## RAISINA BENGALI SCHOOL SOCIETY (REGD.) MANDIR MARG: NEW DELHI – 110001

## "OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR GOVERNING BODY ELECTION/ 2019-2021"

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS DATED 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 2019 FOR SCRUTINY OF VOTING PAPERS (COUNTING OF BALLOTS)

As per the election schedule notification, voting by the voters, both by postal ballots and by hand completed on 4<sup>th</sup> of July at 5.00 p.m. In all 2324 votes were cast by voters and these votes were received in sealed/ closed envelopes, both by postal mail and by hand. All those envelopes containing ballot papers were found duly pasted / sealed, each envelopes bearing the name and address of the voter.

In between on 30<sup>th</sup> June, to 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019 a number of voters approached and requested for issuance of duplicate voting paper on a plea that they had not received the voting paper sent by post on their addresses and they insisted upon their requests even in case the postal track report showed that article had been delivered on the address. Considering the interest of a voter and believing their version that they had not received ballot paper by post, duplicate voting paper was issued to each such voter after accepting his request application duly supported by his identity document like AADHAAR CARD and his/ her mobile number. While issuing duplicate voting paper an order was issued that in case the original voting paper bearing voting paper no. of such duplicate voting paper was also received as a vote cast, the original ballot paper shall be treated as cancelled / revoked ballot paper and duplicate ballot, cast by hand in most of the instances, would be treated as a valid vote. Those duplicate voting paper

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were issued in the sequence of voting paper no. and also mentioning the voting paper no. of the voter by which no. the ballot was sent by post.

All the ballots received in envelopes, in all no. 2324 received up to 5.00 pm on 04.07.2019 were taken into three ballot boxes (tin boxes) with a slit on the lid of the box. These ballot boxes had been sealed on 24.06.2019 as tentative date for receiving back ballots by post was 25<sup>th</sup> June onwards. These ballot boxes were sealed in presence of one candidate Mr. Sujit Maity who alone came present and entire process of sealing of the boxes was videographed. Sealing of boxes was by putting a pad lock on each box and the lock was sealed by cloth wrapped around lock and seal of the school was affixed. I also put my signatures on the cloth wrapped around lock and sealing was to my satisfaction made the boxes tamper proof.

In earlier proceedings the total number of votes cast was recorded as 2350 but later on it was found to be a little human error whereas actual correct number of vote cast was 2324.

Ballot boxes bearing padlock seal remained in proper care and custody which were kept in the room of the Principal of the school. Today was the date for scrutiny of ballot papers. All the contesting candidates were invited by a notice put on the notice board as well individual notice to be present during scrutiny from 2.30 pm onwards if they wish to be present. Videographer was also arranged to record entire process of scrutiny of ballot papers. 18 number of scrutineers were arranged who were young boys well qualified and with working experience, many of them employed in the Directorate of Education, Delhi and some others working or / having worked in a private job. They all were found competent to follow and execute instructions. They were given due instructions which they were supposed to follow during scrutiny of ballots.

Around 10 to 12 candidates or their authorized representatives came present / remained present during scrutiny proceedings. Scrutiny of ballots was arranged in the hall-room of the school which was a comfortable space for the work. 09 tables were set, each table to be occupied by two scrutineers. Tables were earmarked no. 01 to 09.

All 03 ballot boxes bearing padlock seals intact, were opened in the presence of candidates/ representatives and entire process was videographed. Ballots of all three boxes were taken in serial-wise packets in 100 no. envelope packet with the help of scrutineers. Taking ballots in serial no. sequence was necessary to take cognizance of any double ballot cast when duplicate ballots had been issued to the voters. Scrutiny of ballot envelopes revealed that 109 envelopes were double, received by post and received by hand. Those 109 envelopes bearing same voter pape; no. were segregated. The ballot envelope endorsed "duplicate voting paper" was taken for scrutiny of ballots whereas the envelope of the same voting no. received by post was segregated. Those 109 ballot envelopes were taken into an envelope and envelope was sealed after I put my signatures on it and cello tape was affixed over and above my signatures on that envelope.

Ballot envelopes were divided in 50 no. each packet and a packet of 50 envelops was distributed to each table of scrutineers. A tabulation sheet containing names of all 16 contesting candidates with 50 small boxes against each name was provided to the scrutineers. Scrutiny of ballots in the first round completed in about half an hour time. Empty envelopes and ballots papers were collected from each table, envelopes separately and ballot papers separately and those envelopes and ballot papers were tagged and taken separately in custody. The tabulation sheets bearing number of votes secured by each candidate as recorded by each scrutineer

table was taken in possession. While scrutineer were preparing the tabulation sheet, a watch was kept on their working to ensure that they were taking all care and attention during scrutiny of the ballots. Second round of scrutiny of ballots, 50 ballot envelopes distributed to each table was taken up which also completed in the same way as the first one. Likewise 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th round of scrutiny of ballots completed by around 9 pm. Entire proceeding of scrutiny completed in a systematic and peaceful manner. Candidates / representatives remained present inside the hall and kept walking around also. Videographer also kept on recording videography of the scrutiny of ballots till end. Ballot boxes were emptied in the presence of the candidates and were video-graphed.

After scrutiny of ballots completed and all tabulation sheets were in my custody, preparation of final result of the election was taken-up and a list of each candidate having scored a specific number of votes was prepared, which is annexed with this report and on the basis of this, a final list of results of the votes with top 07 winning candidates plus panel of 05 next top scoring candidates, in terms of Rule 36 of the Fundamental Rules of the Society, has been prepared which is to be declared tomorrow in the General Meeting.

234 Voting Papers, sent by post, have been received back undelivered as on 06.07.2019 and these are kept separately in safe custody. On 05.07.2019, 27 Voting Paper envelops and on 06.07.2019, 31 Voting Paper envelops have been received by post. Since 04.07.2019 was the last date for casting of votes and since the Ballot Boxes had been sealed on 04.07.2019 at 5:30 P.M., these votes have been kept out of scrutiny and are taken in safe custody.

RETURNING OFFICER

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### LIST OF VOTE SECURED BY EACH CANDIDATE AS PER SCRUTINY OF VOTING PAPERS

il.	CADDIADTE	TOTAL
	CHANDAN BHATTACHARYA	1741
	HARISH KUMAR PODDAR	1469
	PRANAB SASMAL	1442
	BUDDHADEV MUKHERJEE	1421
į	SUKUMAR BISWAS	1413
	CHITRA MAJI	1412
	CHANDRAJIT MANDAL	1410
	KRIPAMAY BHATTACHARYA	758
	JANMEJAY DAS	756
1	RANJAN KUMAR	754
1	SUBROTO BISWAS	735
1	DEVMOY	558
1	SUJIT MAITY	518
1	SAMAR CHAKRAVARTY	441
1	TAPAN KUMAR GUPTA	420
1	SUBRATA KUMAR BISWAS	92