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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Legal Provisions related to Term of Office

1.1. Section 24 of Article 10 of the Constitution provides that:

“The National Assembly and the National Council shall continue for five years from the date of the first sitting of the respective Houses. While the National Council shall complete its five-year term, premature dissolution of the National Assembly may take place on the recommendation of the Prime Minister to the Druk Gyalpo or in the event of a motion of no confidence vote against the Government being passed in the National Assembly or in accordance with section 12 of Article 15.”

1.2. Section 48 of Chapter 4 of the National Council Act 2008 provides that:

“At the first sitting after any election, or when necessary to fill a vacancy, the NC shall elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson from among its members”

1.3. The date of the first sitting of the National Council, based on the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, is the **29th of April 2008**.

1.4. Therefore, the term of office of five years of the National Council is from the **29th of April 2008 to 28th of April 2013**.

1.5. The National Council shall, as provided by the Laws, serve its full term in office that is up to **28th of April 2013**.

However, the Members of Parliament of First National Council Members who wish to contest the elections shall, as per the advance notice issued vide the **Notification No.: ECB/CEC-SP/2012/1231** dated **13th of February 2012**, resign from the House upon issuance of the Royal Decree by His Majesty the King of Bhutan in order for them to participate in the *Zomdu* organised to select *Gewdu/Thromde Nominee* from **12th of March 2013**.

2. Legal Provisions related to Elections

2.1. Section 5 of Article 24 of the Constitution provides that:

“Parliament shall, by law, ensure that the Election Commission holds elections so that the National Assembly and Local Governments are re-constituted within ninety days after its dissolution.

Provided that in the case of the National Council, elections shall be held so that it is re-constituted on the date of expiry of the term. In the case of the Dzongkhag Tshogdu...”

2.2. National Council serves for the full term but elections have to be held such that a new National Council is reconstituted on the date of expiration of duration of the existing National Council.

(Sec. 192 of the Election Act)

Accordingly, the National Council elections are to be completed and the House re-constituted by **28th of April 2013**.

2.3. The Election Commission has to announce the date on which the Druk Gyalpo shall, by Royal Decree, call the elections.

2.4. The announcement has to be made no later than ninety days before the date of expiration of duration of the House.

(Sec. 192 of the Election Act)

2.5. The Royal Decree shall set the process of election in motion such that a new National Council is reconstituted on the date of expiration of duration of the existing National Council.

(Sec. 192 and 193 of the Election Act)

2.6. The first sitting of the House can be independent of the inauguration of the joint sitting of Parliament.

2.7. ECB shall announce the Poll Days by Notification of the Election Schedule such that the Poll Day of the National Council Election is within 30 days after the withdrawal of candidature.

(Sec. 201(c) of the Election Act)

3. Particulars of the National Council Elections 2013

- 3.1. Election Commission of Bhutan had issued the Announcement for issue of the Royal Decree calling the National Council Elections in the Kingdom of Bhutan on **8th of March 2013**.
- 3.2. His Majesty The King of Bhutan was Pleased to Issue The Royal Decree, calling the National Council Elections with the Poll Day on 23rd of April 2013 for re-constitution of the House on **28th of April 2013**, on **9th of March 2013**.
- 3.3. The Result Counting shall be done on the same day with the Results Declaration on the day after the Poll Day.

4. National Council *Demkhongs*

- 4.1. The National Council Elections shall be conducted in the 20 Dzongkhags, the territorial boundaries of which also form the electoral boundaries for the 20 National Council seats.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

The preparations for the Second Parliamentary Elections 2013 is guided principally by the Work Plan and Calendar of Events detailing the various activities, as drawn up at the 3rd ECB Conference in Tsirang in April 2012. The main groups of preparatory activities carried out were as highlighted hereunder.

5. Customised Dzongkhag Work Plan

- 5.1. Each Dzongkhag shall implement the preparatory activities as per the detailed and customised Work Plan for the respective Dzongkhag.

6. Electoral Roll

- 6.1. The scheduled preparatory activities related to the Electoral Roll are as follows:
 - 6.1.1. Import of Civil Registry data as of **1st of April 2012**, and 1st October/November 2012, from the Department of Civil Registration, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs (MoHCA).
 - 6.1.2. Training of Dzongkhag Electoral Registration Officers in the Bhutan Electoral Registration and Management Systems designed for concerned Dzongkhag Election Offices to initiate correction in the Electoral Roll with final approval by the Department of Electoral Registration and Boundary Delimitation (DER&BD);
 - 6.1.3. Preparation of first preliminary draft Electoral Roll (e-list) by the DER&BD;
 - 6.1.4. Revision and updating of the first preliminary draft by the Dzongkhag Election Offices through field visits right up to the *Chiwogs* level from September 2012;
 - 6.1.5. Issue of VPIC for the senior citizens by DER&BD and the Dzongkhag Elections Offices upon issuance of the CID by the MoHCA;
 - 6.1.6. Incorporation of preliminary draft in the Central Database System and Preparation of Draft E-Roll;
 - 6.1.7. Preparation of list of eligible voters and issuance of new VPIC,

wherever required;

- 6.1.8. Collection of Old VPIC by Dzongkhag Elections Offices;
- 6.1.9. Registration of Postal Voters and preparation of Postal Voter List;
- 6.1.10. Release of the Draft Electoral Roll for claims and objections; and
- 6.1.11. Release of Final Electoral Roll.

7. Biometric

- 7.1. To reap the manifold benefits of the advancement in technology, it is found useful and necessary to use biometric data in the Electoral Roll, starting with 30 of the larger polling stations in each of the 20 Dzongkhags, as in **Annexure 1** for the Parliamentary Elections 2013.

