

THE EASTERN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
10, Strand Road, Kolkata-700 001.

NOTIFICATION REF. NO.: ERECB/ELEC/DLGT/NOTIFIN/07/2024 DT.-31/05/2024

Further to our earlier Notification Ref. No. ERECB/ELEC/DLGT/NOTIFIN/06/2024 DT.-31/05/2024, the regulations regarding Conduct of Election of Delegates, 2024 of The E.R.E.C. Bank Ltd. are appended below;

1. The Election must be confined within the Shareholders of the Bank by virtue of his / her existing employment in The Eastern Railway / East Central Railway as indicated in the Election Regulations.
2. The final Voter List will be available with the Election Officer from 18-06-2024. Minimum Rs. 10/-for one Post of Delegate should be realized for sale of each copy of the list of members. If the voter list consists of more than one delegate, Rs. 10/- x no. of delegate should be realized for sale of voter list.
3. If name of any member does not appear in the list of members of the Office in a Constituency, where he/she is working, he/she may apply to the Election Officer by the date as specified for correction / objection etc.
4. The Election Officer shall include his / her name after being satisfied with reference to documents produced and / or material information in his / her possession about his / her eligibility of being a voter in that Constituency. The Election Officer will make a list of such members in the prescribed form set forth in schedule II and will send a copy of such list to the Election Cell / C.E.O / Secretary of the Bank immediately and will also hung up a copy of the list in his /her Office Notice Board.
5. In case where a member has failed to apply for inclusion of his / her name in the list of members of any Constituency due to any unavoidable reason and appears before the Election Officer with an application in the form prescribed in Schedule I to cast vote at the time of poll, the Election Officer may allow him / her to cast vote if he / she is satisfied with reference to documents produced and / or material information in his / her possession about his / her eligibility of being a voter in that Constituency. The Election Officer will make a list of such members in the form prescribed in schedule II and then submitted the same to the Election Cell / C.E.O / Secretary in a separate sealed cover along with the original applications of such voters and other Election materials.
6. **Eligibility of Candidates for the election of Delegates :-**
Any member who has taken loan from the Bank and after the receipt of a notice of default issued to him/her by the Bank, has defaulted on the date of filing nomination in repayment of such loan within the date fixed for such repayment



or payment or where such date is extended, which is no case shall exceed six months, within the date so extended, will not be eligible for becoming a candidate for the Delegate Election.

When such loan is to be paid in instalments, in payment of any instalment, and the amount in default or any part hereof has remained unpaid on the expiry of six months from the date of default.

However, when a shareholder has already deposited his/her installment but shown him/her as a defaulter, shareholder if shows the relevant Pay Slip, then he/she is eligible for becoming a candidate for the Delegate Election.

7.1. Nomination

- (a) A member may seek election as a Delegate only from the Constituency where he is working and entitled to vote.
- (b) A member whose name does not appear in the list of members of any particular Constituency where he is otherwise entitled to vote, may also seek election as a delegate from that particular Constituency after getting his / her name entered in the list of Members of that Constituency in terms of Sl. No. 2 as stated above.
- (c) A member who desires to contest in the Election of Delegates should submit Nomination Paper in the prescribed form set forth in Schedule III to the Election Officer not later than the date of time notified for filling Nomination paper. Any Nomination paper received by the Election Officer after the notified date and time will not be considered. Any logo or name of organization printed on form will be rejected.
- (d) The Nomination should be proposed by a member of the same Constituency from where the candidate seeks election as delegate. In case the Proposer's name does not appear in the list of members of that particular Constituency where he is entitled to vote he / she get his / her name enlisted in the list of Members of that Constituency in the manner laid down in Regulation under Sl. No. 2 . Proposer and Seconder should be member of same Constituency.
- (e) Nomination of the candidate for election shall be made in Form III, which shall be supplied on request, by the Returning Officer or any other Officer authorized by him/her in this behalf, to any member of the Bank at free of cost.
- (f) Nomination Form may be presented in person by the candidate himself to the Election Officer or by any authorized person in this behalf, before the date of and time specified for submission of nomination Form as per the Election programme and the Election Officer or any other Officer authorized by him, who receives the nomination form, shall enter on the Nomination Forms, its serial number and certify the date and time at which the nomination Form has been received by him and shall immediately give a



