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*Section VI*

NOTIFICATION

Dacca, the 30th November, 1976.

No. S.R.O. 423-L/76/S-VI/3R-8/76/42.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 86 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1976 (XC of 1976), the Government is pleased to make the following Rules, namely:—

**THE UNION PARISHADS (ELECTION) RULES, 1976**

PART I

Preliminary

1. **Short title.**—These rules may be called the Union Parishads (Election) Rules, 1976.

2. **Definitions.**—(1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

- (a) “candidate” means a person who has been proposed as a candidate for election as a member or Chairman;
- (b) “contesting candidate” means a candidate who has been validly nominated for election as a member or Chairman and has not, on or before the withdrawal date, withdrawn his candidature;

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- (c) "delimitation officer" means a delimitation officer appointed under section 19 of the Ordinance and includes an assistant delimitation officer exercising the powers and performing the functions of delimitation officer;
- (d) "election" means election of a member or Chairman of a Union Parishad;
- (e) "election agent" means an election agent appointed by a candidate under rule 24;
- (f) "election petition" means an election petition made under section 26 of the Ordinance;
- (g) "electoral roll" means an electoral roll prepared under the Electoral Rolls Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XIV of 1976) and deemed to be the electoral roll for a ward under section 21 of the Ordinance;
- (h) "Form" means a form set out in Schedule I and includes a translation thereof into Bengali;
- (i) "nomination day" means the day appointed for the nomination of candidates;
- (j) "Ordinance" means the Bangladesh Local Government Ordinance, 1976 (XC of 1976);
- (k) "polling agent" means a polling agent appointed by a candidate under rule 25;
- (l) "polling day" means the day on which poll is taken for an election;
- (m) "Polling Officer" means a Polling Officer appointed under rule 8 for a polling station;
- (n) "Presiding Officer" means a Presiding Officer appointed under rule 8 for a polling station and includes an Assistant Presiding Officer exercising the powers and performing the functions of Presiding Officer;
- (o) "returned candidate" means a candidate who has been declared elected as a member or Chairman;
- (p) "Returning Officer" means a Returning Officer appointed under rule 6 and includes an Assistant Returning Officer exercising the powers and performing the functions of Returning Officer;
- (q) "Schedule" means a Schedule to these rules;
- (r) "scrutiny day" means the day appointed for the scrutiny of nomination papers;
- (s) "Tribunal" means an Election Tribunal appointed under section 27 of the Ordinance for trial of election petitions;
- (t) "voter" means a person whose name for the time being appears on the electoral roll of the ward concerned;
- (u) "voters' list" means the electoral roll arranged for a ward under rule 5;
- (v) "withdrawal day" means the day appointed under rule 10(1)(c) on or before which candidature may be withdrawn.

(2) Other words and expressions used in these rules and not defined have the same meaning as are respectively assigned to them in section 2 of the Ordinance.

3. **Prescribed Authority.**—For the purpose of conducting all elections to Union Parishads, the Prescribed Authority shall, subject to the Ordinance, follow the procedures laid down in these rules.

## PART II

### ELECTION

4. **Delimitation of wards.**—(1) For the first general elections to Union Parishads, unless the Government otherwise directs, the existing unions shall be deemed to be unions declared under section 3 of the Ordinance; and all the existing wards within the said unions shall be deemed to be wards thereof delimited under Chapter II of Part II of the Ordinance.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (1), the delimitation officer shall divide the union into three wards in accordance with the provisions laid down in section 20 of the Ordinance and shall publish a preliminary list of such wards together with a notice inviting objections or suggestions at his office and at such other place or places, within his jurisdiction, as he may consider necessary.

(3) The notice shall specify that objections or suggestions may be filed within fifteen days of the publication of the list under sub-rule (2) and be presented to the delimitation officer.

(4) The Subdivisional Officer shall appoint as many appellate authorities as it may consider necessary for deciding objections and suggestions with respect to the delimitation of wards and shall specify the wards for which any such appointment has been made.

(5) Objections or suggestions not received within the specified period shall be rejected by the delimitation officer.

(6) Subject to such direction as may be given by the Subdivisional Officer in this behalf, the delimitation officer shall forward the objections and suggestions received under sub-rule (3) to the appellate authority.

(7) On receipt of objections and suggestions under sub-rule (6), the appellate authority may hear the parties and conduct such enquiries as it may consider necessary and shall, within such time as may be specified by the Subdivisional Officer, take decision on such objections and suggestions; and the decision so taken shall be final.

(8) The delimitation officer shall incorporate such changes as may be ordered by the appellate authority in the preliminary list of wards.

(9) The delimitation officer shall, after making amendments, alterations or modifications, if any, publish the final list of wards at his office and at such other place or places within his jurisdiction as he may consider necessary and shall forward attested copies thereof to the Subdivisional Officer who shall publish the list of wards in the official Gazette.

**5. Arrangement of electoral roll.**—(1) The Subdivisional Officer shall cause to be arranged the electoral roll of the areas comprised in a ward in such manner that there shall be separate electoral roll for each such ward and for that purpose the Subdivisional Officer may appoint such officer or officers as he may consider necessary.

(2) The arrangement of electoral roll under sub-rule (1) shall be made in such manner that there shall be separate electoral roll both for male and female voters in a ward.

**6. Appointment of Returning Officers.**—(1) For the purpose of an election the Prescribed Authority shall appoint, from amongst the officers of the Government or of any local authority, a Returning Officer for each Union:

Provided that the same person may be appointed as Returning Officer for two or more Unions.

(2) The Prescribed Authority may appoint, from amongst the officers of the Government or of any local authority, as many Assistant Returning Officers as may be necessary to assist the Returning Officer in conducting election.

(3) It shall be the duty of a Returning Officer and of an Assistant Returning Officer performing the functions of the Returning Officer to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for conducting an election in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance and these rules.

**7. Polling stations and polling booths.**—(1) The Returning Officer shall provide one or more polling stations for each ward.

(2) Each polling station shall have one polling booth with two compartments (hereinafter referred to as polling compartment)—one for members and the other for Chairman.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall regulate the polling at each polling station in such a way that male and female voters are enable to cast their votes separately.

(4) Outside and inside the polling station there shall be displayed prominently a list of contesting candidates with their symbols.

(5) The ballot boxes of the candidates for election as members and the ballot boxes of the candidates for election as Chairman shall be placed in two separate polling compartments for reception of ballot papers during poll.

(6) The polling compartments shall be so designed that every voter can insert a ballot paper into any ballot box screened from observation by any other person.

(7) No polling station shall be located in any such premises as belong to or are under the control of any candidate.

**8. Presiding Officers and Polling Officers.**—(1) The Returning Officer shall appoint for each polling station a Presiding Officer and such number of Assistant Presiding Officers and Polling Officers to assist the Presiding Officer as he may consider necessary:

Provided that a person who is, or has at any time been, employed by, or on behalf of, a candidate, or his agent, shall not be appointed either as Presiding Officer or as a Polling Officer.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall conduct the poll in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance and these rules, and shall be responsible for the maintenance of order at the polling station and report to the Returning Officer any fact or incident which may in his opinion affect the fairness of the poll. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Presiding Officer and each Polling Officer to assist the Presiding Officer in the discharge of his duties under these rules.