8. Review of Polling Stations

- 8.1. A review of the Polling Stations has been carried out to ensure that these are appropriate and most convenient to the majority of voters. Feedback for change has been received and incorporated as indicated in the List of Polling Stations in **Annexure 2**.

9. Voter Education and Electoral Training

- 9.1. Voter education and electoral training of voters as well as election officials is an important aspect of the preparations for the Parliamentary Elections 2013. The specific activities which have been carried out include:
 - 9.1.1. Development, production and distribution of general voter and electoral education materials;
 - 9.1.2. Training of Trainers and implementation of two rounds of public education programmes including (1) General Electoral Education Programme in all *Chiwogs/Gewogs* of the 20 Dzongkhags and (2) Specific Voter Education i.e. specific to the 2013 Parliamentary Elections in the *Chiwogs/Gewogs*;
 - 9.1.3. Election Dispute Resolution Training for officials to be appointed as members of the 20 Dzongkhag Dispute Settlement Bodies;

- 9.1.4. Training of senior civil servants forming the pool from which appointments as the Observers and Returning Officers are made at the appropriate date;
- 9.1.5. Postal Ballot training of eligible postal voters focusing on the armed forces, schools, institutes and government offices;
- 9.1.6. Public talks/ Panel Discussions;
- 9.1.7. In-house Hands-on-Training on EVMs for new officials recruited into the employ of the Election Commission in the year 2010; and
- 9.1.8. Training before Poll day including specific training of Presiding Officers for SMS reporting and refresher course for polling officials including Biometric as per Election Schedule by Returning Officers and Dzongkhag Election Offices.

10. Revision of Handbooks, Rules, Forms, Guidelines

- 10.1. The Handbooks, Rules, Forms, Guidelines, Manuals etc. which give detailed instructions on various aspects of elections have been reviewed and revised to incorporate and provide for the new features that are necessary to be introduced based on the experience of the first Parliamentary Elections as well as the conduct of the recent Local Government Elections. A total of **41** documents, as in **Annexure 3**, besides the Electoral Laws, Notifications and Orders issued by the ECB shall guide the conduct of the Parliamentary Elections 2013.
- 10.2. A comprehensive list of various Forms and Formats has also been prepared for easy reference as well as incorporated into the relevant documents.

11. Candidate related

- 11.1. The activities related to Candidates include:
 - 11.1.1. Updating of the Candidate/Elected Members profiles including the income tax and asset declaration details which could be used for cross-checking the papers filed at the time of nominations. This would ensure that the nomination papers are not just a formality;
 - 11.1.2. Seminar for aspiring Candidates held on 20th of February 2013 and

briefing session for incumbent Members of the National Council on **7th of March 2013**; and

- 11.1.3. Facilitation and standardization of the introductory tours and visits to constituencies through briefing and written guidance to local authorities.

12. SMS-based Election Result and Voter Turn-out Reporting

- 12.1. The SMS-based 2 hourly voter turnouts and election result reporting, developed with the private company *E-Druk*, was piloted in the Local Government elections and it is found useful to replicate this method with some further changes. To ensure that there are no hiccups on the Poll Days, the system was put through a Mock Session involving all 20 Dzongkhags during the training of the Returning Officers.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

13. Local Governments

- 13.1. The *Dzongdags* of all twenty *Dzongkhags* and the Gewog Administrative Officers (GAOs) in the *Gewogs* shall serve as the Focal Points for all administrative matters related to elections in the *Dzongkhags* and *Gewogs* respectively during the election period.
- 13.2. The *Dzongdags* and the GAOs shall be responsible in ensuring that their respective jurisdictions are conducive and congenial for the conduct of free and fair Parliamentary Elections 2013 and fulfill the duties as detailed in the *Handbook for Chief Election Coordinators* and respective Appointment Orders.
- 13.3. The public notices for the National Council selection *Zomdus*, as per Section 11(a) of the Election Act, shall be under the signature of the Thrompon in case of the *Dzongkhag Thromdes* and the Gups for the *Gewogs*. However, the Schedule shall be drawn up and the *Zomdus* conducted by the respective Dzongkhag Election Office with the assistance of the concerned GAO.

14. Role of *Midhey Gothrips*

- 14.1. The *Midhey Gothrips*, including the *Dzongkhag Tshogdu* and *Gewog Tshogde* members, in the respective *Dzongkhags* may inform and educate members of the public on the importance of turning out to vote on the days of poll.
- 14.2. The *Midhey Gothrips* shall not participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.
- 14.3. The *Midhey Gothrips* may be required, in specific cases, to assist in the logistical arrangements for the conduct of elections or during the dispute investigations but they shall not be present in the Polling Stations on the Poll Days except to cast their votes.

REMAINING ABOVE POLITICS AND APOLITICAL

15. Religion, Religious Personalities and Religious Organisations

- 15.1. Under Section 3 of Article 3 of the Constitution, Section 5 of the Religious Organisations Act and Section 184 of the Election Act, religion and religious personalities shall remain above politics, neither engaging in any activities that are directly related to public elections nor being involved in any political activity.
- 15.2. Religious Personalities and/or Religious Organisations shall not participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.
- 15.3. The Election Commission, vide its **Notification No. ECB/CEC-Notif/2012/425** dated **1st of October 2012**, notified of the prohibition of the conduct of religious events involving public gathering starting from **1st of January 2013** until the completion of the Election Period.
- 15.4. Further, during the Election Period, even private religious events particularly the wrathful practices and rituals such as *tordog*, *torphang* etc. will be prohibited in particular by the candidates, leaders and/or their representatives and supporters.
- 15.5. Religious Personalities shall neither vote in the elections nor participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.

