

MANUAL FOR VOTING & COUNTING IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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FOREWORD

The Legislative Council in Andhra Pradesh was initially set up in 1958. It was abolished in 1985. More than two decades have passed between the abolition of first Council and creation of the current one by A.P.Legislative Council Act, 2005 (Act 1 of 2006). Most of the officers familiar with the process of election and counting in Legislative Council Constituencies have retired. There may not many presently in Government Service who have even voted in the Council elections. A similar "knowledge gap" may exist among the current graduates and teachers, who are eligible to form part of the respective electoral rolls.

In order to familiarize Government officers, representatives of political parties, citizens and the media with the procedure of Council elections, a series of programmes have been organized from late December, 2006 to first fortnight of January, 2007 devoted to methodology of voting and counting in these elections. This volume is intended to further reinforce the knowledge of counting process imparted during these training classes. This is also intended to acquaint members of public who wish to learn about the process of voting and counting in the Council Constituencies.

Sri C.R.Brahmam, Secretary (Retd.), Election Commission of India has painstakingly drafted the content of this book. I am grateful to him for his effort. Sri Phani Kumar, Addl.CEO & E.O. Secretary to Government deserves all credit for bringing out this publication in this appearing format.

I sincerely hope that the political parties, contesting candidates, District officers and members of public will find this volume useful. I welcome suggestions for improving the quality of this book to enhance its relevance.

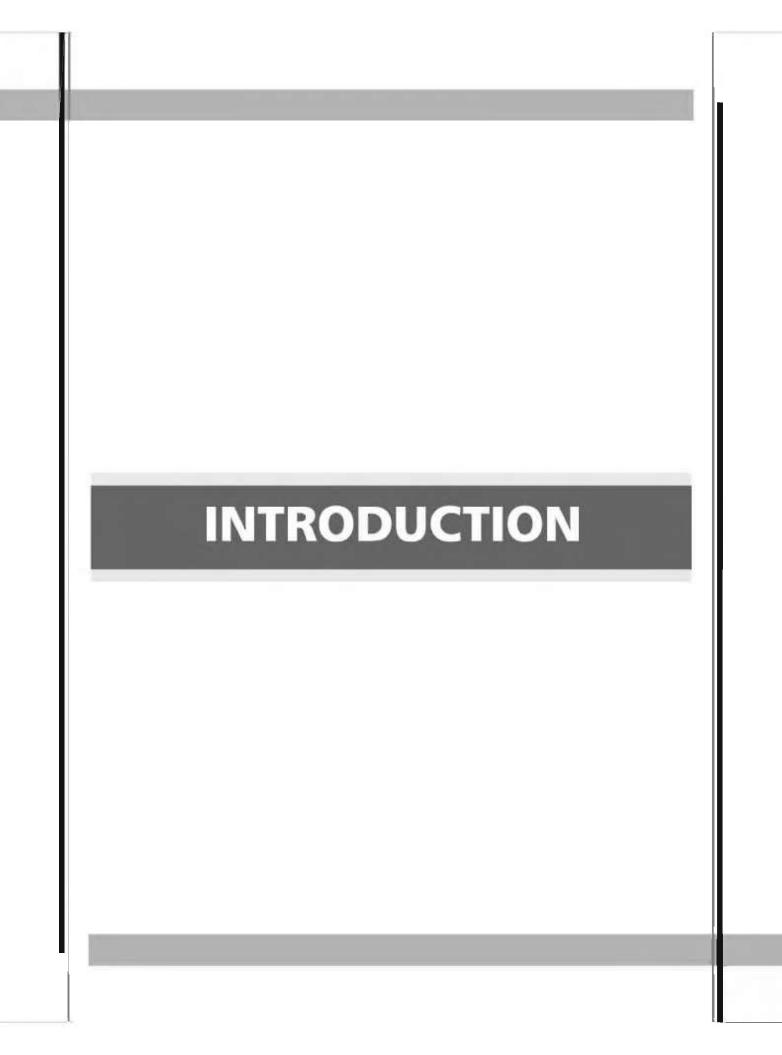
This book has been published for purpose of familiarizing with the processes relating to elections to the Legislative Council. This is by no means a substitute for relevant provisions of the Constitution of India, R.P.Act, 1950 & 1951 & Conduct of Election Rules, 1961. For decision making in any matter relating to the counting process, declaration of results etc. only the relevant provisions of Constitution of India, R.P.Act, 1950 & 1951, Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, and Handbook for R.Os should be consulted and not anything contained in this publication.

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. In Andhra Pradesh, the first Legislative Council was inaugurated in 1958 and was subsequently abolished in 1985. Parliament passed the A.P.Legislative Council Act, 2005 (Act 1 of 2006) for creation of Legislative Council in Andhra Pradesh during January, 2006. After its enactment, preliminary activities like delimitation of Council Constituencies, listing of educational qualifications equivalent to Graduation and listing of educational institutions not lower in standard than that of a secondary school were completed. Enrolment of electors for Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies was also undertaken.
- 2. The next stage will be the conduct of elections to the Council Constituencies as detailed below:

(a)	Number of members to be elected from Local Authorities Constituencies	31
(b)	Number of members to be elected from Graduates' Constituencies	80
(c)	Number of members to be elected from Teachers' Constituencies	80
(d)	Number of members to be elected by members of Legislative Assembly	31
(e)	Number of members to be nominated by the Governor	12

Special features:

- 3. Elections to the Legislative Council are held under the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote. These elections are different in several material aspects from elections to the House of People/Legislative Assembly.
- 4. There are some special feature characteristics of these elections. The Council is not subjected to dissolution, but one-third of the members thereof shall retire every second year. Biennial elections are held to fill the vacancies of members retiring on the expiration of their term of office. The term of members shall be six years. Upon first constitution of the Council, the Governor of the State in consultation with the Election Commission of India, shall curtail the term of some of the members then chosen in order that 1/3 of the members of each class shall retire in every second year thereafter.
- 5. There is no reservation of seats for members of Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes. Symbols are not allotted to any candidates. The name of Sponsoring political parties will be indicated in Form 7B (List of contesting candidates), Return of Election and Certificate of Election.
- 6. The provisions relating to the lodging of accounts of election expenses by contesting candidates do not apply to elections to the Council elections.
- 7. Method of voting adopted in these elections is by marking on the ballot papers, the figures, 1, 2, 3 etc., in the international form of the Indian numeral or in the roman form or in the form used in any Indian Language. Such preferences are not to be indicated in words. The uniform use of international numbers 1, 2, 3, is encouraged to avoid confusion at the time of counting.

8. The provisions relating to marking of the indelible ink do not apply to elections to the Council by members of the State Legislative Assembly and from Local Authorities Constituencies. This is only applicable to voters of Graduates' and Teachers Constituencies.

Qualifications:

9. Any citizen of India, who is not less than thirty years of age and possesses such other qualifications as may be prescribed in that behalf by or under any law made by Parliament, is eligible to contest in the Council elections. He shall be an elector in any Assembly Constituency in Andhra Pradesh. Every candidate's nomination paper shall be subscribed by ten proposers and the proposers shall be electors of that particular Council Constituency. Security Deposit for Council Elections is Rs.5,000/-. In case of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates, it will be Rs.2,500/-.

Ballot Papers:

10. Ballot papers will have counter-foils on which the voter has to sign prior to issue of ballot paper. Before any ballot paper is delivered to an elector at an election by Assembly members or in a Local Authorities' Constituency, the serial number of the ballot paper should be effective concealed in the manner directed by the Commission.



Method of Voting

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECORDING OF VOTES AT ELECTIONS TO THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS

Method of Voting:

- 11. At the polling station you should vote with a violet sketch pen, which will be handed over to you along with the ballot paper. Do not use any other pen, pencil, ballpoint pen or any other marking instrument, as that will invalidate your ballot paper.
- 12. Vote by placing the figure "1" in the column marked 'order of preference' provided opposite the name of the candidate whom you choose as your first preference. This figure "1" shall be placed opposite the name of only one candidate.
- 13. Even if the number of candidates to be elected is more than one, the figure "1" shall be put opposite the name of only candidate.

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- 14. You have as many preference as there are contesting candidates irrespective of the number of candidates to be elected. For example, if there are five contesting candidates and only two are to be elected, you can mark preferences from 1 to 5 against the candidates of your choice in order of your preference.
- 15. Indicate your further preferences for the remaining candidates by placing in the column 'mark order of preference' provided opposite the names of such candidates the subsequent figures 2,3,4 etc., in the order of your preference.