- written acknowledgement for the receipt of such nomination Form, which shall also bear the seal of the Bank.
- (g) The Election Officer shall, at the close of the time fixed for the receipt of nomination Forms, prepare and display on the notice Board of the Bank, a list of nominations received by him.
- (h) Any nomination Form submitted after the date and time fixed for its receipt shall be rejected.
- (i) Since in the B.O.D, the Seats shall be reserved in respect of SC /ST (One Seat) and Women (two Seats) as per sub-section (3) of Section 41 of the M.S.C.S Act, 2002, the Reservation in respect of SC / ST and Women, would be applicable in the Delegate Election also.
- (j) Where the contest would be made for three categories of Candidates i.e. for General / SC-ST / Women, there will be three kinds of Nomination Papers, one for General Candidates, one for SC /ST Candidates and another for Women Candidates.
- (k) In case of candidates willing to contest for the Reserved Seats, in the Nomination Papers it is to be mentioned categorically that the Candidate is willing to contest in the Delegate Election as the Candidate of Reserved Seats i.e. (SC / ST) or (Women).
- (l) The Date of Retirement is to be mentioned in the Nomination Paper.
- (m) No member shall file the Nomination for the General Seats and Reserved Seats simultaneously i.e. Nomination can be filed either under Reserved Seats (SC /ST and Women) OR under Non-Reserved / General Seats.
- (n) To identify the category of the Candidates for which the Nomination Paper is filed, Nomination Papers would be of three colours, viz.
- White for General Candidates.
 - Yellow for SC /ST Candidates.
 - Pink for Women Candidates.

7.2. Scrutiny of Nomination Papers:-

On the day fixed for the Scrutiny of nomination papers –

- (a) The Election Officer shall, at the appointed hours, take up the scrutiny of nomination Forms and the candidate or the proposer or seconder of each of the candidates may be present at the time and place when nomination papers are scrutinized.



- (b) The Election Officer shall examine the nomination forms and shall decide all objections which may be made by any candidate or his / her proposer or seconder in respect of any nomination and may, either accept or reject any nomination.

Provided that the nomination of a candidate shall not be rejected on the ground of an incorrect description of his / her name or the name of his/ her proposer or seconder or any other particulars relating to the candidate or his / her proposer or seconder, as entered in the list of members; if the identity of the candidate, proposer or seconder, as the case may be, is established beyond reasonable doubt.

- (c) The Election Officer shall endorse on each nomination Form his/her decision of accepting or rejecting the same, as the case may be, and if the nomination paper is rejected, he/she shall record in writing a brief statement of his/her reason for such rejection.
- (d) The Election Officer shall not allow any adjournment of the proceedings except when proceedings interrupted or obstructed by a riot or affray or by any other cause beyond his/her control.
- (e) The Election Officer shall reject nomination of any candidate, if he has no required qualification under these regulations and the provisions of Acts & Rules for being elected as Delegate.
- (f) Immediately after scrutiny of Nomination paper, the Election Officer shall publish a list of candidates whose nomination may be found to be valid in terms of these regulations in the Notice Board of his / her office.

7.3. Withdrawal of Nomination:

Any candidate may withdraw his /her candidature at his /her option by giving a written notice, signature being attested by his / her immediate superior, to reach the Election Officer concerned within the date and time as notified for the purpose. Withdrawal application if received after the date and time as mentioned in the notification will not be entertained. The notice for withdrawal of candidature given by the candidate shall be irrecoverable.

8. Final List of Candidates-

After expiry of the last date and time to be notified for withdrawal of Candidature, the Election Officer shall draw up a list of the remaining Candidates found to be validity nominated. This list will be prepared in order of alphabetical surname. The Election Officer will hung up a copy of the Final list of in the Notice Board of his / her Office and also send copies of the list to all Offices included in his /her Constituency with the request to give its wide publicity.



9. Uncontested Election:

If in any Constituency total number of candidates seeking election are not more than the number of delegates to be elected, there will no contest. The candidate or the candidates shall be declared "Elected" by the Election Officer in the form prescribed in Schedule V after expiry of the notified last date & time for withdrawal of Nomination Paper.