(3) In case a Polling Officer is unable or fails to report for duties at the polling station, the Presiding Officer shall appoint one person on the spot, not being a candidate or not being related to the candidate, to perform the duties of the Polling Officer. Any absence of a Polling Officer and the reasons thereafter and the appointment made in his place shall, as soon as possible after the close of the poll, be reported to the Returning Officer.

(4) The Returning Officer shall authorise one of the Assistant Presiding Officers or one of the Polling Officers to act in place of the Presiding Officer if the Presiding Officer is, at any time during the poll, by reason of illness or other cause, not present at the polling station or is unable to perform his functions; and any absence of the Presiding Officer, and the reasons therefor, shall, as soon as possible after the close of the poll, be reported to the Returning Officer.

(5) The Returning Officer may, at any time during the poll, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend any Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or Polling Officer and make such arrangements as he may consider necessary for the performance of the functions of the officer so suspended.

9. **Supply of voters' list.**—The Returning Officer shall provide the Presiding Officer of each polling station with copies of voters' list containing the names of the voters entitled to vote at that polling station.

10. **Notification of days of different stages of election.**—(1) For the purpose of holding an election the Prescribed Authority shall, subject to such directions as the Government may give in this behalf, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint—

- (a) a day, at least five days after the date of such notification, for the nomination of candidates;
- (b) a day for the scrutiny of nomination papers;
- (c) a day on or before which candidature may be withdrawn; and
- (d) a day, at least fifteen days after the withdrawal day, for taking of the poll.

(2) A copy of such notification shall be published locally at some prominent place in the ward to which it may relate as well as at the office of the Returning Officer and the office of the Union Parishad.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) no such notification shall be necessary in the case of a bye-election and the Returning Officer shall in such case appoint by notice in writing, a nomination day, a scrutiny day, a withdrawal day and a polling day at such intervals as he deems expedient. Each such notice shall be published in the manner provided in sub-rule (2).

11. **Public notice inviting nomination.**—The Returning Officer shall as soon as may be after the publication of a notification under rule 10, give public notice

in respect of each ward, inviting nominations and specifying the time before which and the place or places at which nomination papers shall be delivered to him.

12. **Nomination.**—(1) Any voter of a ward may, for the purpose of election of a member for that ward, propose or second the name of any person who is duly qualified to be elected as member.

(2) Any voter of any ward of a Union may, for the purpose of election of a Chairman, propose or second the name of any person who is duly qualified to be elected as Chairman.

(3) Every proposal for election of a member shall be made in Form A and every proposal for election of a Chairman shall be made in Form B and shall be signed by the proposer and seconder and shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the candidate that he has consented to his nomination and that he is not subject to any disqualification under section 9(2) of the Ordinance for being elected as member or Chairman, as the case may be:

Provided that no person shall subscribe more than one nomination paper either as a proposer or as a seconder, and if any person subscribes more than one nomination paper, all such nomination papers after the first received by the Returning Officer shall be void.

(4) Every nomination paper shall be delivered on the nomination day by the candidate or his proposer or seconder to the Returning Officer who shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of the nomination paper.

13. **Deposit.**—(1) The nomination paper for each candidate shall be accompanied by a Treasury challan showing deposit of the sum of—

(a) one hundred taka, in the case of election of member;

(b) two hundred taka, in the case of election of Chairman; or a receipt showing deposit of similar amount in cash with the Returning Officer.

(2) No nomination paper shall be accepted by the Returning Officer unless the deposit referred to in sub-rule (1) has been made.

(3) The Returning Officer shall maintain a Register in Form C in which he shall enter the particulars of any deposit made to him in cash or otherwise.

(4) The cash deposit shall be acknowledged by granting a receipt in Form D and shall be deposited by the Returning Officer into a Government Treasury or Sub-Treasury or any branch of the Sonali Bank.

(5) The head of account for the purpose of deposit in a Government Treasury or Sub-Treasury or in any branch of the Sonali Bank or of any Scheduled Bank by the candidate or the Returning Officer shall be "P—Deposits and Advances—Part II—Deposit not bearing interest Civil Deposit—Deposits in connection with election".

14. **Return or forfeiture of deposit.**—(1) The return of a deposit which is required to be refunded to a candidate shall be authorised under the seal and signature of the Returning Officer

(2) If nomination of a candidate has been rejected or a candidate has withdrawn or died before the poll, the deposit shall be returned to the person making it or to his legal representative, as soon as may be, after rejection, withdrawal or death, as the case may be.

(3) If, after a poll is taken the counting of votes is completed, a contesting candidate is found not to have polled more than one-eighth of the total number of votes cast at the election, his deposit shall be forfeited to the Union Fund.

(4) If any election petition is filed with the Election Tribunal calling in question the validity of any election, the deposits concerning that election shall neither be refunded to the candidate nor it shall be forfeited to the Union Fund till it is finally disposed of.

**15. Symbols.**—(1) Each candidate for election as member from a ward shall select a symbol from the list given in Schedule II and state it in his nomination paper.

(2) If symbols selected by candidates for election as member from a ward are found to conflict with each other, the Returning Officer shall allocate the symbols in conformity with the wishes of the candidates, as far as possible, and if necessary, by lot; and his decision in this respect shall be final.

(3) Each candidate for election as Chairman shall select a symbol from the list given in Schedule III and state it in his nomination paper.

(4) If symbols selected by candidates for election as Chairman are found to conflict with each other, the Returning Officer shall allocate the symbols in conformity with the wishes of the candidates, as far as possible, and if necessary, by lot; and his decision in this respect shall be final.

(5) If in any election the number of candidates is more than the number of symbols in the list given in Schedules II and III, the Prescribed Authority may add the required number of new symbols to the list.

**16. Scrutiny.**—(1) The candidates, their election agents, proposers and seconders and one other person authorised in this behalf by each candidate may attend the scrutiny of nomination papers and the Returning Officer shall give them reasonable opportunity for examining all nomination papers delivered to him under rule 12.

(2) The Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the persons attending the scrutiny under sub-rule (1), examine the nomination papers and decide any objection raised by any such person to any nomination.

(3) The Returning Officer may, either of his own motion or upon objection, conduct such summary enquiry as he may think fit and reject a nomination paper if he is satisfied that—

- (a) the candidate is not qualified to be elected as a member or Chairman, as the case may be;
- (b) the proposer or the seconder is not qualified to subscribe to the nomination paper;
- (c) any provision of rule 12 or rule 13 has not been complied with; or
- (d) the signature of the proposer or the seconder is not genuine:

Provided that—

- (i) the rejection of a nomination paper shall not invalidate the nomination of a candidate by any other valid nomination paper;

- (ii) the Returning Officer shall not reject a nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of a substantial nature and may allow any such defect to be remedied forthwith; and
- (iii) the Returning Officer shall not enquire into the correctness or validity of any entry in the electoral roll.