- 16. Make sure that you put only one figure opposite the name of any candidate and also make sure that the same figure is not put opposite the names of more than one candidate.
- 17. Preference shall be indicated in figures only, i.e. 1,2,3, etc., and shall not be indicated in words, one, two, three, etc.
- 18. Figures may be marked in the international form of Indian numerals like 1,2,3, etc., or in the Roman form I, II, III, etc., or in the form used in any Indian Language, recognized in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. However, voters are encouraged to use the international form 1,2,3..... to avoid confusion at the time of counting.
- 19. DO NOT write your name or any words and do not put your signature or initials on the ballot paper. Also, do not put your thumb impression. These will make your ballot paper invalid.
- 20. It is not sufficient to put a mark "" or "" against the candidates of your choice to indicate your preferences. Such ballot paper will be rejected. Indicate your preferences only in figures 1,2,3, etc., as explained above.
- 21. To make your ballot paper valid, it is necessary that you should indicate your first preference by placing figure "I" against one of the candidates. The other preferences are optional, i.e., you may or may not indicate the second and subsequent preferences.

Invalid Ballot Papers

- 22. A ballot paper shall be invalid on which-
 - 1. the figure 1 is not marked;
 - 2. the figure 1 is marked to more than one candidate;
 - 3. the figure 1 is so placed as to render it doubtful to which candidate it is intended to apply;
 - 4. the figure 1 and some other figure like 2, 3 etc., are also marked for the same candidate;
 - 5. the preferences are indicated in words instead of in figures;
 - 6. there is any mark or writing by which the elector can be identified; and
 - 7. there is any figure marked otherwise than with the violet sketch pen supplied by the Returning Officer for the purpose of marking such figures.
 - 8. Blank ballot paper without any preference marked.

Invalid Ballot Papers - Examples:

అభ్యల్థి పేరు Name of Candidate	Mark order of preference
మహమ్మద్ హాఫిజ్ Mohammad Hafiz	Two
సర్సింగ్ యాదవ్ Narsing Yadav	One
రఘుపతి రావు Raghupathi Rao	Three

అభ్యల్థి పేరు Name of Candidate	Mark order of preference
మహమ్మద్ హాఫిజ్ Mohammad Hafiz	
సర్సింగ్ యాదవ్ Narsing Yadav	•
రఘుపతి రావు Raghupathi Rao	ඊ දිගත්ම

Invalid Ballot Papers - Examples:

అభ్యల్థి పేరు Name of Candidate	Mark order of preference
మహమ్మద్ హాఫ్లిజ్ Mohammad Hafiz	x
సర్సింగ్ యాదవ్ Narsing Yadav	
రఘుపతి రావు Raghupathi Rao	

అభ్యల్థి పేరు Name of Candidate	Mark order of preference
మహమ్మద్ హాఫీజ్ Mohammad Hafiz	
సర్పింగ్ యాదవ్ Narsing Yadav	✓
రఘుపతి రావు Raghupathi Rao	



Counting Process (General Instructions)

Applicable for both one seat vacancies and Two seat vacancies

COUNTING PROCESS IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS -GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 23. This is a practical example of counting of votes at an election from a Council Constituency.
- 24. The constituency spread over two districts and the total number of polling stations set up were 120. Total electorate 1,20,000. Total Votes polled were 55,003. The polled & sealed ballot boxes from the 120 polling stations reached the counting center in time and were stored in the strong room in the counting center.
- 25. When the polling station material was delivered to distribution centre after close of voting then immediately Form-16 was identified. The entry in Form-16 (Ballot Paper Account) relating to the number of ballot papers to be found in the ballot box (item 5 in Form-16) wase noted in the statement of total votes polled as detailed in para 11 below.
- 26. The candidates and their agents were informed of the time of counting in advance.

Postal Ballots

27. The RO attended to postal ballots in the beginning. There were total 25 postal ballots received in time. The covers in Form 13C received in time were opened one after another. The RO took out the declaration in form 13A and the cover in Form 13B and scrutinized the declaration. In respect of 20 postal ballots, the RO found either the declaration in Form 13A was not found in the cover or the declaration has not been duly signed and attested or attested by an officer not competent to do so or is otherwise substantially defective or the serial number of ballot paper appearing in the declaration is different from the serial number on the cover in Form 13B. In these 20 cases, the RO did not open the cover containing the postal ballot paper and rejected them as invalid.

Each such rejected cover was endorsed suitably and the declaration and cover were Replaced in the cover in Form 13C. All such covers in Form 13C were kept together in a separate packet and sealed.

- 28. All the declarations in Form 13A which have been found to be in order were kept in a separate packet in order to ensure that the secrecy of the postal ballot is kept inviolate.
- 29. The 5 covers containing the ballot papers in Form 13B were opened one after another and the ballot papers contained therein taken out.

Bringing out ballot boxes

- 30. While the RO was engaged with the postal ballots, the ARO was authorised to bring out the polled ballot boxes into the counting hall from the strong room. The Boxes were brought out in the serial order of the polling stations to which they belonged. Since all the boxes of 120 polling stations could not be accommodated on the counting tables, they were brought out in batches of 40 polling stations.
- 31. The Ballot Boxes were arranged in a row on the tables in the order of the polling stations to which they belonged. On request, the candidates and their agents went round the rows of the boxes to verify that the seals of the ballot boxes were intact. These 40 were kept aside and the next batch of 40 followed and followed the same procedure.
- Note: It is important that all the polled ballot boxes should first be inspected to see that seals are intact and no tampering is suspected. If any of the boxes is found to be tampered with or suspected to have been tampered with, THE COUNTING CANNOT PROCEED FURTHER until all the facts are reported to CEO and ECI and orders are received. If repoll is ordered, the counting will resume or commence only after completion of that repoll. THEREFORE INSPECTION OF ALL BOXES IS A MUST BEFORE ANY BOX IS OPENED.
- 32. After the candidates expressed satisfaction with the last batch of boxes, the ARO arranged the first batch of boxes on the counting tables, had the seals opened and took out the ballot papers. The ballot papers were kept in Trays, polling station-wise (face down) and were counted for their total number. The ballots of each polling station were made into bundles of 25 or 50 as convenient and kept in the Tray with a slip on top indicating the total number. That number was tallied with the figures given by the presiding officer of the polling station in Form-16. In this example, the number of ballot papers as per Form 16 tallied with the number of ballot papers taken out of the ballot boxes. Where there is a difference, this must be satisfactorily reconciled before proceeding further. Where common polling stations for both graduates and teachers constituencies have been used, it is necessary to separate the graduates constituency ballot papers (white) from the teachers constituency ballot paper (pink). The teacher constituency ballot paper should be carefully taken to the teacher constituency counting hall.
- 33. After completing the counting of ballot papers of each polling station, that figure was entered in a "POLLING STATION-WISE STATEMENT OF TOTAL VOTES POLLED" as shown below:

ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Date:

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY POLLING STATION-WISE STATEMENT OF TOTAL VOTES POLLED

No. of Ballot Papers taken out of Ballot Boxes :

SI. No. of Polling Station	No. of ballot papers as per Form-16	No. of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box(es)	SI. No. of Polling Station	No. of ballot papers as per Form-16	No. of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box(es)	Sl. No. of Polling Station	No. of ballot papers as per Form-16	No. of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box(es)	SI. No. of Polling Station	No. of ballot papers as per Form-16	No. of ballot papers taken out of the ballot box(es)
1	675	675	31	285	285	61	542	542	91	222	222
2	850	850	32	110	110	62	125	125	92	675	675
3	326	326	33	675	675	63	326	326	93	833	833
4	450	450	34	602	602	64	393	393	94	675	675
5	110	110	35	326	326	65	326	326	95	326	326
6	178	178	36	326	326	66	675	675	96	758	758
7	326	326	37	254	254	67	127	127	97	675	675
8	850	850	38	675	675	68	410	410	98	326	326
9	201	201	39	897	897	69	365	365	99	658	658
10	302	302	40	587	587	70	326	326	100	675	675
11	675	675	41	326	326	71	421	421	101	326	326
12	344	344	42	256	256	72	675	675	102	742	742
13	326	326	43	675	675	73	165	165	103	850	850
14	256	256	44	326	326	74	326	326	104	659	659
15	287	287	45	625	625	75	145	145	105	321	321
16	298	298	46	326	326	76	850	850	106	675	675
17	850	850	47	179	179	77	326	326	107	326	326
18	144	144	48	850	850	78	135	135	108	452	452
19	675	675	49	129	129	79	675	675	109	216	216
20	167	167	50	326	326	80	521	521	110	326	326
21	326	326	51	675	675	81	326	326	111	675	675
22	185	185	52	124	124	82	366	366	112	675	675
23	166	166	53	850	850	83	178	178	113	788	788
24	850	850	54	211	211	84	326	326	114	326	326
25	321	321	55	326	326	85	156	156	115	765	765
26	675	675	56	222	222	86	675	675	116	850	850
27	326	326	57	850	850	87	124	124	117	825	825
28	256	256	58	450	450	88	326	326	118	326	326
29	326	326	59	326	326	89	850	850	119	675	675
30	850	850	60	675	675	90	326	326	120	835	835
sub- total	12571	12571	sub- total	13464	13464	sub- total	11507	11507	sub- total	17456	17456

Total Votes = 54998

II No. of Postal Ballot Papers taken out ofCovers under rule 54A(7)5

GRAND TOTAL: 54998 + 5 = 55003

III No. of Ballot Papers Rejected: 1238

IV No. of Valid Ballot Papers 53,765

Mixing of Votes:

34. After filling up the votes polled statement as above, the RO ordered that the empty ballot boxes should be removed to a corner. The ballot papers polled (54,998) at all polling stations were placed at one place and after adding the 5 postal ballots also to this lot, all were mixed.

