

**TRUE EXTRACT OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD, SECUNDERABAD HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD, SECUNDERABAD ON 'FRIDAY' THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023 AT 1100 HOURS.**

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The following were present:

1. Brig. K Somashankar, SM, President Cantonment Board, Secunderabad
2. Shri Madhukar Naik D, Chief Executive Officer & Member Secretary
3. Shri J. Ramakrishna, Civilian Nominated Member

Special Invitees:

Shri A. Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, has not attended the meeting.

At the outset, CEO welcomed the President Cantonment Board Brig. K Somashankar, SM, and other members of the meeting.

Further, the Board observed two minutes silence in the memory and honour of Late Shri G. Sayanna, Former MLA, Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly Constituency.

**NOTING OF CIRCULAR AGENDAS**

[ 01 ] To note the Circular Agendas / Special Sanctions approved by the Board on the following subjects:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Circular Agenda No. &amp; Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
01.	No.1 Dated 20.02.2023	Annual Tender for supply of Stationery Material (White Papers, File Folders, Pencil Boxes, Cello Tapes, Staplers & Pins, Computer Stationery etc.)
02.	No.2 Dated 20.02.2023	Annual Tender for supply of Building Material (Bricks, Sand, Red Soil, Morrums, Manure, RCC Manhole Cover, SWG pipes etc.)
03.	No.3 Dated 20.02.2023	Estimates for Maintenance & Repairs to Misc. Improvement Works

The relevant file is placed before the Board.

**Resolution:** Considered and noted.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS – 2023 TO SECUNDERABAD CANTONMENT BOARD**

[ 02 ] To consider and approve the draft election programme and Notice of Election under Rule 20 of the Cantonment Electoral Rules, 2007.

The Government of India, under sub section (1) of Section 15 of the Cantonment Act 2006, has notified 30.04.2023 as the date on which election to the Cantonment Board, Secunderabad shall be held. The said notification has been published vide SRO No.03 (E) dated 17.02.2023 in the Extra Ordinary Gazette of India, Part II, Section 4.

Further, the Central Govt. notified the Ward VIII as reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) vide its SRO No.5(E) dated 26.03.2021.

The Central Govt. vide its SRO No.6(E) dated 26.03.2021 has notified the Wards II, V and VI as reserved for Women.

The ward wise number of voters as published on 15.09.2022 are as under:

<b>WARD NO.</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS</b>	<b>CATEGORY (Ward reserved for)</b>
I	20,826	-
II	7,872	Women
III	15,922	-
IV	13,956	-
V	22,919	Women
VI	21,844	Women
VII	12,461	-
VIII	16,922	Scheduled Caste (SC)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,32,722</b>	

The Board may discuss all the matters with regards to preparation and conduct of elections to the Secunderabad Cantonment Board scheduled on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 to draw up the election programme and publish a notice under Rule 20 of the Cantonment Electoral Rules, 2007.

The relevant file along with draft Election Programme and Gazette notifications is placed before the Board.

**Resolution:** Considered the matter. The CEO apprised the Board about the directions received from MoD, Govt. of India with regard to Ordinary Elections 2023 to the Cantonment Boards. Further, explained the draft election schedule and preparation / arrangements of Board Elections to the Board.

Shri J. Ramakrishna, Civilian Nominated Member has submitted a representation to the Board with regard to Rule-3 of Cantonment Electoral Rules, 2007 requesting that the delimitation of wards of the Cantonments has to be taken up afresh in view of the disparity in the Voters strength as per the Electoral Rolls published by the Cantonment Board on 15.09.2022. To which the observations raised by the Nominated Member, the CEO has informed that the delimitation of Wards in Secunderabad Cantonment had carried the exercise of division of Cantonments into Wards as per Rule 3 of Cantonment Electoral Rules – 2007, by following the due procedures and the Gazette notification of Division of Wards had been published vide Notification SRO 7(E) dated 13.11.2007. It was also informed that vide Circular Agenda dated 17.9.2019, the Board has resolved that there is no necessity for any further delimitation of Wards afresh and the same has been forwarded to the Directorate. Shri J. Ramakrishna, Nominated Member was the then Vice President of the Board which passed the above mentioned Circular Agenda.