(4) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each nomination paper his decision accepting or rejecting it, and shall, in the case of rejection, record a brief statement of the reason therefor.

**17. Appeal against rejection of nomination by the Returning Officer.—**

(1) Any candidate whose nomination has been rejected by the Returning Officer under sub-rule (4) of rule 16 may appeal to the Subdivisional Officer against the rejection within two days of the date of scrutiny.

(2) An appeal against rejection of nomination shall be disposed of within two days from the date of filing of the appeal either summarily or after such summary inquiry as may be considered necessary by the Subdivisional Officer and the decision taken on any such appeal shall be final.

**18. Publication of the list of validly nominated candidates.—**The Returning Officer shall, after scrutiny of the nomination papers under rule 16, or, in case of any appeal under rule 17, after receipt of the decision on the appeal, prepare and publish in a conspicuous place of his office the list of validly nominated candidates in Form E.

**19. Withdrawal of candidature.—**Any candidate whose name is included in the list published under rule 18 may, by a notice in writing signed by him and delivered, on or before the withdrawal day, to the Returning Officer, either by such candidate in person or by an agent authorised in this behalf in writing by such candidate, withdraw his candidature.

**20. Death of candidate before poll.—**If a contesting candidate dies at any time before a poll is held, the poll shall be restricted to the remaining candidates.

**21. Uncontested election.—**(1) If the number of candidates for election as members in a ward be equal to the number of members to be elected from such ward, the Returning Officer shall declare such candidates to be duly elected.

(2) If the number of candidates for election as members in a ward be less than the required number the candidates shall be declared elected by the Returning Officer who shall arrange a second election for filling the remaining vacancy or vacancies.

(3) If there is only one candidate for election as Chairman, the Returning Officer shall declare the candidate to be duly elected.

**22. Contested election.—**If the number of contesting candidates for election as members in a ward is more than the required number of members, a poll shall be held. For that purpose, the Returning Officer shall publish in the office of the Union Parishad and in such places in the ward as the Returning Officer may consider necessary, a list in Form F containing the names in alphabetical order and addresses of the contesting candidates as given in the nomination paper and the symbols assigned to each such candidate at least one week before the date fixed for polling under clause (d) of rule 10.



23. **Votes by ballot.**—At every election where a poll is held, votes shall be given by ballot in the manner provided in these rules and no votes shall be received by proxy.

24. **Appointment of election agent.**—(1) A candidate for election as member may appoint a person qualified to be elected as a member to be his election agent.

(2) A candidate for election as Chairman may appoint a person qualified to be elected as a Chairman to be his election agent.

(3) The appointment of an election agent may, at any time, be revoked in writing by the candidate and, when it is so revoked or the election agent dies, another person may be appointed by the candidate to be his election agent.

(4) When an election agent is appointed, the candidate shall send to the Returning Officer a notice in writing of the appointment containing the name, father's name and address of the election agent.

(5) Where no appointment of an election agent is made under this rule, a candidate shall be deemed to be his own election agent and shall, so far as the circumstances permit, be subject to the provisions of these rules both as a candidate and as an election agent.

25. **Appointment of polling agent.**—(1) The contesting candidate or his election agent may, before the commencement of the poll, appoint for each polling station not more than one polling agent for one booth.

(2) The appointment of a polling agent under sub-rule (1) may at any time be revoked by the candidate or his election agent and, when it is so revoked or the polling agent dies, another person may be appointed by the candidate or the election agent to be a polling agent; and a notice of such appointment shall be given to the Presiding Officer.

26. **Elections to be simultaneous.**—The election of members and Chairman shall be held simultaneously on the date fixed under clause (d) of sub-rule (1) of rule 10.

27. **Place and hours of poll.**—The Returning Officer shall, subject to any direction of the Prescribed Authority, fix the place (hereinafter referred to as polling station) at which and the hours between which the poll shall be taken and give public notice of the place and hour so fixed.

28. **Ballot box.**—(1) The Returning Officer shall provide each Presiding Officer with such number of ballot boxes as there are number of contesting candidates for election as members and Chairman in a polling station.

(2) At least half an hour before the time fixed for the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall show the empty ballot boxes one after another to the contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents whoever may be present.

(3) After the ballot boxes have been shown to be empty, the Presiding Officer shall place inside each ballot box a symbol of each individual candidate and affix another on the outside of it and then he shall close and seal each ballot box. In doing so, if a candidate desires, he may be allowed to affix his portrait on the outside of the box. A picture or photograph which is not

merely a portrait of the candidate but represents him either with others or performing any acts shall not be permitted. A candidate shall not be allowed to put any other mark on the ballot box.

(4) When all the ballot boxes have been closed and sealed in pursuance of sub-rule (3), the Presiding Officer shall arrange the ballot boxes inside the polling compartment in alphabetical order of the names of the candidates to receive ballot papers.

**29. Form of ballot paper.**—(1) The ballot papers for recording of votes for election of members shall be in Form G. It shall be serially numbered and printed on white paper in black ink each with one counterfoil and three outerfoils containing same serial number.

(2) The ballot paper for recording of votes for election of Chairman shall be in Form H. It shall be serially numbered and printed on ink other than paper in black ink each with one counterfoil and one outerfoil with same serial number.

**30. Adjourned poll.**—(1) If at any time, the poll at the polling station is interrupted or obstructed for reasons beyond the control of the Presiding Officer, he shall stop the poll and inform the Returning Officer that he has done so.

(2) Where a poll has been stopped under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall—

- (a) immediately report the circumstances to the Prescribed Authority;
- (b) appoint, as soon as may be, with the approval of the Prescribed Authority, a day for a fresh poll; and
- (c) fix a place or places at which and the hours during which such fresh poll shall be taken.

(3) All voters shall be allowed to vote at the fresh poll taken under sub-rule (2) and no vote cast at the poll stopped under sub-rule (1) shall be counted.

**31. Admission to polling station.**—(1) The Presiding Officer shall regulate the number of voters to be admitted to the polling station at the same time, and shall exclude all other person except—

- (a) the contesting candidates and their polling agents;
- (b) the Polling Officers and other officers appointed by the Returning Officers to attend at the polling station;
- (c) any child in arms accompanying voter;
- (d) the companions of blind and invalid voters; and
- (e) any other person on duty in connection with the election.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall maintain order at the polling station. He shall also see that the secrecy of voting is maintained.

(3) There shall be at least two constables and two mahalladars on duty either inside or outside each polling station as the Presiding Officer shall direct, who shall under the orders of the Presiding Officer assist in expediting and regulating the passage of voters inside the polling station or maintain order either inside or outside the polling station.

**32. Maintenance of order at polling station.**—(1) Any person who misconducts himself in a polling station or fails to obey the lawful orders of the

Presiding Officer may immediately, by order of the Presiding Officer, be removed from the polling station by any police officer or by any other person authorised by the Presiding Officer to remove him, and the person so removed shall not, without the permission of the Presiding Officer, again enter the polling station during the day.

(2) Any person so removed may, if accused of an offence in a polling station, be dealt with as a person arrested without warrant.

