## OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, INDIA ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE, 87-88, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI 110003.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING WITH CONTESTING CANDIDATES ON 18.12.2018 AND DECISIONS TAKEN

The RO briefed the candidates about the total complaints received about pilferage of ballot paper, non receipt of ballot paper(B.P) in the office. A list showing complaints involving cases of 63 B.Ps is annexed herewith. It may be seen that out of 63; 6 B.Ps were lost at Aligarh Post Office, one was received undelivered(copy of letter from S.S.P, Aligarh is also annexed); 8 cases where BP were replaced with magazine etc. were received undelivered; 38 BPs were returned by the postal authorities with remarks such as the addressees not found, not residing or locked residence etc.; rest 18 BP could not reach the voters nor it could be found undelivered.

A list showing marked ballot papers received and undelivered was also given to the candidates to verify the same from the envelops that was to be taken out from the sealed ballot box. Sealed box was opened and candidates verified the envelops about their number, non-tamparability, dispatch stamp of post office etc. As per list a total of 124 marked BPs and 205 returned undelivered ballot papers were found as per list. There was no discrepancy noticed by the candidates. Marked BPs were again put in the box and sealed, signed by the candidates over the sealing paper. Undelivered BPs have been kept in lock and key of the RO for dispatch/handing over to the concerned voters.

The undelivered BPs of voters residing outside NCR will be dispatched on 20.12.2018 in presence of a representative of candidate by private courier like DHL/blue dart etc. while the BPs of voters residing in NCR region will be kept in the office for collection/marking and deposit in the office, in person, till 21.12.2018 and thereafter it will be dispatched to the address available in the record. Some of the candidates stated that in case there is any change of address of any candidate, they will inform the office of their own keeping in mind the time line specified above.

- 2.A proposal was received from the candidates to allow the voters residing outside India to allow them to send more than one marked ballot papers in one envelop but Mr. Yamin Quereshi, one of the candidates has raised objection and so now voters from outside India may send their marked BP by courier individually and they can claim reimbursement in their bank account / get the amount credited in their IICC account/send BP by value post to be paid by the IICC on receipt of BP.
- 3. Some members raised the issue of dead voters and the matter was clarified.
- 4. Mr. Mudassir, Dr. Khwaja Shahid demanded that the entire proceedings of the BP so far may be cancelled and fresh proceedings may be started without disturbing the

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poll to be taken on the  $6^{th}$  January,2019 for Delhi voters. Mr. Yamin Qureshi stated that he will clear his stand in the matter day after.

From the above it may be seen that of all the B.Ps issued to voters residing outside Delhi, only 18 B.Ps have been lost in transit.