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**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
N.C.T. OF DELHI, NIGAM BHAWAN,
KASHMERE GATE, DELHI-110006**

NO:SEC/LAW/F.210/13/1641

Dated the 1st October, 2015

ORDER

WHEREAS the work of delimitation of wards for all the three Municipal Corporations of Delhi, on the basis of Census 2011, has been assigned to the State Election Commission of N.C.T. of Delhi vide Department of Urban Development Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, Order no.F.7(55)/DLB/2015/Pt.I/4276-82 dated the 18 September, 2015;

AND WHEREAS for delimitation of Municipal Corporations Wards, the Commission shall adopt the procedure prescribed under the Delimitation Act, 2002 (pertaining to delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies in whole of the country) as far as practicable in relation to the delimitation of wards of a Corporation under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, the State Election Commission of N.C.T. of Delhi, prescribes the following procedure in regard to delimitation of wards of all the three Municipal Corporations:-

1. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

All the wards of three Municipal Corporations shall be delimited on the basis of average population (Census 2011) throughout a Municipal Corporation. All Assembly constituencies in a Corporation shall be divided into such number of wards as may be comprised within an Assembly constituency on the basis of average population throughout. With this principle, the number of newly delimited wards in an Assembly constituency may be reduced from 4 (presently) to 3 or increased from 5 to 7 as the case may be. As per Census 2011, average population per ward comes to Approx. 60,000. A variation from 10% to 15% approximately could be allowed to maintain contiguity of areas and that each ward should be formed geographically compact.

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Boundary of a new ward should remain in the relevant Assembly constituency and should in no case, cross it.

Embed EB maps on ward maps and to draw out SC boundaries on digital map of the affected wards only.

A colony or slum cluster would be kept within a ward so that there is no division thereof between wards

The Commission shall engage IT group to enable it to prepare detailed delimitation order linked to Census Data. It will prepare Draft Delimitation Order. The draft order shall be published in prominent newspapers in English, Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi languages to invite public objections. The period of filing suggestions and objections shall be specified by the Commission. On expiry of the specified period for inviting objections etc., the Commission will consider the objections, process the objections including field surveys wherever necessary and prepare the Final Draft Delimitation Order of Wards of all the three Municipal Corporations. This order will be published in an extraordinary gazette of Delhi Government.

2. FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE ELECTION COMMISSION IN DELIMITING THE WARDS OF ALL THE THREE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

As the entire delimitation work has to be completed within a stipulated time, the Election Commission constitutes a Committee of the following officers to assist it in the accomplishment of the above task:-

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| (1) State Election Commissioner | Chairman |
| (2) Dy. Secretary, SEC office | Member |
| (3) Consultant, SEC office | Member |
| (4) A representative of M/s Geospatial Delhi Ltd. | Member |
| (5) A representative of Directorate of Census office, Delhi. | Member |

3.PROCEDURE AND POWERS OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION.

The Election Commission shall determine its own procedure for the delimitation of Municipal Corporation Wards of all the three Municipal Corporations of Delhi in regard to obtaining census data and relevant maps, to obtain and compile all census data (Census 2011), preparation of maps of newly framed wards including digital maps, determining of wards boundaries by roads and lanes and to obtain assistance of concerned local authorities viz. all the three Municipal Corporations of Delhi to verify new boundaries at spot in terms of roads and lanes and to ensure that no boundary of a ward crosses the boundary of a concerned Assembly constituency, to publicise the draft delimitation order for the information of general public for inviting objections etc. to the Draft Order within a specified period, to consider and dispose of all suggestions and objections so received including paying field visits wherever necessary and to prepare the Final Delimitation Order. The Final Delimitation Order shall be published in an extra ordinary issue of Delhi Gazette.

4.PUBLICATION OF ORDERS AND THEIR DATE OF OPERATION.

Wide publicity to the draft order shall be given through press, media and prominent dailies and exhibit of the same on the web site of the Commission for the information of general public and all concerned and to invite suggestions thereof.

As soon as may be after all the processes have been completed by the Commission and Final Draft Order has been framed, the Commission shall send the Final Draft Order to the Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi, for getting approval of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi. Thereafter, the same shall be published in an extra ordinary gazette of Delhi. On such publication in the Delhi Gazette, the Delimitation Order for Municipal Wards shall have the force of law and shall not be called in question in any court as provided in article 243ZG of the Constitution of India.

The Govt. of Delhi shall place a copy of the Final Delimitation Order of Municipal Wards on the tables of the Delhi State Legislative

Assembly as well as on the tables of the three Municipal Corporations of Delhi.

5 .POWERS TO MAINTAIN DELIMITATION ORDERS UP-TO-DATE.

The Election Commission of NCT of Delhi may, from time to time by notification in the Delhi Gazette,-

a) correct any printing mistake in any of the orders made by it or any error arising therein from an inadvertent slip or omission; and

b) where the boundaries or name of an Assembly constituency or particular or particulars of 'enumeration blocks' (popularly known as 'EB') or in any other particulars of description in the extent of a ward of a Corporation is altered, make such amendments as may appear to it to be necessary or expedient for bringing the orders up-to-date, so, however, that the boundaries or areas or extent of any ward shall not be changed by any such notification. Such notification or notifications shall also be published in an extraordinary gazette of Delhi and a copy thereof laid on tables of the Delhi Legislative Assembly and the concerned Municipal Corporation forthwith.



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