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NOTIFICATION

The following draft amendments in the existing the Daman and Diu Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1995, which the Administrator, UT of Daman and Diu, proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 306 read with Section 18(1) of the Daman and Diu Municipalities (Amendment) Regulation, 1994, are hereby published, as required by subsection 3 of section 306 of the said regulation and notice is hereby given that draft amendments in the exiting said rules will be taken into consideration on the expiry of a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notification in Official Gazette of UT Administration of Daman and Diu.

Any person who intends to make any objection or suggestion regarding these draft amendments, may send the same in writing addressed to Shri P. P. Parmar, Deputy Secretary (Urban Development), O/o Town & Country Planning Department, opposite DMC Office, Fort Area, Moti Daman – 396 220 within the period specified above.

1. **Short title and Commencement** : (1) These rules may be called as “Daman and Diu Municipalities (Elections) (Amendment) Rules, 2015.

   (2) These rules shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of Daman & Diu.
2. **Definition**: Words and expression used but not defined in these rules, shall have the same meaning respectively assigned to them in the Regulation.

**The following Rules are inserted after Rule 49:**

**49 A: Casting of Votes by electors on election duty.**

An elector, who by reason of his being on election duty is unable to vote at the polling station where he is entitled to vote, may send an application in Form 25 addressed to the returning officer expressing his wish to vote by post. Such application should reach the returning officer seven days or such shorter period as the returning officer may allow before the date of poll. The returning officer, if he is satisfied that the applicant is an elector on election duty, shall issue a ballot paper to him. Such ballot paper shall be in the same form as an ordinary ballot paper but without any symbol.

**Explanation**: “Elector on election duty” means any presiding officer, polling officer or other public servant engaged on election duty.

**49 B: Issue of ballot paper to electors on election duty.**

(i) A ballot paper shall be delivered to an elector on election duty by returning officer or such other officer as may be authorised by the Commission together with a copy of Form 25 (Declaration by elector), and Form 25 A (instructions for the guidance of the elector).

(ii) The returning officer shall record on the counterfoil of the ballot paper the electoral roll number of the elector as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll.

(iii) The returning officer shall seal in a separate packet the counterfoil of the ballot papers issued to the electors on election duty and record on the pocket a brief description of the contents and the date on which it was sealed.

**49 C**: An elector on election duty, who has received a ballot paper and desires to vote, shall record his vote on the ballot paper in accordance with directions contained in form 25A and then enclose it in a cover.

**49 D**: After an elector has recorded his vote and made his declaration in Form 25, he shall return the ballot paper and declaration to the returning officer in accordance with the instructions communicated to him in Form 25A so as to reach the returning officer before the close of poll.

By order and in the name of the Administrator of UT of Daman & Diu and DNH.

Sd/-

(P. P. Parmar)
Deputy Secretary (UD)

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FORM No. 25
(See rule 49 B)

DECLARATION BY ELECTOR ON ELECTION DUTY

Election to the Municipality

I hereby declare that I am the elector to whom the postal ballot paper hearing serial number __________________ has been issued at the above election.

Date: ....................

Signature of elector......................

Address: ..............................

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FORM No. 25 A
(See rule 49 B)

INSTRUCTION FOR GUIDANCE OF ELECTORS

(To be used at election to the Municipality)

The persons whose name are printed on the ballot paper issued herewith are candidates at the above election. Record your vote by placing clearly a mark opposite the name of the candidate to whom you wish to give your vote. The mark should be so placed as to indicate clearly and beyond doubt to which candidate you are giving your vote. If the mark so placed as to make it doubtful to which candidate you have given your vote, your vote will be invalid.

Please remember that you have only one vote. Accordingly you should vote for more than one candidate. If you do so, your ballot paper will be rejected.

Do not put your signature or write any word or put any mark, sign or writing whatsoever on the ballot paper other than the mark required to record your vote.

After you recorded your vote on the ballot paper, place the ballot paper in a cover. Close the cover and secure it by seal or otherwise.

You may then sign the declaration in Form 25 also issued herewith.

You must ensure that the cover reaches the Returning Officer before the close of poll. Please note that if the cover reaches the Returning Officer after the hour fixed for close of the poll, your vote will not be counted.