Note: Council votes are NOT counted polling-station-wise. Further they should be counted at only one place and table.

35 All the bundles of ballot papers were kept on RO's table (This table from where further proceedings take place shall be big enough for the RO to count, for the distribution of votes to various candidates, for seating the Counting Supervisors, Assistants etc.). The RO scrutinised each paper and sorted out the invalid votes. The RO followed the following method:

Grounds for Rejection of Ballot Paper

- 36 A ballot paper shall be invalid on which
 - (a) the figure '1' is not marked; or
 - (b) the figure '1' is set opposite the name of more than one candidate; or
 - (c) the figure '1' is so placed as to render it doubtful to which candidate it is intended to apply; or
 - (d) the figure '1' and some other figure like 2, 3, etc., are set opposite the name of the same candidate; or
 - (e) there is any mark or writing by which the elector can be identified; or
 - (f) there is any figure marked on the ballot paper otherwise than with the article (i.e., sketch pen of violet Colour ink) supplied to him for the purpose.
 - (g) Blank Paper without any preference marked

Preference Indicated in Words

37. Under the Rules, the electors are required to indicate their preferences by marking the figures 1, 2, etc., and such preferences cannot be indicated in words. Therefore, if the first preference on any ballot paper has been indicated by writing the word or worlds 'one' or 'first preference' instead of figure '1' or such words have been written in addition to the figure '1', such ballot paper shall be rejected.

Ballot Paper Marked Partly in Figures and Partly in Words

38. Under the rules, it is obligatory for an elector only to mark figure '1' in the in the ballot paper. The placing of figure '2' or subsequent preferences is only optional. For the above reasons, a ballot paper should be treated as valid if the first preference has been indicated correctly thereon by marking it with figure 1. If the other preferences are not indicated at all or, are indicated not in figures but in words, then those preferences should be treated as having been not made at all. The correct indication of the first preference is enough to make it a valid vote and such a ballot paper should not be rejected in toto.

Mark or Writing by which Elector can be Identified

39. Under Rule 73(2) (d), a ballot paper shall be rejected if it bears any mark or writing by which an elector can be identified. The Supreme Court has held in Shradha Devi Vs. Krishna Chandra pant (AIR 1982 SC 1592) that the mark or writing which would invalidate the ballot paper must be such as to itself unerringly point in the direction of or reasonably give indication of the identity of the voter. There must be some causal connection between the mark and the identity of the voter that looking at one, the other becomes revealed. In the absence of such suggested mark or writing, the ballot paper cannot be rejected merely because there is some mark or writing. Any mark or writing of an innocuous nature cannot be raised to the level of such suggestive mark or writing as to reveal the identity of the voter.

Other Grounds on which ballot Paper NOT to be Rejected:

- 40. A ballot paper should also not be rejected simply because
 - (a) the figure '1' has been marked more than once in the column of the same candidate;
 - (b) the figure '1' has been marked not in the column meant for marking the order of preferences but at some other place in the panel of candidate;
 - (c) the original mark is patently in the column of one candidate but an impression or smudge thereof appears against the name of some other candidate due to wrong folding;
 - (d) the mark indicating the vote is indistinct or made more than once, if the intention that the vote is for a particular candidate clearly appears from the way the paper is marked; or
 - (e) there is a faint undecipherable thumb impression or smudge impression left inadvertently by the elector on the ballot paper while handling it because of the presence of some ink on his thumb which was put thereon for the purpose of obtaining his thumb impression on the counterfoil of the ballot paper.
- 41. While allowing the candidates or their agents to inspect the ballot papers proposed to be rejected by you, do not allow them to handle any ballot paper physically.

Arrangement of Counting Trays:

42. The RO decided that out of total 55,003 votes polled, 1,238 are invalid. After rejecting the invalid ballot papers and sealing them, the RO bundled and kept the 53,765 VALID ballot papers at one place. He directed the Counting Assistants to arrange the trays candidate wise on the Table. One Tray for one candidate and the name of the candidate pasted on both outer and inner sides of the Tray. RO Entered the numbers of valid and invalid votes in the polling station-wise statement of Total Valid Votes Polled indicated in Para 11 above.

Counting Process for Single Seat Constituency (Continued from Page 21)

Election by Single Transferrable Vote - Method of Counting for Single Seat Constituency

Candidate-wise distribution of valid votes:

- 43. There were 10 candidates and 10 Trays were arranged on the Table opposite to the RO. Each Tray was kept in charge of a CA. Seats were provided to the candidates and their agents in such a way that they can closely watch the proceedings and keep an eye on the Trays.

 Note: At no time the candidates or agents are allowed to handle any ballot paper.

 Further Note: Ensure that the Counting staff handling the ballot papers do not have or use any pen during the counting. They should use only PENCILS.
- 44. To keep the tradition of transparency in the conduct of elections and counting, the RO briefed the candidates and their agents that the valid votes will be distributed according to the 1st preference marked to them and since only one seat is to be filled, the value of each vote is "1".
- 45. If the number of valid votes is not large (say 1000 or less), to instill full confidence, the RO may announce to whom the first preference is marked on each ballot paper. In the present case, the RO opted to distribute the votes without announcement as the number of valid votes to be counted was very large 53,765.
- 46. Valid votes were distributed according to 1st preference marked. After completing the distribution of 53,765 votes, the RO directed the C.As to check again and again, if necessary, and ensure that the 1st preference was marked to only that candidate in whose tray the vote was kept.
- 47. C.As thoroughly checked and counted the votes secured by each candidate, made bundles of 25 and kept the bundles in each Tray with a slip on top indicating the total votes in the Tray.
- 48. The RO got the No. of votes of each candidate entered in the Status Report statement as follows:

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE LATEST ROUND

(To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled: ONE

QUOTA = -----

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 1

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	9,985	
Krishna Rao	902	
Koteswara Rao	902	
Ramesh Naidu	246	
Wesley	2,627	
Sarat Babu	5,526	
Robinson	24,122	
Swarajyam	251	
Lakshmi Kumari	126	
Seetha Ramaiah	9,078	
TOTAL :	53,765	

(Cut out the names of the candidates elected / eliminated whenever a round of counting is complete)

49. The above is a very handy statement to the RO. This will show the latest position to the RO. He should have one special officer to constantly update this statement. After entering the votes of each candidate, they were totaled. The RO is satisfied that every valid vote was accounted for. He asked the C.As to fill the relevant column of the Account of Votes Received of each candidate as follows: (Given below is the Sheet of candidate No. 1)

Date:	
TEACHERS' CONSTITUEN	\sim

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECEIVED

(This Statement should be kept by the side of the Tray of each candidate and should be filled in by the Counting Assistant during the counting)

NAME OF THE CANDIDATE: Shri Mohd. Kaif (xyz party)

Quota for election: _____

-			1	
Main Parcel / Sub Parcels	Name of the candidate from whom transferred	No.of Ballot Papers	Value of of each Ballot Paper	Total Value
1	2	3	4	5
Main Parcel (Original Votes)	Original votes	9985	1 (one)	9985
Sub-parcel (1)				
Sub-parcel (2)				
Sub-parcel (3)				
Sub-parcel (4)				
Sub-parcel (5)				
Sub-parcel (6)				
Sub-parcel (7)				
etc				
	TOTAL:			

50. After filling above statements in respect of each candidate, they were kept by the side of the relevant Tray of the candidate. The main purpose of this statement is to keep a close watch on each candidate's progress. For example, if during a round of counting and transfer of votes, if the candidate is nearing the QUOTA for election, the CA should caution the RO as soon as the candidate gets the required quota, so that the RO stops further counting.