(3) The powers under this rule shall not be so exercised as to deprive a voter otherwise entitled to vote of an opportunity to vote at that or another polling station.

**33. Canvassing.**—(1) The candidates and their election agent or polling agents shall not speak to or address any intending voter in the polling enclosure, but may submit to the Presiding Officer objections to a voter on any of the following grounds:—

- (a) that his name is not on the list of voters of the ward in respect of which the election is being held;
- (b) that his claim to be certain voter shown on the list of voters is false; and
- (c) that he has already voted.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall hear objections and summarily decide the same. His decision shall be final.

**34. Manner of voting.**—The procedure for recording a vote shall be as follows:

- (a) a voter shall be entitled to vote for the ward in which he is a voter; and
- (b) a voter shall be entitled to vote for—
  - (i) as many candidates as there are vacancies for election of members but shall not give more than one vote for any one candidate; and
  - (ii) one candidate for the office of the Chairman.

**35. Voting procedure.**—(1) When a voter presents himself at the polling station to vote, the Polling Officer shall, after satisfying himself about the identity of the voter, issue to him two ballot papers after putting his initials on each outerfoils—

- (a) one for members containing three outerfoils; and
- (b) one for Chairman.

(2) Before the ballot paper is issued to a voter—

- (a) the number and name of the voter as entered in the voters' list shall be called out;
- (b) a mark shall be placed on the voters' list against the number and name of the voter to indicate that ballot paper has been issued to him;
- (c) the ballot papers shall on their back be stamped with the official mark;
- (d) the number of the voter on the voters' list shall be marked in writing on the counterfoil by the Polling Officer who shall also stamp the counterfoil with the official mark.

(3) The official mark shall be kept secret until the commencement of the poll.

(4) The voter, on receiving the ballot papers, shall forthwith enter—

(a) the polling compartment meant for members and insert the three outerfoils of the ballot paper in Form G in the three ballot boxes separately bearing the symbol and portrait, if any, of the candidates for whom he wishes to vote; and

(b) the polling compartment meant for Chairman and insert the ballot paper in form H in the ballot box bearing the symbol and portrait, if any, of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

(5) The voter shall vote without undue delay and shall leave the polling station immediately after he has inserted his ballot papers in the ballot box.

(6) Where a voter is blind or is otherwise so incapacitated that he cannot vote without the assistance of a companion, the Presiding Officer shall allow him such assistance and thereupon such voter may do, with such assistance anything which a voter is required or permitted to do under these rules.

36. **Tendered votes**—(1) If a person representing himself to be a voter applies for a ballot paper when another person has already represented himself to be that voter and has voted under the name of the person so applying, he shall, on satisfactorily answering the questions, be entitled to take a ballot paper in the same manner as any other voter; such voter shall be required to affix thumb-impression on the counterfoil of the ballot paper and to sign it if he can. His name and serial number in the voters' list shall be noted on the counterfoil by the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer. The ballot paper shall then be handed over to him to enable him to cast his vote.

(2) A tendered ballot paper shall instead of being put into the ballot box be given to the Presiding Officer by the person receiving it after getting it folded.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall endorse on the tendered ballot paper the name and number in the voters' list of the person applying for it and place it in a separate packet endorsed with the name of the candidate for whom such person wishes to vote.

(4) The name of the person applying for a ballot paper under sub-rule (1) and his number on the voters' list shall be entered in a list (hereinafter referred to as "the tendered votes list") to be prepared by the Presiding Officer in Form I.

37. **Challenged ballot paper**.—(1) If at the time a person applies for a ballot paper for the purpose of voting or after he has applied and before he has left the polling station a candidate or his polling agent declares to the

Presiding Officer that he has reasonable cause to believe that the person has committed an offence of personation and undertakes to prove the charge in the court of law, the Presiding Officer may, after warning the person of the consequences of personation and if he is satisfied with the answers given by him, issue a ballot paper to that person. Before the ballot paper is handed over to the voter, he shall be required to affix his thumb-impression on the counterfoil and to sign his name if he can. The name and serial number of the voter in the voters' list shall be entered on the counterfoil by the Presiding Officer. The voter shall then be allowed to cast his vote :

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Presiding Officer unless a sum of five taka has been deposited in cash with the Presiding Officer by the candidate or his election agent or polling agent for each challenge made under this rule.

(2) If the Presiding Officer issues a ballot paper under sub-rule (1) to such person, he shall enter the name and address of that person in a list to be prepared by him in Form J (hereinafter referred to as "the challenged voters' list") and obtain thereon the signature or thumb-impression of that person.

(3) A ballot paper issued under sub-rule (1) shall be folded by the voter and placed in the same condition in a separate packet bearing the label "challenged ballot papers" instead of being placed in the ballot box.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall deposit the amount received by him under sub-rule (1) with the Returning Officer, who, in turn, shall deposit it into a Government Treasury or Sub-Treasury or in any branch of the Sonali Bank under the head "XLVI—Misc.—Misc.—Other items—Election Receipts."

38. **Voting after close of poll.**—No person shall be given any ballot paper or be permitted to vote after the hour fixed for the close of the poll, except the persons who at that hour are present within the building, room, tent or enclosure in which the polling station is situated and have not voted but are waiting to vote.

39. **Spoilt and cancelled ballot paper.**—(1) If a voter has inadvertently dealt with his ballot paper in such manner that it cannot conveniently be used as a ballot paper, he may apply to the Presiding Officer for replacement of the spoilt ballot paper. If the Presiding Officer is satisfied of such inadvertence, he shall pass order on the Polling Officer to issue another ballot paper to the voter concerned in lieu of the spoilt ballot paper. The spoilt ballot paper shall be cancelled under the signature of the Presiding Officer.

(2) If any voter does not use a ballot paper after he has obtained the same, he shall return it to the Presiding Officer who shall cancel it under his signature.

(3) If any ballot paper which has been issued to a voter has not been inserted by him into any ballot box but is found anywhere in or near the polling station, it shall be cancelled under the signature of the Presiding Officer.

(4) All such spoilt and cancelled ballot papers shall be kept in separate covers marked "Spoilt and cancelled ballot papers Nos..... for election of members" and "Spoilt and cancelled ballot papers Nos..... for election of Chairman"; and the covers shall be sealed by the Presiding Officer.

40. Counting of votes, etc.—(1) Immediately after the close of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall, in the presence of such of the contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents as may be present at the polling station, satisfy that seals affixed to the ballot boxes are intact.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall—

(a) arrange separately the ballot boxes of the contesting candidates for election as members and Chairman and open them in the alphabetical order of the names of the contesting candidates and count the entire lot of ballot papers taken out therefrom; and

(b) open the packet labelled "challenged ballot papers" and include the ballot-papers therein in the count.

(3) The Presiding Officer may recount the votes—

(a) of his own motion if he considers it necessary; or

(b) upon the request of a contesting candidate or an election agent present if, in his opinion, the request is not unreasonable.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall reject a ballot paper as invalid if it bears no official mark or initial of the Polling Officer.

