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**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 2017
(METHOD OF VOTING)**

1. At the polling station you should vote by placing the figure “1” in the column ‘**mark order of preference**’ provided opposite the name of the candidate whom you choose as your **first preference**.
2. This figure “1” shall **be placed opposite the name of only one candidate**.
3. You have as many preferences as there are contesting candidates.
4. 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 figure **2,3,4, etc.** in the order of your preference.
5. Make sure that you put one only 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.
6. **Preference shall be indicated in figure only, i.e. 1,2,3, etc., and shall not be indicated in words, one, two, three etc.**
7. Figure may be mark 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.
8. Make sure that you mark the figures 1,2,3, etc., on the ballot paper only with the pen which will be officially supplied to you for the purpose. Do NOT use any other pen or your own pen etc. for making the said figures 1,2,3, etc. as it may invalidate your ballot paper.
9. **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.

10. **DO NOT PUT** ‘tick’ mark or ‘cross’ mark like “√” or “X” to indicate your preferences. Such ballot paper will be rejected. Indicate your preferences only in figure 1,2,3, etc., as explained above.
11. To make your ballot paper valid, it is necessary that you should indicate your first preferences by placing figure “1” against one of the candidates. That other preferences are optional, i.e., you or may not indicate the second and subsequent preferences.
12. **Remember, indicating figure “1” against any one of the candidates is a must and the remaining figure like 2;3; etc for remaining candidates are only optional, i.e., not compulsory.**

INVALID BALLOT PAPERS

A ballot paper shall be invalid on which -

- i the figure 1 is **not** marked
- ii the figure 1 is marked opposite the name of **more than one** candidate;
- iii the figure 1 is so placed as to render it **doubtful** to which candidate it is intended to apply.
- iv the figure 1 and some other figures like 2,3 etc., are also marked for the **same** candidate;
- v the preferences are indicated **in words instead of in figures.**
- vi there is any mark or writing by which by the **elector may be identified.**

SECRECY OF VOTE

Make sure that you mark your vote on the ballot paper inside the voting compartment and maintain its secrecy. Any violation of secrecy of vote by you may render your ballot paper invalid.

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