51. The RO ordered that the original votes of each candidate shall be placed in separate Envelopes known as main parcel. After keeping votes in the cover, the C.As write on the cover the particulars of the candidate whose votes were kept inside. For example the Main Parcel of the first candidate Shri Mohd. Kaif was as follows:

ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 2007
tituency: Malqudi Teachers' Date:

Name of Constituency: Malgudi Teachers'

MAIN PARCEL (ORIGINAL VOTES)

Name of the Candidate: Shri Mohd. Kaif

No. of Ballot Papers 9985 @ 1 (Value of each Ballot) = 9985 (Total Value) (Envelope size - depending upon number of votes to be kept inside)

The envelop for the main parcel will have to be large enough to accommodate all the first round votes a candidate may receive.

CALCULATION OF QUOTA:

52. Quota is the number of minimum votes a candidate has to secure for getting elected. The principle to calculate the quota is as follows:

- 53. In single elections, the seats to be filled are 1. Therefore, total valid votes are divided by 2 (Seats to be filled = 1 + 1). If there is any fraction by this division, it is IGNORED. (In the instant case RO ignored .50)
- 54. In the present case, the quota required for election was 26,883 votes. The highest number of votes a candidate got were by Shri Robinson with 24,122 votes. No candidate got the quota after the initial round. If any one got the quota, the counting would have come to a close after the first round.
- 55. After calculating the quota, the RO ordered that the result of the 1st round be posted in the RESULT SHEET.
- 56. Since no candidate secured the quota in the first round, the next step was to "Eliminate" or "Exclude" from the contest, a candidate with the lowest number of votes and distribution of his votes to the other "continuing candidates". If more than one candidate got "equal" number of lowest votes, then the RO has to decide by draw of lots as to who should be eliminated first. [Write each name on a separate slip of paper, fold each concealing the name on it, place them on the table and pick up one slip. Whose so ever's name is picked up, he will be eliminated first. Announce the procedure prior to doing so].

57. When a candidate is excluded from the poll in the manner indicated above, all his ballot papers shall be distributed among the remaining continuing candidates according to the next available preferences recorded thereon.

2nd ROUND - ELIMINATION OF LAKSHMI KUMARI (LK)

58. In the present count, since no candidate secured the quota, the RO decided to exclude the candidate with lowest votes.

Lakshmi Kumari (LK):

- 59. LK secured 126 votes and was found to be the candidate with the lowest votes. The Tray of the excluded candidate (LK) was removed from the table. She had only original votes in Main Parcel. They shall be distributed to the continuing candidates at the same value of "1" according to the valid 2nd preference marked on each paper.
- 60. First of all, the RO reexamined all 126 ballot papers in LK's Main parcel. Out of 126 papers, 75 were found to have been exhausted due to one of the following reasons:
- 61. Exhausted Ballot Papers are
 - the papers on which only first preference is marked and no other preference given.
 - Papers on which 2nd preference is NOT marked, even though there may be other preferences like 3, 4,
 - Papers on which 2nd preference is marked for more than one candidate
 - Papers on which along with 2nd preference, another preference is also marked for the same candidate; or
 - Paper on which 2nd preference is marked in words like "Two", etc.
- 62. No action was taken on these 75 Exhausted Papers and they were sealed back in the same envelope marked "Main Parcel" of the candidate (LK) and on the cover it was written "EXHAUSTED PAPERS".

63. All the 51 unexhausted ballot papers were divided among the remaining continuing candidates according to the next available preference recorded on each such ballot paper. The distribution of 51 votes of LK was noted in Transfer Sheet No. 1 as follows:

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 1

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS' (To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)

Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate(NAME) LAKSHMI KUMARI TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 126

Sl.No.	Name of Item	MAIN	SUB PARCELS NUMBERS			RS				
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	126								126
2	Value of each ballot paper	1								1
3	Value of votes to be transferred	126								126
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	51								51
5	Value of transferred votes	51								51
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	75								75
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	75								75

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE	VALUE OF VOTES OBTAINED BY TRANSFER OF BALLOT PAPERS FROM							
CONTINUING	Main			Su	b Parce	ls Numb	ers		
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd.Kaif	12								12
Koteswara Rao	14								14
Ramesh Naidu	5								5
Robinson	8								8
Seetha Ramaiah	12								12
TOTAL	51								51

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE SECOND ROUND

(To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled: ONE

QUOTA = 26,883

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 2

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	9,997	
Krishna Rao	902	
Koteswara Rao	916	
Ramesh Naidu	251	
Wesley	2,627	
Sarat Babu	5,526	
Robinson	24,130	
Swarajyam	251	
Lakshmi Kumari	θ	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	9,090	
Loss of Value /		
exhausted papers	75	
TOTAL:	53,765	

(Cut out the names of the candidates elected / eliminated whenever a round of counting is complete)

64. The RO got the result of 2nd round posted in the RESULT SHEET. After the second round also, no candidate secured the quota. Therefore, the RO decided to eliminate another candidate with lowest votes.

3rd ROUND - ELIMINATION OF RAMESH NAIDU (RN)

- 65. There were two candidates with equal lowest votes after the second round of counting. They are Ramesh Naidu (RN) and Swarajyam (SW) with equal lowest votes of 251 each. In such cases, before drawing any lot, the RO is required to compare their votes in earlier round. In the First Round, RN secured 246 votes whereas SW got 251. In the 2nd round RN secured 5 more votes from LK. Therefore, since RN was much lower than SW in first round, he was to be eliminated now without any draw of lots.
- 66. RN's has a Main Parcel with 246 votes and a sub-parcel with 5 votes. The RO first examined the 246 votes in the Main Parcel. Out of 246, 207 papers had next preference properly marked and 39 papers were found to have been exhausted. One of the reasons for exhausted papers was that on some of them 2nd preference was marked to Lkumari who was already eliminated and there was no 3rd preference marked on them.
- 67. RO distributed the 207 papers and noted the result in Transfer Sheet-2. Still no body got the quota. Then the RO took up the 5 ballots in sub-parcel-1 of RNaidu. On scrutiny, the RO found that all 5 are exhausted as there was no further preference. This was also noted in Transfer Sheet No. 2 and the result was posted in the Result Sheet.

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 2

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS' (To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)

Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate(NAME) RAMESH NAIDU TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 251

Sl.No.	Name of Item	MAIN	SUB PARCELS NUMBERS			RS				
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	246	5							251
2	Value of each ballot paper	1	1							
3	Value of votes to be transferred	246								
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	207	0							207
5	Value of transferred votes	207	0							207
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	39	5							44
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	39	5							44

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE O	OF VOTES OBTAINED BY TRANSFER OF BALLOT PAPERS FROM							
CONTINUING	Main			Su	ıb Parce	ls Numb	ers		
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd.Kaif	24	0							24
Krishna Rao	3	0							3
Koteswara Rao	4								4
Robinson	90								90
Swarajyam	86								86
TOTAL	207								207

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE THIRD ROUND

(To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled: ONE

QUOTA = 26,883

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 3

Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
10,021	
905	
920	
0	Eliminated-2
2,627	
5,526	
24,220	
337	
θ	Eliminated-1
9,090	
119	
53,765	
	10,021 905 920 0 2,627 5,526 24,220 337 0 9,090 119

4th ROUND - ELIMINATION OF SWARAJYAM (SW)

68. After 3rd Round also no body secured the quota. Swarajyam with a total votes of 337 was found to be the candidate with lowest votes. RO took out her Tray. The details of the votes in her parcels are as follows:

Main Parcel 251 Sub-Parcel-1 86 69. RO first examined the 251 votes in the Main Parcel. 25 were found to have been exhausted. 226 were distributed to the remaining 7 continuing candidates as shown in Transfer Sheet-3. After this transfer, the RO took up the sub-parcel with 86 votes. Out of these 80 were found to be exhausted and only 6 were distributed (see Transfer Sheet-3):

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 3

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS' (To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)

Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate(NAME) SWARAJYAM TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 337

101/12/7/1202/01/70/1207										
SI.No.	Name of Item	MAIN	SUB PARCELS NUMBERS				RS			
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	251	86							337
2	Value of each ballot paper	1	1							
3	Value of votes to be transferred	251	86							337
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	226	6							232
5	Value of transferred votes	226	6							232
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	25	80							105
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	25	80							105

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE OF VOTES OBTAINED BY TRANSFER OF BALLOT PAPERS FROM								
CONTINUING	Main		Sub Parcels Numbers						
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd.Kaif	5	0							5
Krishna Rao	15	0							15
Robinson	206	6							212
TOTAL	226	6							232

- 70. The RO enter the result of transfer sheet after 3rd round into the result sheet of 4th round.
- 71. Out of 10 candidates, 3 have been excluded. Still no one got the quota. The RO reviewed the position of the remaining 7 candidates:

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE FOURTH ROUND (To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled: ONE QUOTA = 26,883

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 4

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	10,026	
Krishna Rao	920	
Koteswara Rao	920	
Ramesh Naidu	θ	Eliminated-2
Wesley	2,627	
Sarat Babu	5,526	
Robinson	24,432	
Swarajyam	θ	Eliminated-3
Lakshmi Kumari	0	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	9,090	
Loss of value /	224	
exhausted papers		
TOTAL:	53,765	

(Cut out the names of the candidates elected / eliminated whenever a round of counting is complete)

5th ROUND ELIMINATION OF KRISHNA RAO

72. No body got the quota after 4th round. Both Krishna Rao (KR) and Koteswara Rao (KTR) got equal lowest votes of 920. However, after completion of the 3rd Round, Koteswara Rao had more votes than Krishna Rao. Therefore, RO selected Krishna Rao for elimination.