As per Director General, Defence Estates, Letter No. 76/38/Ordinary Election/C/DE/2019, dated 21.11.2019, & Principal Director, Defence Estates, Southern Command, Pune, Letter NO. 1530/Gen/Election/2019-20/DE, dated 21.11.2019, the Cantonment Board Secunderabad has taken up the exercise of reservation of wards for women and scheduled castes were carried out in the year 2019. After following the due procedure, the gazette notification for reservation of wards for women and scheduled castes has been published vide gazette notification No. SRO 6(E) dated 26.03.2021 and No. SRO 5(E) dated 26.03.2021.

In compliance of the Supreme Court Judgement Order Dated 27.09.2016 and after obtaining legal opinion from Cantonment Legal Advisor, the Board has taken up the exercise of removal of encroachers from the Electoral Rolls of the various wards of the Cantonment, by constituting a committee. The committee had looked into the removal of names of encroachers from the electoral rolls and also duplicate entries. As a result, as per the available records the process of removal of encroachers and duplicate entries from the Electoral Rolls has resulted in the decrease in the number of electors.

It was also informed that the population of Ward 2 is not less when comparison to the other wards and the less voter strength is due to the removal of encroachers from the Electoral Rolls.

As per the guidelines on delimitation of wards along with the parity of Voter strength other parameters for ward delimitation apart from parity of voter strength, is alignment of proposed ward boundaries should be along natural/permanent features such as roads, nullahs etc. It is seen that ward 2 has been aligned with natural boundaries of Brig. Sayeed Road, Old Airport Road and a major nullah separating it from the neighboring ward.

The CEO also informed that, during the process of conducting elections an opportunity will be given to all the residents for inclusion of names under Rule 19(ii) of Cantonment Electoral Rules, 2007, due to which voter strength would increase in all the wards more so in Ward 2 due to more number of lower income group people residing.

The Board considered and resolved that the elections will be conducted by the Board on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 as given in the Gazette Notification as per the existing wards and also approved the draft election programme and the draft public notice. Further, resolved that the draft election programme will be published in local newspapers and displayed at the following Notice Boards in same manner as in Rule 12 of the Cantonment Electoral Rules 2007 and also to publish it in the website “secunderabad.cantt.gov.in”.

1. Cantonment Board Office.
2. For Ward No.I : Cantonment Dispensary, Bowenpally
3. For Ward No.II : ZPHS, Begumpet, Gunbazar
4. For Ward No.III : Reading Room No.27, Mudfort,
5. For Ward No.IV : Cantonment Dispensary, Picket,
6. For Ward No.V : Mahendra Hills Pump House
7. For Ward No.VI : MRO’s Office Trimulgherry, Hasmathpet Road, Manovikas Nagar
8. For Ward No.VII : Cantonment Dispensary, Trimulgherry
9. For Ward No.VIII : Cantonment General Hospital, Bolarum

Shri J. Ramakrishna, Nominated Member expressed his dissent for not carrying out afresh delimitation of wards.

**SECUNDERABAD CANTONMENT BOARD**  
**ELECTION PROGRAMME**

1	(a) Publication of proclamation under rule 20 of Cantonment Electoral Rules, 2007.	01 – 03 – 2023 Wednesday
	(b) No of Persons to be elected and details of wards Reserved for Scheduled Castes or Schedule Tribes or Women.	<b>Eight</b> Ward No.1 – General Ward No.2 – Reserved for women Ward No.3 – General Ward No.4 – General Ward No.5 – Reserved for women Ward No.6 – Reserved for women Ward No.7 – General Ward No.8 – Reserved for Scheduled Caste
2	Last date for receiving application for inclusion of names in electoral rolls under rule 19(2)	04 – 03 – 2023 Saturday Upto 1700 hrs
3	Issue of notice inviting objections to the above claims under rule 19(3)	06 – 03 – 2023 Monday