16. Civil Servants

- 16.1. Section 1 of Article 26 of the Constitution provides for “an independent and apolitical civil service”.
- 16.2. The Civil Service Act of Bhutan, under Section 38, specifies that a civil servant shall not (a) be eligible to be a candidate for any election conducted under the electoral laws of the Kingdom or hold any paid or unpaid post in any political party; (b) canvass for the political party or any candidate in an election conducted under the electoral laws of the Kingdom. Further, Section 97.2 defines “Apolitical” as meaning not being linked with political parties or engaged in any political activities.

- 16.3. The civil servants shall cast their votes either in person at the designated Polling Stations or by Postal Ballot. However, no civil servant shall participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.
- 16.4. Specifically, the civil servants shall not attend any campaign events, meetings, *Zomdus* etc. as they will have ample access to information on the Candidates contesting the elections through the various State financed campaign materials and mass media communications except for those civil servants on election duty required to observe or monitor such events.

17. Civil Society Organisations/Non-Governmental Organisations

- 17.1. Under Section 7 of the Civil Society Organisation Act 2007, the CSOs are required to refrain and neither engage in any activities directly related to public elections nor be involved in political activity.
- 17.2. Accordingly, no NGOs or CSOs shall participate, directly or indirectly, or give grounds to reasonably construe support, opposition or dislike of any Candidate contesting the elections.

THE ELECTION SCHEDULE

18. Election Schedule

18.1. The Schedule of Dates and time for the **National Council Elections 2013** shall, as notified to the general public on **10th of March 2013**, be as presented in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Election Schedule for the *Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Council*

Sl. No.	Event	Date
1	Issue of The Royal Decree calling the National Council Elections and setting the process in motion	9 th of March 2013
2	ECB Notification on the National Council Election Schedule	10 th of March 2013
3	Issuance of the draft Electoral Roll for public inspection and filing of Claims and Objections	
4	Eligible Postal Voters to begin submission of application for Postal Ballot to respective Returning Officers	11 th of March 2013
5	Commencement of the <i>Zomdu</i> Process in the <i>Gewogs/Dzongkhag Thromdes</i> to select Nominees	12 th of March 2013
6	Last date for filing of Claims and Objections to the draft Electoral Roll	20 th of March 2013
7	Freezing of the Electoral Roll	23 rd of March 2013
8	Last date for filing nomination	31 st of March 2013
9	Scrutiny of Nominations of Candidates	1 st of April 2013
10	Application for Election Campaign Fund by Candidates	
11	Commencement of the Election Campaign	
12	Release of the Election Campaign Fund	2 nd of April 2013
13	Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	3 rd of April 2013

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14	Returning Officer to initiate sending Postal Ballot to registered Postal Voters	
15	Last date of receipt of Application for Postal Ballots by Returning Officer	
16	End of Election Campaign	9 a.m. 21 st of April 2013
17	Last day/ time for receiving Postal Ballots	5 p.m. 22 nd of April 2013
18	National Council Poll Day and Counting of Results	23 rd of April 2013
19	Declaration of Results & Submission of the Results to His Majesty the Druk Gyalpo	24 th of April 2013
20	Start of Election Petition Period	
21	Issuance of the Certificate of Election	26 th of April 2013
22	End of Election Petition Period	8 th of May 2013

ELECTION OFFICIALS

19. Media Arbitrator

- 19.1. A senior and a competent Officer from the public service shall be appointed as the Media Arbitrator for the **Parliamentary Elections 2013** by the Election Commission and be vested with the authority and have the responsibility to fulfill the roles and responsibilities as provided in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and the Appointment Order.
- 19.2. The Media Unit, headed by the Spokesperson for the Commission, shall provide all necessary support to the Media Arbitrator.
- 19.3. The Media Arbitrator's Office shall be strengthened to ensure capacity to monitor as well as handle social media disputes besides the other media related responsibilities.

20. Chief Election Coordinators

- 20.1. The *Dzongdags* of the respective *Dzongkhags* shall serve as the Chief Election Coordinators responsible to ensure the participation of the electorate and coordination of different electoral stakeholders for conduct of free and fair elections and for carrying out the roles, responsibilities and duties in their respective areas as provided in the Electoral Laws and elaborated in the Appointment Orders.
- 20.2. The *Dzonggrabs/ Dungpas* shall serve as the Deputy Chief Election Coordinators and Gewog Administrative Officers as the Assistant Chief Election Coordinators to assist the Chief Election Coordinator in the respective *Dzongkhag, Dungkhag* and *Gewogs*.

21. National Observers and Micro-Observers

- 21.1. The Election Commission shall depute one senior and reliable officer selected from the public services as the National Observer for every National Council *Demkhong* i.e. in each of the 20 *Dzongkhags*.
- 21.2. The National Observers shall be fully accountable to observe and report on the standard election procedures and Election Code of Conduct being followed and abided by all responsible or involved in the electoral process.