The Votes of Krishna Rao were as follows:

Main Parcel	902
Sub-parcel-1	3
Sub-Parcel-2	15

73. The distribution of votes and the No. of exhausted papers were as shown in the Transfer Sheet No. 4 below:

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 4

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS' (To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)

Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate (NAME) KRISHNA RAO TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 920

SI.No.	Name of Item	MAIN	SUB PARCELS NUMBERS					RS		
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	902	3	15						920
2	Value of each ballot paper	1	1	1						
3	Value of votes to be transferred	902	3	15						920
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	738	0	0						738
5	Value of transferred votes	738	0	0						738
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	164	Э	15						182
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	164	3	15						182

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	F VOTES	S OBTAIN	IED BY 1	RANSFE	R OF BA	LLOT PA	PERS FF	ROM	
CONTINUING	Main		Sub Parcels Numbers						
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd. Kaif	13	0	0						13
Robinson	725	0	0						725
TOTAL	738	0	0						738

The results were posted in the Result Sheet in the appropriate column.

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE FIFTH ROUND (To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled: ONE

QUOTA = 26,883

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 5

		_
Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	10,039	
Krishna Rao	0	Eliminated-4
Koteswara Rao	920	
Ramesh Naidu	0	Eliminated-2
Wesley	2,627	
Sarat Babu	5,526	
Robinson	25,157	
Swarajyam	θ	Eliminated-3
Lakshmi Kumari	θ	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	9,090	
Loss of value /	406	
exhausted papers		
TOTAL:	53,765	

(Cut out the names of the candidates elected / eliminated whenever a round of counting is complete)

6th ROUND - ELIMINATION OF KOTESWARA RAO

74. So far 4 were eliminated and 6 remained. No body got the quota. Shri Koteswara Rao with 920 votes was the lowest and the RO took his Tray to eliminate him. His votes were:

Main Parcel	902
Sub-parcel-1	14
Sub-Parcel-2	4

75. From Main Parcel out of 902 votes, 720 were distributed and 182 were exhausted. In the subparcel 1 and 2, all 18 were exhausted.

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 5

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS' (To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)

Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate (NAME) KOTESWARA RAO TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 920

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Sl.No.	Name of Item	MAIN	SUB PARCELS NUMBER		RS					
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	902	14	4						920
2	Value of each ballot paper	1	1	1						3
3	Value of votes to be transferred	902	14	4						920
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	720	0	0						720
5	Value of transferred votes	720	0	0						720
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	182	14	4						200
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	182	14	4						200

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE O	F VOTES	S OBTAIN	IED BY T	RANSFE	R OF BA	LLOT PA	PERS FR	OM
CONTINUING	Main			Su	b Parce	ls Numb	ers		
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd. Kaif	5	0 0 5							
Wesley	205	0	0 0 205						
Robinson	510	0	0						510
TOTAL	720	0	0						720

These results were posted in the Result Sheet in the appropriate column.

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE SIXTH ROUND (To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled : ONE

QUOTA = 26,883

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 6

	T	
Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	10,044	
Krishna Rao	0	Eliminated-4
Koteswara Rao	θ	Eliminated-5
Ramesh Naidu	θ	Eliminated-2
Wesley	2,832	
Sarat Babu	5,526	
Robinson	25,667	
Swarajyam	θ	Eliminated-3
Lakshmi Kumari	θ	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	9,090	
Loss of value /	606	
exhausted papers		
TOTAL:	53,765	

(Cut out the names of the candidates elected / eliminated whenever a round of counting is complete)

7th ROUND - ELIMINATION OF WESLEY

76. After 6th Round also, the quota remained unfilled. RO again reviewed the position and decided to eliminate Shri Wesley who had the lowest votes (2832). RO removed his Tray from the Table and examined his votes. He had following parcels:

Main Parcel 2627 Sub-parcel-1 205

77. The distribution of Wesley's votes to the other candidates may be seen in the Transfer Sheet No. 6 as below. It may be seen that From the main parcel of Shri Wesley, 2420 votes were transferred and Shri Robinson got 1425 votes from this parcel and secured the quota as his total votes were 27,092. Thus after the transfer of Main Parcel, the counting ended and the votes in sub-parcel-1 (205) were treated as loss of value. Result of this transfer may be seen in Transfer Sheet-6. Final result was posted in the Result Sheet which may be seen at the end of this narration.

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 6

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI TEACHERS'
(To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)
Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate (NAME) SHRI WESLEY
TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 2832

Sl.No.	Name of Item	MAIN		S	UB	PARC	ELS	NUN	ИВЕF	RS
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	2627	205							2832
2	Value of each ballot paper	1	1							
3	Value of votes to be transferred	2627	205							2832
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	2420	Not Trans-							
5	Value of transferred votes	2420	ferred as the							
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	207	candi- date							
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	207	got elected							

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE O	F VOTES	S OBTAIN	IED BY 1	RANSFE	R OF BA	LLOT PA	PERS FR	OM
CONTINUING	Main			Su	ıb Parce	ls Numb	ers		
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd. Kaif	995	0 995							
Robinson	1425	0							1425
TOTAL	2420	0							2420

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE SEVENTH ROUND (To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled : ONE QUOTA = 26,883

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 7

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	11,039	
Krishna Rao	θ	Eliminated-4
Koteswara Rao	θ	Eliminated-5
Ramesh Naidu	θ	Eliminated-2
Wesley	θ	Eliminated-6
Sarat Babu	5,526	
Robinson	27,092	ELECTED
Swarajyam	θ	Eliminated-3
Lakshmi Kumari	θ	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	9,090	
Loss of value / exhausted papers	1018	
TOTAL :	53,765	

(Cut out the names of the candidates elected / eliminated whenever a round of counting is complete)

ELECTION TO FILL ONE SEAT - COUNTING RESULT

	Value of each Vote Total Valid of valid votes 537	53765 x 1 = £	53,765 1 (one) 53,76,5			Ono	TA = 537	65/(1+1	QUOTA = 53765/(1+1) + 1 = 26882.50 + 1 = 26882+1 = 26883 Quota for election 26,883	882.50 + Quot	50 + 1 = 26882+ Quota for election	882+1 = tion 26	= 26883 26,883
Name of (Initial Candidate Count) 1st Round	t) Round Elimi- d nation of Lakshmi	Result of 2nd Round	3rd Round- Elimi- nation of Ramesh Naidu	Result of 3rd Round	4th Round- Elimi- nation of Swarj- yam	Result of 4th Round	5th Round- Elimi- nation of Of Krishna Rao	Result 5th Round	6th Round- Elimi- nation of Koteswara Rao	Result of 6th Round	7th Round - Elimi- nation of Vesley	Result of 7th Round	Remarks
Mohd. Kaif 9,985	5 12	266'6	24	10,021	Ŋ	10,026	13	10,039	Ŋ	10,044	995	11,039	
Krishna Rao 902	0	905	3	902	15	920	(-) 920	0		0		0	Eliminated-4
Koteswara Rao 902	14	916	4	920		920	0	920	(-) 920	0		0	Eliminated-5
Ramesh Naidu 246	2	251	(-) 251	0		0	0	0		0		0	Eliminated-2
Wesley 2,627	0 /	2,627		2,627		2,627	0	2,627	205	2,832	(-) 2832	0	Eliminated-6
Sarat Babu 5,526	0 9	5,526		5,526		5,526	0	5,526		5,526		5,526	
Robinson 24,122	2 8	24,130	06	24,220	212	24,432	725	25,157	510	25,667	1425	27,092	ELECTED
Swarajyam 251	0	251	98	337	(-) 337	0	0	0		0		0	Eliminated-3
Lakshmi Kumari 126	(-) 126	0		0		0	0	0		0		0	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah 9,078	3 12	060'6		060'6		060'6	0	060'6		060'6	0	060'6	
Loss of Value / 0 Exhausted papers	75	75	44	119	105	224	182	406	200	909	412	1,018	
TOTAL: 53,765	126	53,765	251	53,765	337	53,765	920	53,765	920	53,765	2832	53,765	

Counting Process for Double Seat Constituency

(Continued from Page 21)

Election by Single Transferrable Vote - Method of Counting for Double Seat Constituency

Candidate-wise distribution of valid votes:

43. There were 10 candidates and 10 Trays were arranged on the Table in opposite direction to the RO. Each Tray was kept in charge of a CA. Seats were provided to the candidates and their agents in such a way that they can closely watch the proceedings and keep an eye on the Trays.