10. Voting:

- (a) Voting shall be by secret ballot in the form set forth in Schedule IV.
- (b) Names of the Ballot paper should be arranged alphabetically by surname in English language of the candidates, if required in more than one language.
- (c) The rendering of the English version of the Ballot paper set forth in Schedule IV may be made into "Hindi" and / or "Bengali" in the same "Ballot paper" if the Election Officer considers and the local situation warrants so.
- (d) Each member shall have only one vote to cast per seat of delegate in a Constituency.
- (e) Voting by Proxy is not allowed.
- (f) Due to reservation of Seats (General / SC / ST & Women) the number of Ballot Boxes will be as under:-
- (i) in the Constituencies where the Candidates belong to (a) General, (b) SC/ST and (c) Women there will be three Ballot Boxes and those Ballot Boxes will be marked separately,
 - (ii) in the in the Constituencies where the Candidates belong to (a) General and (b) SC / ST, there will be two Ballot Boxes and those Ballot Boxes will be marked separately, One for General Candidates another for SC /ST Candidates,
 - (iii) in the Constituencies where the Candidates belong to (a) General and (b) Women, there will be two Ballot Boxes and those Ballot Boxes will be marked separately, one for General Candidates another for Women Candidates,
 - (iv) again, in the Constituencies where the Candidates belong to (a) General category only, there will be one Ballot Box and that Ballot Box will be marked "**GENERAL**",
- (g) Election Officer / Addl. Election Officer will positively provide **One / Two / Three** Ballot-Paper/s to each Voter according to the composition of the candidates of that Constituency. The Voters will cast the Candidates as per their choice and insert the Ballot Paper in the respective Boxes. All the Voters



will cast their votes in favour of the Candidates of all Categories of Candidates (General / SC ST & Women as per their choice. This is applicable in the Constituency where the Candidates for three categories have submitted the Nominations Papers separately considering the Reserved Seats as stated.

However, in case of insertion of the Ballot Papers not in the respective Boxes, if it is found at the time of opening the Ballot Boxes after completion of polling those Ballot Papers would be considered and counted as the respective category of the candidates. Mere wrong dropping of the Ballot Papers to the other Ballot Boxes would not be treated as Cancelled, if otherwise found correct.

(h) The members should secretly put a "Cross Mark (X)" / "Tick Mark (✓)" on the blank space allotted for the purpose against the name of the candidate / candidates in the Ballot paper for casting vote to the candidates / candidates of his / her choice, fold it and drop it, in the closed and sealed Ballot Box that will be kept in front of the Election Officer. Cross marking / Tick marking near the space allotted, be given on the right hand side of the name column in the Ballot paper may be accepted as valid for the purpose of counting of Votes. Cross marking / Tick marking shall be given by colour Pencil / Red Pen or 'X' mark Rubber Stamp. The intention of Voter may be primarily considered.

Any Ballot Paper not in conformity with the above regulation may be liable to rejection.

(i) The Candidates will be entitled to remain present themselves personally or place their authorized agent / agents at the place of voting and at the time of counting of votes. The sitting arrangements of the candidates or their agent / agents in the polling station should not be made very close to the secret chamber where the members are required to put "Cross Mark" / "Tick Mark" in the Ballot paper.

Canvassing within the area to be specified by the Election Officer shall be prohibited. Polling agents should be voter of the same Constituency.

(j) Immediately after completion of the poll, the Election Office shall count the votes and declare the result of counting of the Election, in the form set forth in Schedule V. In the workshops like Liluah and Jamalpur counting may be arranged on the next date of the poll if the workshop authority assures security of the Ballot Boxes. In that case the Ballot Boxes filled with cast Ballot papers must be closed and sealed with signatures of the candidates or their agents and the Election Officer. fir speedy counting mixed votes and block votes to be counted separately wherever more than one delegate are in fray in any Constituency.

(k) The Candidate / Candidates who secure the largest number of votes shall be declared elected by the Election Officer in the form set forth in Schedule V. If two candidates contesting on any seat happen to secure the highest number of votes and their votes are equal in umber, the result will have to be decided by lot in the manner detailed below in presence of the candidates or their



authorized agents and the Election Officer will record the names of those present.

(l) Name of the candidates securing equal number of votes will be written in separate slips of papers of equal size and then folded slips should be put in any empty container. The Election Officer will then draw out blind fold one slip from the container and whichever name comes out firstly will be declared as elected.

(m) The exact place and time for holding the Election will be notified by the Election Officer (as per Notification) by a Notice in the Notice Board of his /her Office and the sending copies of the Notice to the candidates and the offices or sections incorporated in the respective Constituency for circulation to the members of the Bank.

(n) The polling hours should be considered as per **NOTIFICATION**.

11. Any other matter which are covered by the aforesaid regulations or any matter if disputed would be resolved in accordance with the M.S.C.S Acts & Rules, 2002, as amended w.e.f. 03rd August, 2023 / 04th August, 2023.

For The Eastern Rly. Employees' Co-op. Bank Ltd.

K. S.
21/05/2024

Chief Executive Officer