- 21.3. Micro-Observers shall be appointed by the Election Commission where necessary to assist a National Observer.
 - 21.4. A Committee of ECB Officers chaired by the Director of the ECB shall select and recommend the officials to be appointed as National Observers and Micro-Observers.
 - 21.5. The Observers shall be responsible to exercise the authority, roles and responsibilities of a National Observer fully as provided in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and, in particular, the *Guidelines for National and International Observers* and the Appointment Orders. In particular the general public shall be notified that Observers are authorized to photograph, videograph or otherwise record all and any election event which may be used as legal evidence in the election dispute settlement system.
 - 21.6. The Micro-Observers must submit report regularly to the respective National Observer, with a copy endorsed invariably to the Election Commission.
 - 21.7. An Observer must refrain from undertaking any duty or responsibility that is not legally assigned to the post under the Laws or Orders.
 - 21.8. An Observer shall record observations, including on the Poll Day, and submit the required Reports promptly as per the Format in **Annexure 4**.
 - 21.9. Observers shall refrain from interfering/advising/executing any tasks other than those specifically mandated in their respective appointment orders.
- 22. Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers**
- 22.1. The Election Commission will appoint a reliable and dynamic officer selected from the public services as the Returning Officer for every National Council *Demkhong* i.e. in each of the 20 Dzongkhags.
 - 22.2. Assistant Returning Officers shall be appointed by the Election Commission where necessary to assist a Returning Officer.
 - 22.3. The Returning Officer shall be the overall-supervisor in the actual conduct of elections in the respective *Demkhongs*.
 - 22.4. A Returning or Assistant Returning Officer shall be vested with the authority,

roles and responsibilities and fully accountable as per the provisions in the Electoral Laws, Rules, Regulations, *Handbook for Returning Officers* and the Appointment Order issued by the Election Commission.

22.5. A Committee of ECB Officers chaired by the Director of the ECB shall select and recommend the officials to be appointed as Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officer.

22.6. The Office of the Returning Officer shall be located outside the Dzong and in an accessible and convenient site. Similarly, the venue of the election events shall be, as far as possible, at locations that do not require the wearing of the *kabney* and *pata*.

23. Presiding & Polling Officers

23.1. Returning Officers shall be responsible to appoint the Presiding and Polling Officers selected, in consultation with the respective Election Coordinators, from amongst dependable and competent government officials from those working within the same Dzongkhag, if available.

23.2. A Returning Officer shall ensure that Presiding and Polling Officers are appointed or their place of duty designated taking into account the minimum travel time required to reach the respective Polling Station but not earlier than three days before the day of Poll i.e. not before **19th of April 2013** unless otherwise required by the Election Commission.

23.3. A Presiding or Polling Officer shall be vested with the authority, roles and responsibilities and fully accountable as per the provisions in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and the *Handbooks for Presiding and Polling Officers*.

23.4. A Presiding Officer will be the overall in-charge of a polling station.

23.5. A Presiding Officer will be assisted by a team of Polling Officers in ensuring smooth polling at the polling station.

24. Counting Supervisors & Counting Assistants

24.1. The Returning Officers shall authorize the Presiding Officer and a Polling Officer in a Polling Station to function as the Counting Supervisor and the Counting Assistant to count the results after the close of Poll.

24.2. Counting Supervisors shall be vested with the authority, roles and responsibilities as per the provisions in the Electoral Laws, rules, regulations and the Handbook for Counting Supervisor and Counting Assistants.

25. Assignment of Duty Stations

25.1. An officer considered for appointment as a National Observer, Micro-Observer, Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, Polling Officer, Counting Supervisor or Counting Assistant must point out to the authority concerned in case he/she is being placed in the *Dzongkhag* where his/her *Gung* or *Mitsi* is registered for appropriate action.

26. Number of Election Officials to be Appointed

26.1. The deployment of Election Officials for the National Council Elections shall be as in **Table 2** below:

Table 2: Number of Election Officials to be Deployed

Sl. No.	Post	National Council	Remarks
1	Chief Election Coordinators	20	Besides other responsibilities, the CECs shall also serve on the Dzongkhag Dispute Settlement Bodies (DEDSB)
2	Dy. Chief Election Coordinators	35	
3	Assistant Chief Election Coordinators	205	
4	DEDSB Members	40	Dzongkhag Legal Officer and a senior sector head besides the DzEOs and the CECs
5	National Observers	20	The officials appointed for National Council Elections shall continue wherever possible
6	Micro Observers	27	
7	Returning Officers	20	
8	Assistant Returning Officers	27	
9	Presiding Officers	850	Presiding Officers shall be authorised as Counting Supervisors & a Polling Officer as Counting Assistants after the Polls
10	Polling Officers	2550	
11	Polling Assistants	850	
12	Media Arbitrator	1	
13	Social Media Monitor	1	Attached to the Media Arbitrator's Office
14	Legal Officers	5	1 at Media Arbitrator's Office and 4 for CEDSB

	<i>Total</i>	<i>4,651</i>	Not including the ECB staff and security personnel
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27. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

27.1. An Election Official shall declare any relationship that could lead to an actual or perceived conflict of interest with his/her duties as an Election Officer and a decision taken thereof by the appointing authority.

28. Dzongkhag Election Offices

28.1. The Dzongkhag Election Office and its officers shall be responsible to assist and advice the respective Chief Election Coordinators and Returning Officers and backstop the Election and Polling officials in the conduct of the Elections.