Note: At no time the candidates or agents are allowed to handle any ballot paper. Further Note: : Ensure that the Counting staff handling the ballot papers do not have or use any pen during the counting. They should use only PENCILS.

- 44. To keep the tradition of transparency in the conduct of elections and counting, the RO briefed the candidates and their agents that the valid votes will be distributed according to the 1st preference marked to them and since TWO SEATS are to be filled, the value of each vote will be "100" (One Hundred).
- 45. One more point is if the number of votes is small (say 1.000 or less), to instill full confidence, the RO may announce to whom the first preference is marked on each ballot paper. However, in the present case, the RO opted to distribute the votes without announcement as there are 53765 votes and this will take time and energy.
- 46. Valid votes were distributed according to 1st preference marked. After completing the distribution of 53,765 votes, the RO directed the C.As to check again and again, if necessary, to ensure that the 1st preference was marked to that candidate only.
- 47. C.As thoroughly checked and counted the votes secured by each candidate, made bundles of 25 and kept the bundles in each Tray with a slip on top indicating the total votes in the Tray.

48. The RO got the No. of votes of each candidate entered in the Status Report statement as follows:

STATUS REPORT OF EACH CANDIDATE AFTER THE ROUND 1 (To be kept with the R.O)

Seats to be Filled: TWO

QUOTA = 17,92,167

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 1

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	11,98,500	
Krishna Rao	90,200	
Koteswara Rao	90,200	
Ramesh Naidu	24,600	
Wesley	2,62,700	
Sarat Babu	4,52,600	
Robinson	24,12,200	Elected-1
Swarajyam	25,100	
Lakshmi Kumari	12,600	
Seetha Ramaiah	8,07,800	
TOTAL :	53,76,500	

(Cut out the names of the candidates elected / eliminated whenever a round of counting is complete)

CALCULATION OF QUOTA:

49. Quota is the number of minimum votes a candidate has to secure for getting elected.

The principle to calculate the quota is as follows:

In the present case, the quota is calculated as follows:

a) Total Value of Valid Votes = 53,765 x 100 = 53,76,500

b) Seats to be filled = TWO

quota =
$$\frac{53,76,500}{2+1}$$
 + 1 = 17,92,166.67 + 1 = 17,92,166 + 1 = 17,92,167

50. In a double-member constituency elections, the seats to be filled are 2. Therefore, total valid votes are divided by 3 (Seats to be filled = 2 + 1). If there is any fraction by this division, it is IGNORED. (In the instant case RO ignored .67)

Candidate with Quota Elected:

- 51. In the present case, the quota required for election was 17,92,167 votes. Shri Robinson secured a total votes of 24,12,200 which was more than the quota fixed. There was no other candidate who secured the quota in the first round. Therefore, the RO declared Shri Robinson as ELECTED-1. If another candidate also got the quota, the counting would have come to a close after the first round since both the seats were filled.
- 52. The above is a very handy statement to the RO. This will show the latest position to the RO. He should have one special officer to constantly update this statement. After entering the votes of each candidate, they were totaled. The RO is satisfied that every valid vote was accounted for. He asked the C.As to fill the relevant column of the Account of Votes Received of each candidate as follows: (Given below is the Sheet of candidate No. 1)

Date:

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI LOCAL AUTHORITIES' CONSTITUENCY
ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECEIVED

(This Statement should be kept by the side of the Tray of each candidate and should be filled in by the Counting Assistant during the counting)

NAME OF THE CANDIDATE: Shri MOHD. KAIF (xyz party)

Quota for election: 17,92,167

Main Parcel / Sub-parcels	Name of the Candidate from whom transferred	No. of Ballot Papers	Value of each Ballot Paper	Total Value
1	2	3	4	5
Main Parcel (Original Votes)	Original votes	11,985	100	11,98,500
Sub-parcel (1)				
Sub-parcel (2)				
Sub-parcel (3)				
Sub-parcel (4) etc				
TOTAL:				

- 53. After filling above statements in respect of each candidate, they were kept by the side of the relevant Tray of the candidate. The main purpose of this statement is to keep a close watch on each candidate's progress. For example, if during a round of counting and transfer of votes, if the candidate is nearing the QUOTA for election, the CA should caution the RO as soon as the candidate gets the required quota, so that the RO stops further counting.
- 54. The RO ordered that the original votes of each candidate shall be placed in separate Envelopes known as main parcel. After keeping votes in the cover, the C.As write on the cover the particulars of the candidate whose votes were kept inside. For example the Main Parcel of the first candidate Shri Mohd. Kaif was as follows:

ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 2007

Name of Constituency: Malgudi LOCAL AUTHORITIES' Date:

MAIN PARCEL (ORIGINAL VOTES)

Name of the Candidate: Shri Mohd. Kaif

No. of Ballot Papers 11,985 @ 100 (Value of each Ballot) = 11,98,500 (Total Value)

(Envelope size depending on the number of votes to be put)

NEXT ROUND / STEP:

- 55. In this kind of election (by means of Single Transferable Voting), there will be some surplus votes for a candidate who gets the quota. SURPLUS means the votes secured by a candidate more than the QUOTA. If there are still more vacancies to be filled, the RO has to DISTRIBUTE THE SURPLUS of the elected candidate before taking any further step.
- 56. In the present case, Shri Robinson's surplus votes were 24,12,200 17,92,167 = 6,20,033. The next round of counting was the distribution of surplus to remaining continuing candidates.

2nd ROUND - DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS OF ROBINSON

57. The R.O. got the Tray of Robinson removed from the Table. He got elected from the original votes. Therefore, he had only Main Parcel with original votes. Since the candidate got elected by getting the original votes, all the ballot papers (24,122) in the Main parcel have to be reexamined by the RO to determine whether they are "EXHAUSTED" or "UNEXHAUSTED". Exhausted ballot papers are those that cannot be transferred to another candidate due to any of the following reasons:

Exhausted Ballot Papers are

- the papers on which only first preference is marked and no other preference given.
- Papers on which 2nd preference is NOT marked, even though there may be other preferences
- Papers on which 2nd preference is marked for more than one candidate
- Papers on which along with 2nd preference, another preference is also marked for the same candidate; or
- Paper on which 2nd preference is marked in words like "Two", etc.
- 58. On scrutiny, the RO found that out of total 24,122 ballot papers, 15,855 were EXHAUSTED and only 8,267 ballot papers were unexhausted and were to be transferred to others. No action was taken on these 15,855 Exhausted Papers and they were sealed back in the same envelope marked "Main Parcel" of the candidate and on the cover it was written "EXHAUSTED PAPERS".
- 59. The remaining 8267 ballot papers were distributed to the other candidates according to the 2nd preference marked thereon. Note one important point. When the surplus of any candidate is distributed, the value of the ballot papers MAY NOT BE THE SAME as original. A new value has to be calculated.

NEW VALUE OF SURPLUS VOTES:

60. The principle to calculate the new value of surplus votes is to divide the total surplus by the number of UNEXHAUSTED ballot papers actually distributed. In the case of Robinson, the new value was calculated as follows:

Total Surplus 6,20,033 Unexhausted Ballots = 8267

The new value of 8267 = 6,20,033 = 75.01 (Ignore .01) New Value = 75 8267

Now the new value was 75 for the 8267 ballots distributed. Here kindly note one important point: While calculating the new value, the number of UNEXHAUSTED papers may be so low, that the NEW VALUE may come more than 100. In such cases, the value will be RESTRICTED to only 100 and the rest goes to "Loss of Value".