4	Receipt of objections on the applications to the inclusion of names in the electoral rolls under rule 19(3)	10 – 03 – 2023 Friday upto 1700 hrs
5	Hearing of objections and their disposal under rule 19(4) read with 16(4) by President Cantonment Board or person nominated by him	14 – 03 – 2023 Tuesday to 16 – 03 – 2023 Thursday from 1030 hrs to 1430 hrs. (Hearing by Nominee or President)
6	Receipt of appeals, if any preferred to the President under rule 16(4) on orders passed by the nominee of the President in case is done by President's Nominee	Within (2) days of orders passed by the nominee of the President Cantonment Board i.e upto 18 – 03 – 2023 till 1700 hrs.
7	Final Orders of the President Cantonment Board under rule 19(5) on the application made under rule 19(2) read with 16(4)	23 – 03 – 2023 Thursday
8	Presentation of nomination papers under rule 23, at the Office of the Cantonment Board, Secunderabad	28 – 03 – 2023 Tuesday 29 – 03 – 2023 Wednesday between 1030 hrs & 1630 hrs
9	Publication of List of Candidates in Form VII with a notice of time and place for Scrutiny of nomination papers under Rule 25	29 – 03 – 2023 Wednesday After 1730 hrs.
10	(a) Scrutiny of nomination papers under rule 26(1) by Returning Officer  <b>(or)</b>  under Rule 26 (5) by his nominee, at the office of the Cantonment Board, Secunderabad	01 – 04 – 2023 Saturday 1030 hours onwards
	(b) (i) Withdrawal of Candidature under Rule 27(1) if scrutiny carried out by Returning Officer.	Upto 03 – 04 – 2023 Monday before 1600 hrs
	(ii) Receipt of appeal by the PCB under Rule 26(5) against the decision of nominee of Returning officer regarding, scrutiny of nomination of papers (If scrutiny under rule 26(5) was carried out by nominee of Returning Officer)	Upto 03 – 04 – 2023 Monday Upto 1600 hrs
	(c) (i) Publication of notice of withdrawal under Rule 27(3) of scrutiny of nomination paper done by Returning Officer	04 – 04 – 2023 Tuesday

	(ii) Hearing of appeal by the PCB under rule 26(5) against the decision of nominee's scrutiny of nomination papers	04 - 04 - 2023 Tuesday
	(d)(i) Withdrawal of Candidature under Rule 27(1) (if scrutiny done by nominee of Returning Officer and after hearing of appeal by PCB)	06 - 04 - 2023 Thursday Before 1600 hrs
	(ii) Publication of notice of withdrawal under Rule 27 (3) if scrutiny of nomination paper done by nominee of Returning Officer after hearing of appeal by PCB	06 - 04 - 2023 Thursday after 1600 hrs
	(iii) Publication of the list of contesting candidates for election and result of unopposed election if any under Rule 31	06 - 04 - 2023 Thursday After 1630 hours
11	Allotment of symbols (other than symbols reserved for political parties) to the contesting candidates for election	10 - 04 - 2023 Monday from 1030 hours
12	Date and time of polling	30 - 04 - 2023 Sunday from 0800 hrs to 1700 hrs.

2 (a) Further, the Board resolved that a request be made to the State Government for appointing a Returning Officer to conduct the Cantonment Board Elections 2023.

2 (b) The Board also resolved that a request be made to State Election Commission to provide Electronic Voting Machines for conducting Cantonment Board Elections 2023, in view of the large number of voters in Secunderabad Cantonment Board.

2 (c) The Chief Executive Officer informed the Board that necessary Budget allocation exists. The Board resolved that the Chief Executive Officer, Secunderabad Cantonment Board is authorized to incur necessary expenditure for conducting Cantonment Board Elections 2023.

2 (d) Further, the Board authorized the CEO to make necessary appointment of staff on temporary basis for election purpose and also to hire necessary vehicles as and when required during the election period.

Further, with the permission of the chair, the following supplementary agenda points were discussed in the Board.

**GENERAL ELECTIONS TO CANTONMENT BOARDS**

[ 03 ] To note the instructions received from Principal Directorate, Defence Estates, Southern Command, Pune vide letter No.1530/Gen/Election/2023/C/DE dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 with regard to - Public Notice of Election, Court Cases relating to Election matters, Implementation of Model Code of Conduct, Allotment of symbols, Use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), None of the Above (NOTA) in EVMs or Ballot Papers, Election Results.

The relevant papers are placed before the Board.

**Resolution:** Considered and Noted. The Board resolved to strictly adhere to Model Code of Conduct as per directions received from PD DE. All the related contracts of the Board where the contract amount is exceeding or the period is expiring during the course of elections may be extended until July, 2023. The CEO is authorized to take appropriate action.

At the end of the meeting, the President Cantonment Board and the CEO has requested the media to create an awareness among the public in Secunderabad Cantonment for casting of their votes in Elections.

**Sd/-**  
**[MADHUKAR NAIK D]**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**& MEMBER SECRETARY**

**Sd/-**  
**[BRIG. K SOMASHANKAR]**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**CANTONMENT BOARD**

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