(5) When the counting of votes cast in favour of each contesting candidate for election as member is completed, the Presiding Officer shall prepare a statement in Form K and declare to be elected the contesting candidates in favour of whom the highest number of votes have been cast. In the case of an equal number of votes being recorded in favour of one or more contesting candidates, all of whom cannot be returned, the selection shall be made from such contesting candidates by lot in such manner as the Presiding Officer may deem fit. The contesting candidate or candidates thus selected shall be declared to be duly elected;

Provided that where more polling stations than one have been provided for a ward the provisions of sub-rules (8) and (9) shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply for the consolidation of result of the count in respect of members.

(6) The Presiding Officer shall send the statement prepared in Form K to the Returning Officer.

(7) The Presiding Officer shall supply duly attested copies of the statement in Form K showing the result of the count in respect of the members to such of the contesting candidates or their election agents as may desire to have them.

(8) When the counting of votes cast in favour of each contesting candidate for election as Chairman is completed, the Presiding Officer shall prepare a statement in Form L and, with the signatures of the contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents, as may desire to sign, send the same to the Returning Officer.

(9) Immediately on receipt of the statements in Form L from all the polling stations, the Returning Officer or any other Officer authorised by the Prescribed Authority in this behalf, shall consolidate in Form M the valid votes cast in favour of each of the contesting candidates in each of the polling stations in the union as per statements in Form L in presence of the contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents at fixed time and shall declare to be elected the contesting candidate in favour of whom the highest number of votes have been cast. In the case of equal number of votes being recorded in favour of two or more contesting candidates, selection shall be made from such contesting candidates by lot in such manner as the Returning Officer may deem fit. The contesting candidate thus selected shall be declared to be duly elected.

(10) The Returning Officer shall supply duly attested copies of the statement in Form M showing the consolidated result of the count in respect of Chairman to such of the contesting candidates or their election agents as may desire to have them.

41. Papers to be enclosed in packets.—(1) The Presiding Officer shall enclose into separate packets the following papers connected with election of members and Chairman:—

- (a) the valid ballot papers in favour of contesting candidates;
- (b) spoilt and cancelled ballot papers;
- (c) a statement showing the result of the count;
- (d) the unissued ballot papers together with their counterfoils;
- (e) the tendered ballot papers together with the tendered votes list;
- (f) the challenged ballot papers together with the challenged votes list;
- (g) marked copies of voters' list; and
- (h) the counterfoils of the issued ballot papers.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall obtain on each packet enclosed by him under sub-rule (1) the signature of such of the contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents as may desire to sign it.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall prepare a ballot paper account separately for members or Chairman in Form N.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall send the packets and documents mentioned in this rule to the Returning Officer without delay under proper escort in a

packet or more, duly sealed and shall obtain the signatures of the contesting candidates or their election agents or polling agents as may desire to sign the packet or packets.

42. **Publication of result.**—After the results of election of members and Chairman of a Union Parishad have been declared, the Returning Officer shall prepare a list in Form O showing the names and addresses of all the contesting candidates declared elected and forward the list to the Prescribed Authority who shall cause it to be published in the official Gazette.

43. **Delivery of documents to the Prescribed Authority.**—The Returning Officer shall, subject to the instruction issued from the Prescribed Authority forward to the Prescribed Authority in a box or gunny bag, properly secured and sealed so as to ensure that nothing is removable from the box or bag without breaking the seal, the documents received by him under rule 41 from the Presiding Officer with a statement containing the list of documents.

### PART III

#### ELECTION DISPUTES

44. **Parties to an election petition.**—A candidate making an election petition shall join as respondents to his election petition—

- (a) all contesting candidates; and
- (b) any other candidate against whom any allegation, if any, of any corrupt or illegal practice is made.

*Explanation.*—In this rule and in rule 50, 'corrupt or illegal practice' means a 'corrupt practice' or an 'illegal practice' within the meaning of Part V of these rules.

45. **Manner of filing petition.**—(1) An election petition shall be presented to the Tribunal within thirty days next after the publication of the names of the returned candidates in the official Gazette under rule 42.

(2) The election petition shall be presented to the Tribunal either by the candidate in person or by a person duly authorised in writing by him in this behalf.

(3) Every petition under sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by a receipt showing the deposit under the head mentioned in rule 13(5) of four hundred taka in any branch of the Sonali Bank or a Government Treasury or Sub-Treasury in favour of the Returning Officer as security for the costs of the petition. At any time during the trial of the election petition, the Tribunal may call upon the petitioner to deposit an additional amount as security and the additional amount thus required shall be deposited by the petitioner in the same manner as the original deposit. The Returning Officer shall refund the balance of the deposit after deducting the cost awarded, if any.



(4) An election petition shall set forth clearly the grounds on which the petition is filed and the relief sought.

46. Relief.—The petitioner may claim as relief any of the following declaration:—

- (a) that the election of any returned candidate is void and that the petitioner or some other person has been duly elected; or
- (b) that the election as a whole is void.

47. Signature and verification of petition.—Every election petition shall be signed by the petitioner and verified in the manner provided for the verification of plaints in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908).

48. Procedure before Tribunal.—Subject to the provisions of these rules, every election petition shall be tried, as nearly as may be, in accordance with the procedure for the trial of suits under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908):

Provided that the Tribunal may—

- (a) make a memorandum of the substance of the evidence of each witness as his examination proceeds unless it considers that there is special reason for taking down the evidence of any witness in full; and
- (b) refuse to examine a witness if it considers that his evidence is not material or that he has been called on a frivolous ground for the purpose of delaying the proceedings.

49. Power of the Tribunal.—The Tribunal shall have all the powers of a civil court trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908), and shall be deemed to be a civil court within the meaning of sections 480 and 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898).

50. The trial of petition.—(1) A Tribunal shall, upon receipt of an election petition, give notice thereof to all the contesting candidates and such other candidates against whom any allegation, if any, of any corrupt or illegal practice is made at the election to which the election relates.

(2) The Tribunal shall, after giving the contesting candidates and such other candidates against whom any allegation, if any, of any corrupt or illegal practice is made an opportunity of being heard and taking such evidence as may be produced before it, make such orders as it may think fit:

Provided that the Tribunal shall not declare the election of any returned candidate or election as a whole void unless it is satisfied that the result of the election has been materially affected by reason of the failure of any person to comply with, or the contravention of, these rules.

51. Withdrawal and abatement of election petition.—(1) An election petition may be withdrawn by a petitioner at any time during the course of the trial.

- (2) An election petition shall abate on the death of the petitioner.

52. **Cost.**—The Tribunal may, while making an order under rule 50, also make such order as to cost as it may think fit, and when such costs are payable by the petitioner they shall be paid, as far as possible, out of the security deposit made by the petitioner. If any cost payable by the petitioner is not claimed within sixty days of the Tribunal's order, the entire amount of security deposit shall, on application, be refunded to the petitioner or to his legal representative.