61. The distribution of the surplus of Shri Robinson was posted in TRANSFER SHEET No. 1 (Surplus Transfer) as follows:

ELECTION TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Date: _____

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 1

(To be used at elections where MORE THAN ONE SEAT is to be filled)

Name of the Council Constituency: 'MALGUDI LOCAL AUTHORITIES' (To be used for distribution of surplus votes of elected candidate)

Transfer of Surplus votes of SHRI ROBINSON (Name of elected candidate)

SI	.No.	Name of Item	Data
I.	(a)	24,12,200	
	(b)	Quota	17,92,167
	(c)	Value of surplus votes (a-b)	6,20,033
II	(a)	Total No. of ballot papers in the main parcel / to be further transferred	24,122
	(b)	Value of each such ballot paper in that parcel	100
	(c)	No. of exhausted ballot papers	15,855
	(d)	No. of unexhausted ballot papers actually transferred to other continuing candidates (ac)	8,267
	(e)	New transfer value of each such transferred ballot paper [i.e. I(c) / II(d)]	75
	(f)	Total value of transferred ballot papers [II(d) x II(e)	6,20,025
	(g)	Loss of value due to neglect of fraction / exhausted ballot papers [I(c) - II(f)]	8

III. Distribution of votes among continuing candidates:

Name of Candidate	Ballot Papers (Votes) Obtained x Value	Total value
Mohd. Kaif7569 x 75	567675	
Sarat Babu 639 x 75	47925	
Seetha Ramaiah	59 x 75	4425
Loss of value due to neglect of fraction / exhausted ballot papers		8
TOTAL:		620033

62. After dealing with the surplus of Shri Robinson, the result as shown in Transfer Sheet No. 1 was posted in the RESULT SHEET. None of the remaining 9 candidates secured the quota to fill the second seat. The next step was "elimination" or Exclusion of a candidate with the lowest number of votes from contest and distribution of his votes to the remaining continuing candidates.

STATUS AFTER ROUND No.2

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	17,66,175	
Krishna Rao	90,200	
Koteswara Rao	90,200	
Ramesh Naidu	24,600	
Wesley	2,62,700	
Sarat Babu	5,00,525	
Robinson	17,92,167	Elected - 1
Swarajyam	25,100	
Lakshmi Kumari	12,600	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	8,12,225	
Loss due to fraction/exhausted votes	8	
Total	53,76,500	

3rd ROUND - ELIMINATION OF LAKSHMI KUMARI

- 63. RO found that Lakshmi Kumari (LK) with 12,600 votes was the lowest and she was eliminated. RO got her Tray removed from the Table and examined her votes for further distribution. Here make a note that when a candidate is eliminated, his votes are distributed at the same value at which he received them.
- 64. She had only Main Parcel with 126 ballot papers and each paper was of the value of 100. The votes were to be distributed as per 2nd preference marked thereon. If the 2nd preference is marked to an ALREADY ELECTED OR ELIMINATED CANDIDATE, then the RO should credit that vote to the 3rd preference and so on.
- 65. Out of 126 ballots, 83 ballots did not have any valid 2nd preference marked. Therefore, the RO declared them as "EXHAUSTED" votes and sealed them back in the Main Parcel with an endorsement on the cover. The remaining 43 papers of 100 value each were distributed to the continuing candidates as in the Transfer Sheet No. 2:

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 2

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI LOCAL AUTHORITIES' (To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)
Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate(NAME) LAKSHMI KUMARI
TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 12,600

Sl.No.	Name of Item	MAIN	SUB PARCELS NUMBERS							
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	126								126
2	Value of each ballot paper	100								
3	Value of votes to be transferred	12600								12600
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	43								43
5	Value of transferred votes	4300								4300
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	83								83
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	8300								8300

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE	VALUE OF VOTES OBTAINED BY TRANSFER OF BALLOT PAPERS FROM							
CONTINUING	Main			Su	b Parcel	s Numb	ers		
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd. Kaif	1,200								1200
Koteswara Rao	1,400								1400
Ramesh Naidu	500								500
Seetha Ramaiah	1,200								1200
TOTAL	4,300								4,300

66. The RO got the result of 3rd round posted in the Result sheet. He reviewed the position of the remaining 8 candidates after 3rd round:

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 3

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	17,67,375	
Krishna Rao	90,200	
Koteswara Rao	91,600	
Ramesh Naidu	25,100	
Wesley	2,62,700	
Sarat Babu	5,00,525	
Robinson	17,92,167	Elected-1
Swarajyam	25,100	
Lakshmi Kumari	θ	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	8,13,425	
Loss due to fraction/exhausted votes	8309	
TOTAL	53,76,500	

67. After 3rd round also, the second seat remained unfilled. The RO announced that another candidate with the lowest number of votes would be eliminated. He observed that Shri Ramesh Naidu (RN) and Smt. Swarajyam had equal number of lowest votes of 25,100 each. It was not necessary to draw any lots in this case, because even though in the 3rd round also, both of them had equal votes, in the 2nd round, Smt. Rajyam had more votes than RN. Therefore, the RO decided to eliminate Shri RN and distribute his votes.

4th ROUND - ELIMINATION OF SHRI RAMESH NAIDU (RN)

- 68. Shri RN got total 25,100 votes. He had a Main Parcel of 24,600 votes and a sub-parcel-1 with 500 votes.
- 69. The RO first examined the 246 votes in the Main parcel. 129 ballots were found to be "EXHAUSTED" and only 117 were distributed at the value of 100 each. The sub-parcel had 5 votes and all the 5 were exhausted. The distribution was posted in Transfer Sheet No. 3:

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 3

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI LOCAL AUTHORITIES' (To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)

Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate(NAME) RAMESH NAIDU TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 25,100

SI.No.	o. Name of Item		SUB PARCELS NUMBERS							
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	246	5							251
2	Value of each ballot paper	100	100							
3	Value of votes to be transferred	24600	500							25,100
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	117	0							117
5	Value of transferred votes	11700	0							11700
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	129	5							134
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	12900	500							13400

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

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Name of	VALUE	VALUE OF VOTES OBTAINED BY TRANSFER OF BALLOT PAPERS FROM							
CONTINUING	Main			Sul	o Parcel	s Numb	ers		
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd. Kaif	2400	0							2400
Krishna Rao	300	0							300
Koteswara Rao	400	0							400
Swarajyam	8600	0							8600
TOTAL	11700	0							11700

70. The RO had the situation reviewed after the result of the 4th Round was posted in the Result sheet. He reviewed the Status Report as follows:

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 4

QUOTA FOR ELECTION: 17,92,167

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks (Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	17,69,775	
Krishna Rao	90,500	
Koteswara Rao	92,000	
Ramesh Naidu	0	Eliminated-2
Wesley	2,62,700	
Sarat Babu	5,00,525	
Robinson	17,92,167	Elected-1
Swarajyam	33,700	
Lakshmi Kumari	θ	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	8,13,425	
Loss due to fraction/ exhausted votes	21,708	
Total	53,76,500	

5th ROUND - ELIMINATION OF SMT. SWARAJYAM

- 71. She had a total of 33,700 votes. Details of her parcels were:

 Main Parcel 25100 Sub-parcel-1 8600
- 72. On scrutiny of the 251 ballot papers in the main parcel, the RO found that all 251 were UNEXHAUSTED and on each of these papers, 2nd preference was marked to Shri Mohd. Kaif. He credited the 251 papers at the value of 100 each to Shri Mohd. Kaif. After the completion of the distribution of the Main parcel of Smt. Swarajyam, the Counting Assistant attending to Shri Mohd. Kaif's Tray informed the RO that the candidate (Shri Mohd. Kaif) got the quota. The RO stopped the counting after dealing with the Main Parcel and did not open the Sub-Parcel-1 with 86 votes, since the last seat was also filled up. The result of this final round was as follows:

TRANSFER SHEET NO. 4

Name of the Council Constituency: MALGUDI LOCAL AUTHORITIES'
(To be used for distribution of VOTES of EXCLUDED candidate)
Transfer of votes of EXCLUDED candidate(NAME) SWARAJYAM
TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES: 33,700

Sl.No.	Name of Item	MAIN	SUB PARCELS NUMBE			MBE	RS			
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred	251	86							33700
2	Value of each ballot paper	100	100							
3	Value of votes to be transferred	25100	8600							33700
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred	251	Counting came to an end							251
5	Value of transferred votes	25100	0	0			25100			
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers	0	86							86
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers	0	8600							8600

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE	OF VO	TES OBTA	AINED B	Y TRANS	FER OF I	BALLOT	PAPERS	FROM
CONTINUING	Main			Sul	o Parcel	s Numbe	ers		
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
Mohd.Kaif	25100	0							25100
Krishna Rao	0	0							
Koteswara Rao	0	0							
TOTAL	25100	0							25100

