the total number of ballot papers to be found in the ballot box(es) shown in item 5 of Part-I are:

Date.....

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Signature of the Returning Officer

PS No. & Name

FORM – XXIV

[See rules 57(11), 59 & 93]

FINAL RESULT SHEET

(to be used when the counting of votes is done by mixing where Ballot Boxes are used)

*Ordinary/ Casual Elections

Election to Member of Ward No of Total votes found in the ballot box (es) No. of tendered votes District.

Sl. No.	Polling Station No.	Total votes found in the ballot box (es)	No. of tendered votes
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			
Total			

1. Total No. of valid votes recorded for candidates and of rejected Ballot Papers	Candidate's wise polled valid votes				Total Valid Votes (A+B+C+D) = (I)	No. of rejected votes (II)	NOTA (III)	Total votes polled (I)+(II)+(III)
	A	B	C	D				
1st Round								
2nd Round								
3rd Round								
4th Round								
5th Round								
6th Round								
2. Total number of valid votes recorded on postal ballot papers for candidates and of rejected Postal ballot papers								
Grand Total								

Place

Date

* Strike off the inappropriate alternative.

Returning Officer

ANNEXURE-III
MODEL LAYOUT OF COUNTING HALL ORDINARY ELECTIONS TO ULBS