#### PART IV

#### OFFENCES, PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE

53. **Corrupt practice.**—A person is guilty of corrupt practice punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to Taka five hundred or with both, if he—

- (1) is guilty of bribery, personation or undue influence;
- (2) makes or publishes a false statement—
  - (a) concerning the personal character of a candidate or any of his relations calculated to adversely affect the election of such candidate or for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of another candidate unless he proves that he had reasonable grounds for believing, and did believe, the statement to be true;
  - (b) relating to the symbol of a candidate, whether or not such symbol has been allocated to such candidate; or
  - (c) regarding the withdrawal of candidate;
- (3) calls upon or persuades any person to vote, or to refrain from voting for any candidate on the ground that he belongs to a particular religion, community, race, caste, sect or tribe;
- (4) knowingly, in order to support or oppose a candidate, lets, lends, employs, hires, borrows or uses any vehicle or vessel for the purpose of conveying to or from the polling station any voter except himself and members of his immediate family; or
- (5) causes or attempts to cause any person present and waiting to vote at the polling station to depart without voting.

54. **Illegal practice.**—A person is guilty of illegal practice punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred taka if he—

- (1) obtains or procures, or attempts to obtain or procure, the assistance of any person in the service of Republic to further or hinder the election of a candidate;
- (2) votes or applies for a ballot paper for voting at an election knowing that he is not qualified for, or is disqualified from, voting;

- (3) votes or applies for a ballot paper for voting more than once in the same polling station;
- (4) votes or applies for a ballot paper for voting in more than one polling station for the same election;
- (5) removes a ballot paper from a polling station during the poll; or
- (6) knowingly induces or procures any person to do any of the aforesaid acts.

55. **Bribery.**—A person is guilty of bribery, if he, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other person on his behalf,—

- (1) receives or agrees to receive or contracts for any gratification for voting or refraining from voting, or for being or refraining from being a candidate at, or for withdrawing from an election;
- (2) gives, offers or promises any gratification to any person—
  - (a) for the purpose of inducing—
    - (i) a person to be, or to refrain from being a candidate at an election;
    - (ii) a voter to vote, or refrain from voting at an election; or
    - (iii) a candidate to withdraw an election; or
  - (b) for the purpose of rewarding—
    - (i) a person for having been, or for having refrained from being, a candidate at an election;
    - (ii) an elector for having voted or refrained from voting at an election; or
    - (iii) a candidate for having withdrawn from an election.

*Explanation.*—In this rule, “gratification” includes a gratification in money or estimable in money and all forms of entertainment or employment.

56. **Personation.**—A person is guilty of personation, if he votes, or applies for a ballot paper for voting, as some other person whether that other person is living or dead or fictitious.

57. **Undue influence.**—A person is guilty of undue influence, if he—

- (1) in order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting, or to offer himself as a candidate, or to withdraw his candidature, at an election, directly or indirectly by himself or by any other person on his behalf,—
  - (a) makes or threatens to make use of any force, violence or restraint;
  - (b) inflicts or threatens to inflict any injury, damage, harm or loss;

- (c) calls down or threatens to call down divine displeasure of any saint or Pir;
  - (d) gives or threatens to give any religious sentence; or
  - (e) uses any official influence or governmental patronage; or
- (2) on account of any person having voted or refrained from voting, or having offered himself as a candidate, or having withdrawn his candidature, does any of the acts specified in clause (1);
- (3) by abduction, duress or any fraudulent device or contrivance,—
- (a) Impedes or prevents the free exercise of the franchise by a voter; or
  - (b) compels, induces or prevails upon any voter to vote or refrain from voting.

*Explanation.*—In this rule, "harm" includes social ostracism or ex-communication or expulsion from any caste or community.

**58. Prohibition of meeting and processions.**—(1) No person shall convene, hold or attend any public meeting, and no person shall promote or join in any procession within the area of any ward during a period of forty-eight hour ending at midnight following the conclusion of the poll for any election in that ward.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-rule (1) shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred taka or with both.

**59. Prohibition of canvassing in or near polling station.**—A person is guilty of an offence punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred taka, if he, within a radius of four hundred yards of the polling station, on the polling day—

- (1) canvasses for votes;
- (2) solicits the vote of any voter;
- (3) persuades any voter not to vote at the election or for a particular candidate; or
- (4) exhibits, except with the permission of the Returning Officer and as a place reserved for the candidate or his election agent beyond radius of one hundred yards of the polling station, any notice, sign, banner or flag designed to encourage the voters to vote, or discourage the voters from voting, for any contesting candidate.

**60. Disorderly conduct near polling station.**—A person is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty taka, or with both, if he, on the polling day—

- (1) uses, in such manner as to be audible within the polling station any gramophone, megaphone, loudspeaker or other apparatus for reproducing or amplifying sounds;

- (2) persistently shouts in such manner as to be audible within the polling station ;
- (3) does any act which—
  - (a) disturbs or causes annoyance to any voter visiting a polling station for the purpose of voting ; or
  - (b) interferes with the performance of the duty of a Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, Polling Officer or any other person, performing any duty at a polling station ; or
- (4) abets the doing of any of the aforesaid acts.

61. **Tampering with papers**—(1) Except as provided in sub-rule (2), a person is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred taka, or with both, if he—

- (a) intentionally defaces or destroys any nomination paper, ballot paper or official mark on a ballot paper ;
- (b) intentionally takes out of the polling station any ballot paper or puts into any ballot box any ballot paper other than the ballot paper he is authorised under these rules to put in ;
- (c) without due authority,—
  - (i) supplies any ballot paper to any person ;
  - (ii) destroys, takes, opens or otherwise interferes with any ballot box or packet of ballot papers in use for the purpose of election ; or
  - (iii) breaks any seal affixed in accordance with the provisions of these rules ;
- (d) forges any ballot paper or official mark ;
- (e) causes any delay or interruption in the beginning, conduct or completion of the procedure required to be immediately carried out on the close of the poll.

(2) A Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or any other officer or clerk on duty in connection with the election, who is guilty of an offence under sub-rule (1), shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to five hundred taka, or with both.

62. **Interference with the secrecy of voting**.—A person is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred taka, or with both, if he—

- (a) interferes or attempts to interfere with a voter when he records his vote ;

- (b) in any manner obtains or attempts to obtain in a polling station information as to the candidate for whom a voter is about to vote or has voted ; or
- (c) communicates any time any information obtained in a polling station as to the candidate for whom a voter is about to vote or has voted.

**63. Failure to maintain secrecy.**—A Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, or Polling Officer, or any candidate, election agent or polling agent attending a polling station or any person attending at the counting of votes is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred taka, or with both, if he—

- (a) fails to maintain or aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting ;
- (b) communicates, except for any purpose authorised by any law, to any person before the poll is closed any information as to the official mark;
- (c) communicates any information obtained at the counting of votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given by any particular ballot paper.

**64. Officials not to act for or against candidates.**—A Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, Polling Officer or any other Officer or clerk performing any duty in connection with an election, or any member of a police force, is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred taka or with both if he in the conduct or management of an election or maintenance of order at a polling station—

- (a) persuades any person to give his vote;
- (b) dissuades any person from giving his vote;
- (c) influences in any manner the voting of any person; or
- (d) does any other act calculated to influence the result of the election.