SECURITY

29. Security Personnel

- 29.1. The Royal Bhutan Police shall be responsible to provide security to places and personnel on election duty during the Elections particularly at every polling station as per the *Election Security Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan*.
- 29.2. The Royal Bhutan Police in consultation with the Dzongkhag/ Gewog authorities shall carry out an assessment of the security threat level of each Polling Station and determine the required level of security personnel including female personnel required to frisk female voters.
- 29.3. The RBP may consider deploying the Volunteer Community Police Force for the frisking duty at Polling Stations.
- 29.4. The Royal Bhutan Police shall be responsible for liaising with the Royal Bhutan Army towards provision of adequate security for the safe conduct of the Elections.
- 29.5. The Royal Bhutan Police shall designate one senior officer as the Election Security Coordinator to liaise between the Royal Bhutan Police, the Royal Bhutan Army and the Election Commission of Bhutan.
- 29.6. The Security Coordinator in each Dzongkhag shall be responsible to participate in the Coordination Meetings held in each Dzongkhag and provide security support as may be found necessary for the entire election period.
- 29.7. Security shall be given particular emphasis during the NC selection *Zomdus*, Common Forum, Public Debates, dispute resolution, 48 hours reflection time before polls, Poll Day and Result Declaration.

If and when necessary, the RBP shall be required to detain any person creating trouble or disturbance that is reasonable conclude to undermine safety and security of conduct of an electoral event exercising the power and authority provided under Section 38 of the Election Act.

- 29.8. The Royal Bhutan Police shall assess and consider provision of adequate security of the ECB Offices, both Head Office as well as the Dzongkhag Offices,

to ensure that no untoward incidents occur to compromise the integrity or hamper the smooth operations of the elections.

- 29.9. An officer/personnel of the Royal Bhutan Police or Royal Bhutan Army considered for election security duty must point out to the authority concerned in case he/she is being deployed in the *Dzongkhag* where his/her *Gung* or *Mitsi* is registered for appropriate action.

30. Security Coordination and Searches

- 30.1. The Election Security Focal Officers of a *Dzongkhag* shall work in close coordination and cooperation with the election officers as a team towards conducting the elections smoothly.
- 30.2. The local administration or election security personnel must deal appropriately and reasonably with any sign or incidence of potential for violence or disruption at a polling station, place of counting etc. by any individual or group, and the Commission intimated immediately for further advice and direction.
- 30.3. Candidates/Supporters and persons not belonging or ordinarily residing in a *Demkhong* should move out of the *Demkhong* at the end of the Campaign Period and before the Poll Day unless otherwise authorized by the Election Commission.
- 30.4. The Retuning Officer must in collaboration with the election security personnel conduct surprise joint inspections/raids of persons, vehicles and properties at entry points and within a *Demkhong* to prevent or check movement of unauthorized persons, voters from other *Demkhongs* not resident of the area, documents, money, alcohol, arms and ammunitions and other restricted items.

31. Sealing of International Border

- 31.1. The Royal Bhutan Police shall, wherever relevant, make arrangements for the sealing of the international borders for the poll period to ensure smooth conduct of the Elections.

VOTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

32. Voter Education and Training

- 32.1. The comprehensive general voter education and training programme, *General Electoral Education Programme (GEEP) for Parliamentary Elections 2013* has been implemented from September 2012 to January 2013 to prepare the voters to take part in the Elections effectively.
- 32.2. The specific Voter Information Programme shall be conducted nationwide to familiarize the voters and polling officials with the specifics of the Parliamentary Elections 2013 at the same time as the *Zomdu*, taking advantage of the electorate being gathered for the selection of the National Council Nominee in each Gewog and *Dzongkhag Thromde*.
- 32.3. The training of the Returning Officers and Observers as well as briefing session of the 20 Dzongdags and Security Coordinators were conducted in February 2013. It has been particularly emphasized that no election activity should be taken for granted. Towards this, the system of checklist shall be maintained and strictly applied no matter how confident an officer may feel.
- 32.4. The officers to be engaged on polling duty in the Elections shall be similarly briefed to handle all situations at the time of elections with minimum supervision.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES BY CANDIDATES

33. Election Representatives

- 33.1. A candidate may appoint a person meeting the criteria for elections to Local Government or as a voter to be his/her election representative and perform functions in connection with the election as authorized under the Electoral Laws.
- 33.2. A candidate or the election representative may appoint one or two polling representatives for each Polling Station, although only one representative shall be present in the polling station at any point of time to perform functions in connection with the election and authorized under the Electoral Laws.
- 33.3. A candidate or the election representative may appoint a counting representative to be present at the counting of votes in the Polling Stations-cum-Counting Centers and the Counting Center setup in a Returning Officer's jurisdiction.
- 33.4. The appointments of the representatives shall be made in the manner prescribed under the Electoral Laws and formally communicated to the concerned Returning Officer.

34. Polling and Counting Representatives

- 34.1. Every candidate is entitled to appoint one or more registered voters from a respective *Demkhong* as polling representative for each Polling Station to perform functions in connection with the election and authorized under the Electoral Laws but only one of the representatives shall be present in the Polling Station at any point of time.
- 34.2. A candidate may appoint a counting representative to be present at the counting of votes in the Polling Stations-cum-Counting Centers and the Counting Center setup in a Returning Officer's jurisdiction.
- 34.3. The representatives shall be appointed in the manner and with the roles and responsibilities as prescribed under Chapter 13 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008.
- 34.4. No person other than a person lawfully appointed for the purpose shall relay the results from a Counting Centre to the media or any third party.

