



# महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र

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प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

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स्वतंत्र संकलन म्हणून फाईल करण्यासाठी या भागाला वेगळे पृष्ठ क्रमांक दिले आहेत

## भाग एक-अ-मध्य उप-विभाग

महाराष्ट्र जिल्हा परिषदा व पंचायत समित्या, ग्रामपंचायती, नगरपरिषदा, प्राथमिक शिक्षण आणि स्थानिक निधी लेखा परीक्षा अधिनियम याखालील (भाग चार-ब मध्ये प्रसिद्ध करण्यात आलेले आदेश व अधिसूचना याव्यतिरिक्त) आदेश व अधिसूचना

### STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, MAHARASHTRA

New Administrative Building, Opp. Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road,  
Mumbai 400 032, dated 23rd July 1997.

#### CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

No. SEC/GEN/1097/CR-241/D-3.—Whereas by the 73rd and the 74th amendment to the Constitution of India the responsibility of holding the elections to the Panchayats and the Municipalities is cast upon the State Election Commission ;

And whereas the superintendence, direction and control of all the elections to the Panchayats and Municipalities in the State vest in the State Election Commission, Maharashtra;

And whereas a provision, in regard to the specification of distinguishing mark to be stamped on the ballot paper is not prescribed in the Acts and the rules made thereunder governing elections to the Panchayats and the Municipalities ;

And whereas the distinguishing mark is required to be stamped on the back of the ballot paper before it is issued to the voter in the election to the Panchayats and the Municipalities ;

And whereas it is necessary and expedient in the interest of purity of elections to the Panchayats and the Municipalities, and also in the interest of conduct of such elections in a free, fair and in efficient manner, to provide for the specification of the distinguishing mark to be used uniformly throughout the State ;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 243-K and Article 243-ZA of the Constitution of India, read with sub-section (4) of section 18A of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Act (Bom. III of 1888), sub-section (4) of section 9-B of the City of Nagpur Corporation Act, 1948 (C.P. and Berar II of 1950), sub-section (4) of section (4) of section 14 of the Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporations Act, 1949 (Bom. LIX of 1949), sub-section 10A of the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965 (Mah.

XL of 1965), sub-section (4) of section 10A of the Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1958 (Bom. III of 1959), and sub-section (4) of section 9A of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961 (Mah. V of 1962), and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I, D. N. Chaudhari, State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra hereby make the following order, namely :—


1. *Short title, extent and the commencement.*—(1) This order may be called the Specification of the distinguishing Mark Order, 1997.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Maharashtra.

(3) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

2. *Specification of distinguishing mark on ballot paper.*—The distinguishing mark required to be stamped on the back of the ballot paper before it is issued to the voter in the elections to the Panchayats and the Municipalities constituted under provisions of any of the relevant Acts, referred to above, shall be as specified below :—

The ward number in the Panchayat or the Municipal elections, shall appear on the upper side of the line and the number of polling station situated in such a ward shall appear on the lower side of the line and the figure shall be encircle. For instance, in the case of election to ward or electoral division or electoral college, as the case may be,

No. 20 and polling station No. 2, the distinguishing mark shall appear as . All ballot papers issued.

in polling station No. 2, in a ward, electoral division or electoral college, as the case may be, shall be stamped with a rubber stamp of such encircled figures, on the reverse of each ballot paper including on its counterfoil.

3. *Special provision in regard to distinguishing mark.*—If it is not possible to rubber stamp the ballot papers for any unavoidable reasons in the Panchayat or the Municipal elections, as mentioned in clause 2, the figures may be written by hand as shown above and the circle need not be drawn.

D. N. CHAUDHARI,  
State Election Commissioner,  
Maharashtra.