**65. Breaches of official duty in connection with election.**—A Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer or any other person employed by any such officer in connection with his official duties imposed by or under these rules is guilty of an offence punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred taka if he, wilfully and without reasonable cause, commits breach of any such official duty by act or omission.

**66. Assistance by Government servants.**—A person in the service of the Republic is guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred taka, or with both, if he misuses his official position in a manner calculated to influence the result of the election.

67. Prosecution of offences by public officers.—(1) No court shall take cognizance of an offence under sub-rule (2) of rule 61, rule 63, rule 64, rule 65 or rule 66, except upon a complaint in writing made by order of or under authority from, the Prescribed Authority.

(2) The Prescribed Authority shall, if it has reason to believe that any offence specified in sub-rule (1) has been committed, cause such enquiries to be made or prosecution to be instituted as it may think fit.

68. Limitation for certain prosecution.—No prosecution for an offence under rule 53 or rule 54 shall be commenced except—

- (a) within six months of the commission of the offence; or
- (b) if the election at which the offence was committed is subject to an election petition and a Tribunal has made an order in respect of such offence, within three months of the date of such order.

#### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS

69. Destruction of papers.—On the expiry of six months from the date of the declaration of results of an election, or, if an election petition has been filed under rule 45, as soon as possible after the disposal of the petition, the ballot papers and the sealed covers containing the books of unused ballot papers and the books of counterfoils shall be destroyed by the Prescribed Authority with the approval of the Government.

70. Inspection and copies of documents.—(1) The documents retained by the Prescribed Authority received under rule 43, except the ballot papers, shall be open to inspection during office hours on payment of two taka for each document.

(2) Copies of the documents mentioned in sub-rule (1) may be obtained on payment of one taka for the first two hundred words or less and fifty paise for every additional one hundred words or fraction thereof.

(3) Every application for inspection of documents or supply of copies shall be accompanied by court-fee stamps of the requisite value.

## SCHEDULE I

## FORM A

[Rules 12(3)]

## Nomination Paper for candidates for election as Member.

District ..... P.S. ....  
 Union.....; Ward No. ....

1. Name of the candidate ..
2. Fathers'/Husband's name ..
3. Place of residence ..
4. Name or number of the ward in the voters' list of which the name of the candidate is included and his serial No. in that list. ..
5. Name of the proposer ..
6. Name or number of the ward in the voter's list of which the name of the proposer is included and his serial No. in that list. ..
7. Name of the seconder
8. Name or number of the ward in the list of which the name of the seconder is included and his serial No. in that list.
9. Symbol selected by the candidate ..
10. Copy of Bank receipt/Treasury Chalan showing deposit of the amount prescribed in rule 13(1), is enclosed.

*Signature/Left Thumb-  
impression of proposer.*

*Signature/Left Thumb-  
impression of seconder.*

*Signature/Left Thumb-  
impression of candidate.*

*Date..... Date..... Date .....*

*Serial No.*

## Certificate of Delivery.

The nomination paper of.....a candidate for election as member from ward No.....of Union.....was delivered to me on..... (date).....at (hour).....

*Signature of Returning Officer.* |



**Certificate of Scrutiny**

I have scrutinised the eligibility of the candidate, the proposer and seconder, and find that they are respectively qualified to stand for election, to propose and to second the nomination.

The symbol assigned to the candidate is.....

Date..... Signature of Returning Officer.

.....(Here perforation or a dividing line).....

**Acknowledgement.**

The nomination paper of.....a candidate for election as a member from Ward No.....of..... Union was delivered to me on.....at (hour).....

The scrutiny of nomination will be held at (place)..... on (date) ..... between (hours).....

Date..... Signature of Returning Officer.

**FORM B.**

[Rules 12(3)]

**Nomination Paper for candidates for election as Chairman.**

District ....., P. S. ....

Union, .....

1. Name of the candidate ..
2. Father's/Husbands' name ..
3. Place of residence --
4. Name or number of the ward in the voters' list of which the name of the candidate is included and his serial number in that list.
5. Name of the proposer --
6. Name or number of the ward in the voters' list of which the name of the proposer is included and his serial number in that list.
7. Name of the seconder --

8. Name or number of the ward in the voters' list of which the name of the seconder is included and his serial number in that list.
9. Symbol selected by the candidate . . .
10. Copy of Bank receipt/Treasury Chalan receipt showing deposit of the amount prescribed in rule 13(1) is enclosed.

<i>Signature/Left Thumb- impression of proposer.</i>	<i>Signature/Left Thumb- impression of seconder.</i>	<i>Signature/Left Thumb- impression of candidate.</i>
<i>Date</i> . . . . .	<i>Date</i> . . . . .	<i>Date</i> . . . . .

*Serial No.* . . . . .

**Certificate of Delivery.**

The nomination paper of . . . . . a candidate for election as Chairman from . . . . . Union was delivered to me on (date) . . . . . at (hour) . . . . .

*Date* . . . . . *Signature of Returning Officer.*

**Certificate of Scrutiny.**

I have scrutinised the eligibility of the candidate, the proposer and seconder and find that they are respectively qualified to stand for election, to propose and to second the nomination.

The symbol assigned to the candidate is . . . . .

*Date* . . . . . *Signature of Returning Officer.*

.....(Here perforation or a dividing line).....

**Acknowledgement.**

The nomination paper of . . . . . a candidate for election as Chairman from . . . . . Union was delivered to me on (date) . . . . .

The scrutiny of nomination will be held at (place) . . . . . ON (date) . . . . . between (hours) . . . . .

*Date* . . . . . *Signature of Returning Officer.*

FORM C

[See rule 13(3)]

(Form of Deposit Register)

Sl. No.	Candidate's name.	Sl. Nos. of Nomination filed.	Amount deposited.	Particulars of the Bank or Treasury receipt or if received in cash, of the receipt issued in Form D.	Signature of Returning Officer.	Disposal of the cash deposit (and remarks, if any).
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7

FORM D

[See rule 13(4)]

Receipt

Sl. No. ....

Name of ward/constituency.....

Sum received.....

Deposited by.....

Sl. No. in the Deposit Register.....

Candidate's name.....

Sl. No. ....

Received the sum of Taka.....  
 (in words) in cash from.....  
 on behalf of.....  
 candidate for election as member/  
 Chairman of.....  
 Union and entered in the Deposit  
 Register under:

Sl. No. ....

Date.....

Date.....

Signature of  
Returning Officer.

Signature and seal of the  
Returning Officer.

FORM E  
[See rule 18]

List of validly nominated candidates for election of members/Chairman  
of..... Union.

\*From Ward No.....(Name).....

Serial No. (1)	Name of candidate. (2)	Name of father/ husband. (3)	Address. (4)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
etc.			

Place.....

Date.....

.....  
Returning Officer.

\*Strike out in case of Chairman.

FORM F  
[See rule 22]

List of contesting candidates for election of members/Chairman of  
..... Union.

\*From Ward No.....(Name).....

Serial No. (1)	Name of the contesting candidates in alphabetical order determined according to Bengali language. (2)	Address of the contestng candidates. (3)	Symbol allocated. (4)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
etc.			