ELECTORAL ROLL AND VOTER PHOTO IDENTITY CARD (VPIC)

35. Electoral Roll

- 35.1. The Final Electoral Roll, which is inclusive and error-free, issued by the Department of Electoral Registration and Boundary Delimitation, Election Commission of Bhutan, shall be the sole document for reference on the voters' information.
- 35.2. The qualifying date shall, in relation to the preparation of the Electoral Roll for the National Council Elections, be the **1st of January 2013**.
- As such, those who are not younger than eighteen years of age as on **1st of January 2013** shall be deemed to meet the minimum age requirement to be a voter.
- Similarly, those whose *Mitsi* was registered in a constituency on or before **31st of December 2011** shall be deemed to meet the legal requirement of minimum one year to vote and stand as a Candidate in that *Demkhong*.
- 35.3. The Draft Electoral Roll shall be issued on **10th of March 2013**, for public inspection and to invite the public to file Claims and Objections by **20th of March 2013**.
- 35.4. The Electoral Roll shall be frozen as of **23rd of March 2013**, providing for the temporary embargo on entries in the Electoral Roll for a period of thirty days before the date of poll.
- 35.5. The Final Electoral Roll shall be divided into Voters' List for each Polling Station.
- 35.6. The Final Electoral Roll shall be appropriately broken up into Eligible Postal Voters' Lists for each Dzongkhag and Voters' Lists for each Polling Station and made available to the Returning Officers latest by **30th of March 2013**.
- 35.7. A copy of the final Electoral Roll for the respective *Demkhong* shall also be made available to the Candidates contesting the elections by **7th of April 2013**.

36. Voter Photo Identity Card (VPIC)

- 36.1. The VPIC issued by the Election Commission shall be the valid document for

identification of voters at the polling stations during the Elections.

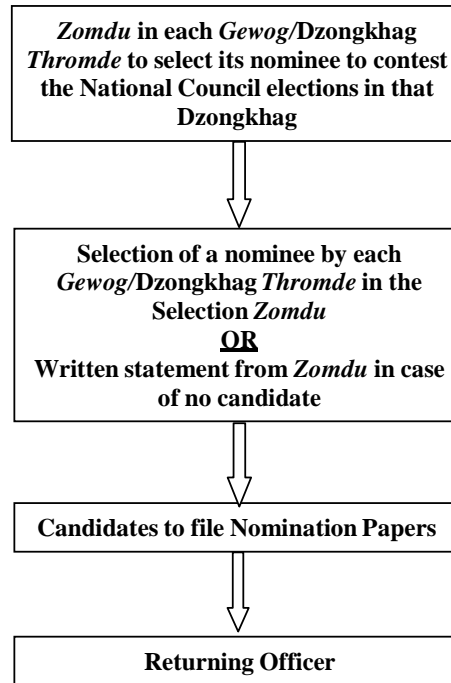
- 36.2. All voters must also carry with them the Citizenship Identity Card issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. In the event of any dispute related to the identity, the Citizenship Identity Card can form the basis for taking decision by the Presiding Officer.
- 36.3. Voter identity verification in 30 pilot Polling Stations which are the larger polling stations in the 20 Dzongkhags shall be aided through the use of the biometrics to reduce waiting time in the queue.
- 36.4. The Department of Electoral Registration and Boundary Delimitation and the Dzongkhag Electoral Authorities shall ensure that all Bhutanese who are eligible to be registered as voters are being given adequate opportunity to do so and are issued their individual VPIC with due diligence and processing.
- 36.5. The Department along-with the respective Dzongkhag Election Offices shall take the lead in the VPIC printing and distribution programme. The Dzongkhag Election Offices shall continue to distribute VPICs even up to the Poll Day with those not collected being made available at the respective Polling Stations.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

37. Selection through *Zomdus*

37.1. An overview of the nomination procedure is graphically presented in **Fig. 1**.

Fig. 1: Overview of the Nomination Procedures



37.2. The *Zomdu* process shall be conducted strictly as per the *Guidelines for Conduct of Zomdus* issued by the Election Commission.

37.3. The Dzongkhag Electoral Officer have been required to prepare and keep ready the Schedule of the *Zomdus* for the respective Dzongkhag ensuring that there is at least one *Zomdu* in each of the Gewog and Dzongkhag Thromde with designated teams led by an Electoral Officer and the Schedule can be implemented within the shortest period of time once the Royal Decree calling the elections is issued.

38. Venue, Participation and Conduct of the *Zomdus*

38.1. The public notices for the National Council selection *Zomdus*, as per Section 11(a) of the Election Act, shall be under the signature of the Thrompon, in case of the *Thromdes*, and the Gups for the Gewogs. However, the schedule shall be drawn up and the *Zomdus* conducted by the respective Dzongkhag Election

Office with the assistance of the concerned GAO.

- 38.2. The venue for a *Zomdu* must be centrally located for the convenience of the participation by maximum number of voters.
- 38.3. The venue and details must be made widely known within the concerned *Demkhongs*.
- 38.4. Participation shall be open to all Registered Voters of the concerned *Demkhongs*.
- 38.5. The Draft Electoral Roll, issued on **10th of March 2013**, shall be used for the polling at the *Zomdus*.
- 38.6. A person to be considered for selection as a Nominee must be present and attend the selection *Zomdu* in person.
- 38.7. Selection of candidate shall be determined by the Registered Voters present at the *Zomdu* through casting his/her vote through the EVM as per the prescribed procedures.
- 38.8. The nominee who secures the highest number of votes shall be declared as the candidate eligible to contest the elections.
- 38.9. In case of a single person interested to contest, the EVM shall be used to receive “yes” or “No” votes to select or reject the lone contestant.
- 38.10. In case of equality of votes during the *Zomdu*, re-polls shall be conducted forthwith. In case of equality of votes in the re-polls, a draw of lot shall be forthwith conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of Section 464 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008 Relating to the Equality of Votes in a Re-Elections, 2013*.
- 38.11. The proceedings of the *Zomdu* must be well documented and a copy submitted to the concerned Returning Officer by the convening election authorities.
- 38.12. The Dzongkhag Electoral Officer shall be responsible for setting up an operational polling station at places of *Zomdus*, along-with the Voter’s Lists for the concerned *Demkhongs*.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF CANDIDATES, NOMINATION PAPERS,
FILING OF NOMINATION AND SCRUTINY**