STATUS AFTER ROUND No. 5 (Final Round) QUOTA FOR ELECTION: 17,92,167

Name of candidate	Total Value of Votes	Remarks
		(Elected / Eliminated)
Mohd. Kaif	17,69,775	
Krishna Rao	90,500	
Koteswara Rao	92,000	
Ramesh Naidu	θ	Eliminated-2
Wesley	2,62,700	
Sarat Babu	5,00,525	
Robinson	17,92,167	Elected-1
Swarajyam	33,700	
Lakshmi Kumari	θ	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	8,13,425	
Loss due to fraction/ exhausted votes	21,708	
Total	53,76,500	

- 73. THE RO ANNOUNCED THE RESULT AND INFORMED THAT SINCE THE SECOND SEAT WAS ALSO FILLED-UP, THE COUNTING CAME TO AN END. He thanked all for their co-operation for the smooth conduct of counting. The result of the final round of counting was posted in the RESULT SHEET below and the RO filled the names of the two elected candidates and their party affiliation in the result sheet.
- 74. The RO also initialed each of the Transfer Sheets and the Result Sheet and they were pinned together for safe custody. Both the elected candidates were awarded certificates of election duly signed and stamped by the RO.
- 75. After every round the R.O. obtained signatures of the all the contesting candidates / agents in both of the transfer sheet as well as result sheet in token of agreement as to the correctness of the counting in the result sheet / transfer sheet.

ELECTION TO FILL TWO SEATS - COUNTING RESULT

Seats to be filled Total Votes polled Invalid votes	7 P.	-7	2 (Two) 55,000 1,235		no	QUOTA = 53,76,500 / (2+1) + 1 = 17,92,166 + 1 = 17,92,167	00 / (2+1) +	1 = 17,92,1	66 + 1 = 17	,92,167
Value of each Vote	ote	,	53,765 100		RES	RESULT SHEET	HEET	_		
Total Valid of valid votes		53765 x 100 = 53,76,500	76,500						17,9	17,92,167
Name of Candidate	(Initial Count) 1st Round	2nd Round - Distribution of Surplus of Robinson	Result of 2nd Round	3rd Round - Elimination of Lakshmi	Result of 3rd Round	4th Round - Elimination of Ramesh Naidu	Result of 4th Round	5th Round - Elimination of Swarajyam	Result of 5th Round	REMARKS
Mohd. Kaif	11,98,500	5,67,675	17,66,175	1,200	17,67,375	2,400	17,69,775	25,100	17,94,875	ELECTED-2
Krishna Rao	90,200		90,200	0	90,200	300	90,500		90,500	
Koteswara Rao	90,200		90,200	1,400	91,600	400	92,000		92,000	
Ramesh Naidu	24,600		24,600	500	25,100	(-) 25,100	0		0	Eliminated-2
Wesley	2,62,700		2,62,700	0	2,62,700		2,62,700		2,62,700	
Sarat Babu	4,52,600	47,925	5,00,525	0	5,00,525		5,00,525		5,00,525	
Robinson	24,12,200	(-) 6,20,033	17,92,167	0	17,92,167	0	17,92,167		17,92,167	ELECTED-1
Swarajyam	25,100		25,100	0	25,100	8,600	33,700	(-) 33,700	0	Eliminated-3
Lakshmi Kumari	12,600		12,600	(-) 12,600	0		0		0	Eliminated-1
Seetha Ramaiah	8,07,800	4,425	8,12,225	1,200	8,13,425		8,13,425		8,13,425	
Non-Transferable Papers	0	15,855		83		134		98		
Loss due to fraction / exhausted votes		89	8	8,300	808'8	13,400	21,708	8,600	30,308	
TOTAL:	53,76,500		53,76,500		53,76,500		53,76,500		53,76,500	

FORMS TO BE USED IN COUNTING

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ELECTION TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Date: _____ Name of the Council Constituency: POLLING STATION-WISE STATEMENT OF **TOTAL VOTES POLLED** No. of Ballot Papers taken out of Ballot Boxes: No. of ballot No. of ballot Sl. No. Sl. No. No. of ballot papers No. of ballot papers of taken out taken out papers as per papers as per **Polling** Polling Form-16 of the ballot Form-16 of the ballot Station Station box(es) box(es) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 etc Total (A) II No. of Postal Ballot Papers taken out of Covers under rule 54A(7) В_____ GRAND TOTAL : A + B _____ III No. of Ballot Papers Rejected:

of

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IV No. of Valid Ballot Papers

Date: _____ **ELECTION TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

RESULT SHEET

Name of the Council Constituency:

NO. OF SEATS TO BE FILLED______

Name of Candidate	Value of votes at initial count	Distribution of Surplus / Eliminated Votes of	Result (col. 2+3)	Distribution of Surplus / Eliminated Votes of	Result (col. 4+5)	Distribution of Surplus / Eliminated Votes of	Result (col. 6+7)	Distribution of Surplus / Eliminated Votes of	Result (col. 8+9)	Remarks (Elected or Eliminated)
-	2	m	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11
Non-Transferable Papers										
Loss due to fraction / exhausted votes										
Total										

riace. Date:

* In the REMARKS column of the Result sheet, for the candidate 1st elected, write "Elected-1", 2nd elected, write "Elected-2" and so on. Similarly for the first eliminated-1", 2nd eliminated-1", 2nd eliminated-1", 2nd eliminated-1", 2nd eliminated-2" and so on.

Sd/- Returning Officer

STATEMENT SHOWING LATEST POSITION OF THE VOTES SECURED BY EACH CANDIDATE [TO BE KEPT WITH THE R.O.]

Seats to be Filled =

QUOTA =

STATUS ROUND No.

Name of Candidate	Total value of votes	REMARKS (Elected or Eliminated)
TOTAL:		

Cut-out the names of Elected/Eliminated and after every round update it immediately. Have sufficient No. of Blank Statements to update the status of each candidate after every round.

ELECTION TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Date: Name of the Council Constituency: ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECEIVED (This Statement should be kept by the side of the Tray of each candidate and should be filled in by the Counting Assistant during the counting) NAME OF THE CANDIDATE: Quota for election:

Main Parcel / Sub Parcels	Name of the candidate from whom transferred	No.of Ballot Papers	Value of of each Ballot Paper	Total Value
1	2	3	4	5
Main Parcel	Original votes	9985	1 (one)	9985
(Original Votes)				
Sub-parcel (1)				
Sub-parcel (2)				
Sub-parcel (3)				
Sub-parcel (4)				
Sub-parcel (5)				
Sub-parcel (6)				
Sub-parcel (7)				
Sub-parcel (8)				
Sub-parcel (9)				
Sub-parcel (10)				
Sub-parcel (11)				
Sub-parcel (12)				
Sub-parcel (13)				
Sub-parcel (14)				
Sub-parcel (15)				
etc				
TOTAL:				

SI.No.	Name of Item	MAIN		SI	JB I	PARC	ELS	NUN	/IBEF	RS
		PARCEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	No. of Ballot Papers to be Transferred									
2	Value of each ballot paper									
3	Value of votes to be transferred									
4	No. of ballot papers actually transferred									
5	Value of transferred votes									
6	No. of exhausted ballot papers									
7	Value of Exhausted ballot papers									

TOTAL VALUE OF VOTES:

Distribution of votes among continuing candidates

Name of	VALUE OF VOTES OBTAINED BY TRANSFER OF BALLOT PAPERS FROM								
CONTINUING	Main	Sub Parcels Numbers							
Candidate	Parcel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
TOTAL									

ELECTION TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Date: _____ TRANSFER SHEET NO. [To be used at elections where MORE THAN ONE SEAT is to be filled) Name of the Council Constituency: _____ (To be used for distribution of surplus votes of elected candidate) Transfer of Surplus votes of ----- (Name of elected candidate) Sl.No. Name of Item Data Total Value of Votes 1. (a) (b) Quota (c) Value of surplus votes (a-b) Ш (a) Total No. of ballot papers in the main parcel / to be further transferred Value of each such ballot paper in that parcel (b) No. of exhausted ballot papers (c) (d) No. of unexhausted ballot papers actually transferred to other continuing candidates (ac) New transfer value of each such transferred (e) ballot paper [i.e. I(c) / II(d)] Total value of transferred ballot papers [II(d) x II(e) (f) (g) Loss of value due to neglect of fraction / exhausted ballot papers [I(c) - II(f)] III. Distribution of votes among continuing candidates:

Name of Candidate	Ballot Papers (Votes) Obtained x Value	Total value
Loss of value due to neglect of fraction / exhausted ballot papers		
TOTAL :		