Notice is hereby given that the poll shall be taken between the hours  
of.....on (date) .....

Place.....

Date.....

.....  
Returning Officer.

\*Strike out in case of Chairman.

<p>SUBDIVISION..... FORM G. [Rule 29(I)] Ballot Paper for Election of Mem- bers.</p>	<p>FORM G.</p>	<p>FORM G.</p>	<p>FORM G</p>
<p>Counterfoil Serial No.....</p>	<p>Outerfoil Serial No.....</p>	<p>Outerfoil Serial No.....</p>	<p>Outerfoil Serial No.....</p>
<p>1. Number and name of Union Parishad..... ..... 2. Ward No..... ..... 3. Voter's No. in the Voters' List ..... .....</p>	<p><b>Instructions:</b> Place one ballot paper in each of the ballot boxes of the candidates for whom you wish to vote.  <i>Initial of Polling Officer.</i></p>	<p><b>Instructions:</b> Place one ballot paper in each of the ballot boxes of the candidates for whom you wish to vote.  <i>Initial of Polling Officer.</i></p>	<p><b>Instructions:</b> Place one ballot paper in each of the ballot boxes of the candidates for whom you wish to vote.  <i>Initial of Polling Officer.</i></p>

<p>SUBDIVISION..... FORM H. [Rule 29(2)] Ballot Paper for Election of Chairman.</p>	<p>FORM H.</p>
<p>Counterfoil Serial No.....</p>	<p>Outerfoil Serial No.....</p>
<p>1. Number and name of Union Parishad..... ..... 2. Ward No..... ..... 3. Voter's No. in the Voters' List..... .....</p>	<p>Place one ballot paper in the ballot box of one of the candidates for election as Chairman for whom you wish to vote.</p>
	<p><i>Initial of Polling Officer.</i></p>

## FORM I

[See rule 36(4)]

## Tendered Votes List

Election of member/Chairman of.....Union.

From Ward No.....(name).....

.....(in case of member/Chairman).

Polling station.....

Serial number of tendered ballot paper.	Name of voter.	Serial number of the voter in the voters' list.	Address of the voter.	Signature or thumb-impression of the person tendering vote.
1	2	3	4	5

Place.....

Date.. ..

.....  
Presiding Officer.

FORM J

[See rule 37(2)]

Challenged Votes List

Election of member/Chairman of.....Union  
 From Ward No.....(Name).....(in case of  
 member/Chairman).

Serial No.	Name of the voter.	Number or name of ward in which the voter is enrolled.	Serial Number of the voter on the voters' list.	Signature or thumb-impression of the person challenged.
1	2	3	4	5

Address of the person challenged.	Name of identifier, if any.	Name and address of challenger.	Order of the Presiding Officer.
6	7	8	9

Certified that a sum of Taka.....has been received on account of challenged votes and the amount in question has been deposited with the Returning Officer.

Place.....

Date.....

.....  
 Signature of Presiding Officer.

## FORM K

[ See rule 40(5) ]

Statement of valid votes received by contesting candidates for election as members.

Ward No. .... (Name).....

Union .....

Thana....., Subdivision.....

District.....

Sl. No.	Name of candidate.	Symbol of candidate.	Number of valid votes polled including challenged votes.			Number of tendered votes.	Number of invalid votes.
			Valid votes.	Challenged votes.	Total.		
1	2	3	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)	5	6
1							
2							
3							
4							

Total number of valid votes polled (including challenged votes).....

Total number of tendered votes.....

Total number of invalid votes.....

I declare that .....  
(Name) (Address)

(1) ..... son of .....

(2) ..... son of .....

(3) ..... son of .....

has /have been duly elected.

Date.....

Place.....

Presiding Officer.



FORM L

[ See rule 40(8) ]

Statement of valid votes received by candidates for election as Chairman.

Union.....

Polling station.....

Serial No.	Names of candidates for election as Chairman.	Symbol of candidate.	Number of valid votes polled.			Number of tendered votes.	Number of invalid votes.
			Valid votes.	Challenged votes.	Total.		
1	2	3	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)	5	6
1							
2							
3							
4							
etc.							

Date.....

*Signature of the  
Presiding Officer.*

*Note*—Substitute member for Chairman and ward for Union in the case of use of the Form for election of member in pursuance of the proviso to rule 40(5).

## FORM M

[See rule 40(9)]

Consolidated Statement of the Results of the count furnished by the Presiding Officers in respect of election of Chairman.

District....., Subdivision.....

Thana....., Union.....

Serial No.	Polling Station.	Number of valid votes (including challenged votes) cast in favour of.					
		'A' *	'B' *	'C' *	'D' *	'E' *	'F' *
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
GRAND TOTAL							

Total per polling station.			Number of tendered votes.
Valid.	Invalid.	Total.	
9	10	11	12

I declare that.....  
(Name) (Address)

(1)....., son of.....  
..... has been duly elected as Chairman.

Dated.....

Place.....

Returning Officer.

\* Write the names of the candidates.

Note—Substitute member for Chairman and ward for Union in the case of use of the Form for election of member in pursuance of the proviso to rule 40(5).

FORM N

Ballot Paper Account

[See rule 41(3)]

District....., Subdivision.....

Thana.....

Election of members/Chairman of..... Union Parishad.

Polling Station.....

- (1) Serial numbers of ballot papers received for use at the polling station.....
- (2) Serial numbers of unused ballot papers left over at the close of poll.....
- (3) Total number of ballot papers received (*vide* item 1).....
- (4) Total number of ballot papers left unused (*vide* item 2).....
- (5) Number of ballot papers used (subtract item 4 from item 3).....
- (6) Number of ballot papers spoilt and cancelled.....
- (7) Number of ballot papers which should be in the ballot boxes (subtract item 6 from item 5).....
- (8) Number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot boxes and counted.....

Date.....

Signature of Presiding Officer.

## FORM O

[See rule 42]

List of candidates declared elected as member/Chairman.

District....., Subdivision.....,

Thana.....

Name of Union.	Number/name of ward from which elected (in the case of member).	Name, father's name and address of the candidates declared elected (as in nomination paper).	Designation office to which elected.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5

The Chairman will come first, then the members in respect of each Union.

Date.....

Signature of Returning Officer.

SCHEDULE II

[See rule 15(1)]

List of symbols of candidates for election as members.

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| 1. Chair. | 7. Lock and Key. |
| 2. Mango. | 8. Ladder.       |
| 3. Book.  | 9. Cock.         |
| 4. Sword. | 10. Scissors.    |
| 5. Fish.  | 11. Kalshi.      |
| 6. Axe.   | 12. Foot-ball.   |

SCHEDULE III

[See rule 15(3)]

List of symbols of candidates for election as Chairman.

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Cart.           | 4. Umbrella.       |
| 2. Hurricane Lamp. | 5. Hukka.          |
| 3. Scales.         | 6. Inkpot and Pen. |

By order of the President  
FAZLUL KARIM CHOWDHURY  
*Deputy Secretary.*