

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
Elections Nov' 2018 – Jan' 2019
India Islamic Cultural Centre
87-88, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003

**FINAL DECISION ON THE ISSUES RAISED BY CONTESTING
CANDIDATES WITH THE R.O. IN THE MEETING DATED 26.11.2018**

1. In the list of dead voters submitted Mr. Ezaz Maqbool, two more persons were found to be alive and that makes 4 alive in all from the list of dead persons.

To set at rest the issue and check impersonation, an “**Attestation Form**” will now be required to be signed by aforesaid flagged voters. A sample of the Form is enclosed herewith. Signature of the voter in the Attestation form will be matched by the R.O from the signature in the records of the IICC before counting such votes. In case said Form is not enclosed with the marked ballot paper or signature does not match, the ballot will be **rejected in toto** and the final authority will lie with the R.O.

Postal Ballot to VIP voters who are no more alive, will not be issued.

2. Dispatch of postal ballot paper to voters residing outside India was commenced from 28.11.2018 in the personal supervision of the A.R.O. In three days approximately 150 ballot papers could be dispatched because of technical problems at the accepting Post Office and the limited time available(Booking is open upto 2.00 p.m). Remaining dispatch will be made on the 1st December, 2018.

Booking of post for foreign destination is time taking but within India will not be that cumbersome and time consuming. Since our envelopes are ready, we may need a couple of more days to complete dispatch as it is the Post Office which has to accept our consignments and deliver to the addressee swiftly.

3. Postal ballot papers will be received in the Office of the R.O. by post only. Written instruction was handed over to the Post Master by the A.R.O. that clear stamp marking of delivery post office should be visible in each and every dak that will be delivered to the election office or else dak will not be received.
4. **Model Code of Conduct** uploaded is in force now.
5. Clarification sought by Mr. Yamin Qureshi has already been given at serial number 3 of the minutes uploaded. It is further clarified that officials of the Centre will not touch any polled material and only provide assistance in making arrangements for poll and counting.

By order

TAPAS KUMAR BHATTACHARYA
Returning Officer