39. Qualification of Candidates

39.1. A person shall, under Section 178 of the Election Act, be qualified to be a candidate or member of Parliament, if he/she is:

39.1.1. A citizen of Bhutan as evidenced by the Citizenship Identity Card;

39.1.2. A Registered Voter of that *Demkhong* as of **1st January 2012**;

39.1.3. Of the minimum age of twenty-five years and not more than maximum age of sixty-five years at the time of filing the nomination;

39.1.4. Minimum formal university degree; and

39.1.5. Does not belong to a political party or in the case of a candidate who had been a member of a political party, a copy of the resignation or removal from Party Membership as notified by the concerned party office in the print media with a copy submitted to the Election Commission in accordance with Section 206 of the Election Act 2008, attested by the Chief Election Officer, Department of Elections must be produced.

40. Disqualification of Candidates

40.1. Care must also be taken to consider the disqualifications that have been provided under Section 179 of the Election Act 2008 which provides that a person shall be disqualified as a candidate or a member holding an elective office under the Constitution, if he/she:

40.1.1. Has been convicted for any criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment;

40.1.2. Has been found guilty of corrupt practice at an election;

40.1.3. Has been dismissed or removed from public service or the corporate sector;

40.1.4. Has failed to lodge account of election expenses within the time and

in the manner required by law and has no good reason or justification for the failure;

40.1.5. Has solicited or resorted to any form of fund raising for campaigning in an election to Parliament or Local Governments from private individuals or any agency.

40.1.6. Is married to a person who is not a citizen of Bhutan;

40.1.7. Has been accused of felony in a pending case and the competent Court has taken cognisance and charges have been framed against him/her;

40.1.8. Is in arrears of taxes or other dues to government;

40.1.9. Has an existing contract with the government which has not been fully performed;

40.1.10. Is working as a civil servant;

40.1.11. Holds any office of profit as prescribed under Chapter 9 of this Act;
or

40.1.12. Is so disqualified under the Election Act 2008.

40.2. The criteria have been further elaborated in the Rules, Regulations, Guidelines Interpretation and Strategy for Implementation documents.

41. Nomination Papers

41.1. The Nomination Papers submitted by the candidates for contesting the Parliamentary Elections 2011 must be complete and include, in the prescribed forms (as provided in this Strategy Document as **Annexure 5** and the Handbook for Returning Officers), the following:

41.1.1. Nomination Form and the Notice of Nomination;

41.1.2. Affidavit including Non-criminal conviction record-cum-clearance from the Court of Law;

41.1.3. Asset Declaration;

41.1.4. Special Tax Clearance Certificate;

- 41.1.5. Audit Clearance Certificate;
 - 41.1.6. Security Clearance Certificate;
 - 41.1.7. Formal University Degree attested by the Royal University of Bhutan.
 - 41.1.8. Relieving order issued by Head of the Ministry/ Department/ Agency (if relevant); and
 - 41.1.9. A declaration from a Candidate in the prescribed form declaring that he/she is not a member of a Political Party, or has resigned his/her membership at least a year ago in the manner specified in Section 206 (d) of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008 and verified by the Chief Election Officer.
- 41.2. The Affidavit, as in **Returning Officer Form No. 7**, shall be signed by the concerned the Drangpon of the Dzongkhag Court of Justice who shall also be responsible to check from the Court records that the aspiring candidate has not been convicted and received a sentence of imprisonment or does not have a pending criminal case registered against him/her in any Court of Law as required under the Electoral Laws.
- 41.3. The general public had been advised through **Notification No. ECB/Notif-01/2013/2290 dated 5th of February 2013** that all voters interested in contesting the Parliamentary Elections 2013 as a Candidate should start processing the necessary clearances and documents.

42. Filing of Nomination

- 42.1. The candidate shall complete and file with the concerned Returning Officer, on or before **31st of March 2013**, the last date of nomination, all the required nomination documents, signed and countersigned as required.

43. Scrutiny of Nominations

- 43.1. The scrutiny of nominations shall be done by the Returning Officer of the respective *Demkhongs* on the day immediately following the last date for Filing of Nominations i.e. on **1st of April 2013**, in accordance with the Electoral Laws, Rules and Regulations while keeping the Election Commission informed on the

candidatures and scrutiny.

- 43.2. The respective Returning Officers shall undertake the scrutiny of the Nomination Papers filed by the Candidates under intimation to the Election Commission.
- 43.3. The cross-checking of Asset Declarations shall be in line with the *Strategy for Evaluation of the Asset Declaration of the Candidates Contesting Elections, 2012* and the *Guidelines for Implementation of Sections 163-174 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 relating to Office of Profit, 2012* issued by the Election Commission.
- 43.4. The screenshot (webpage) displaying the approved status of the Security Clearance, specified for election purposes can be printed out and the copy made available during the selection *Zomdu* as well as provided to a Returning Officer at the time of submission of nomination papers.
- 43.5. Audit Clearance may be obtained as per the system put in place by the Royal Audit Authority and the print out copy submitted at the time of submission of Nomination Papers.
- 43.6. The attestation of the Formal University Degree shall be as per the *Guidelines for Interpretation and Implementation of Sections 176 (d), 177 (d) and 178 (d) of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 regarding the Academic Qualification Requirement for a Candidate contesting Elections to National Assembly, National Council or the Post of Thrompon, 2012*.

However, those Candidates who had filed such a Letter of Attestation at an earlier election held under the Constitution and it had been duly accepted by a Returning Officer need not produce the Letter of Attestation and the copy of the Formal University Degree unless otherwise found necessary by an election authority.

- 43.7. The Returning Officer shall take care to note that the date of birth of a Candidate, to meet the age requirement under the laws, must be on or after **1st of April 1948** and on or before **31st of March 1988**.
- 43.8. The Returning Officer shall be responsible to maintain a foolproof system to eliminate possibility of any candidate misrepresenting the facts.

- 43.9. A Returning Officer shall be held fully answerable for any lapse resulting from the lack of exercise of due diligence in the Scrutiny of the Nomination papers filed by a candidate.
- 43.10. The Returning Officer shall fulfill all requirements, including putting up required information on a public notice board, as required under the laws.

UNCONTESTED AND POSTPONED ELECTIONS

44. Uncontested Elections

- 44.1. In a *Demkhong* where there is only one candidate, an uncontested election, in accordance with Sections 575 and 576 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, will be conducted in that *Demkhong*.
- 44.2. The Ballot Paper will have the name and photograph of the candidate with the choice of “Yes” and “No”. A candidate will be elected if “Yes” votes are a majority of the total valid votes cast in the election in that *Demkhong*.

45. No Candidate

- 45.1. In a *Demkhong* where there is no candidate, the elections in that *Demkhong* shall be postponed till further notice by the Election Commission, in case of the National Council Elections.

46. Equality of Votes

- 46.1. In a *Demkhong* where there is equality of votes, a re-election shall be called and election conducted in that *Demkhong*.
- 46.2. In case of equality of votes in a re-election, the Returning Officer shall proceed with the draw of lots as per the *Guidelines for the Draw of Lots in a Re-Election, 2013*.

ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT

47. Code of Conduct

- 47.1. The Election Code of Conduct shall come into force from the date of the Notifications calling for Elections issued by the Election Commission and shall continue to be in force until the completion of the election period i.e. from **10th of March 2013** to **24th April 2013**.
- 47.2. The political parties and their members, in view of the non-partisan nature of the National Council, apart from casting their votes, shall not play any direct or indirect role in the National Council Elections or directly or indirectly campaign for any candidate.
- 47.3. Similarly, a National Council Candidate or his/her supporters shall not engage in any direct or indirect support or opposition to any Political Party or Candidate contesting the National Assembly elections.
- 47.4. A Candidate shall be held answerable for the conduct of their workers, supporters or representatives. Therefore, a Candidate should caution them against inciting or causing law and order problems.
- 47.5. All election officers, political parties, candidates and voters must comply with the Election Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Electoral Laws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Notifications and Orders made there-under.

CAMPAIGN

48. Election Campaign

48.1. A Candidate shall conduct his/her campaign strictly as per the Election Campaign Schedule approved by the concerned Returning Officer and copy endorsed to the Observer.

If any changes are required, the Returning Officer's approval must be sought and the Observer informed accordingly.

48.2. Any changes in the Schedule shall be only with the approval of the Returning Officer.

48.3. The campaign schedule shall be intimated to the voters through public communication and notice on the Election Advertising Boards while it must be ensured that no coercion or deterrence is exercised for attendance by the voters to the meetings.

48.4. A candidate may proceed with his/her Election Campaigning upon the acceptance of his/her candidature by the concerned Returning Officer.

48.5. The Returning Officer, in consultation with the respective Election Coordinator and Security Coordinator shall arrange a Common Forum in each *Gewog/Dzongkhag Thromde* to provide the candidates equal opportunity to address the electorate.

48.6. The Common Forum shall be conducted strictly as per the requirements set out in the *Guidelines for the Conduct of the Common Forum for Election Campaign, 2013*.

48.7. The Security Coordinator shall ensure peace at every such gathering.

48.8. No entertainment and refreshments will be allowed to be arranged by anyone for the voters gathered.

48.9. A Candidate contesting the Elections and all concerned shall neither serve meals or refreshments, nor pay the general public or voters for attendance of election campaigns or produce and distribute T-shirts and caps.

48.10. Any other public meetings, door-to-door campaigns or rallies shall be subject to

the provisions of the law, code of conduct and as per the campaign schedule and use of vehicles as approved by the Returning Officer. Specifically, door-to-door campaign shall not be conducted before **7 a.m.** and after **8 p.m.**

- 48.11. Except in the capacity of an Election Official mandated to fulfill a required function, a civil servant should not campaign or attend campaigns or political meetings.
- 48.12. No travels or official tours shall be undertaken by a Minister or Member of Parliament to any *Demkhong* other than the place of ordinary residence during the National Council Election Period except to cast votes on the Poll Days if he/she decides not to avail the Postal Ballot facility. If such travel to a constituency becomes unavoidable, he/she shall first report to the concerned Returning Officer.
- 48.13. No Candidate shall use the title, designation, rank, *kabney*, *pata*, or any other sign, insignia or symbol of an office held earlier, on person, car or any personal effects as may be used during the campaign period by Candidate, representatives or supporters.
- 48.14. A Candidate shall bear responsibility for the conduct of their representatives or supporters.
- 48.15. A Candidate, Government or Non-Governmental authority, Organisation or any individual shall not screen any audiovisual products or documentary clips or display/distribute any written or pictorial materials which attributes or depicts the past achievements of a particular aspiring Candidate whilst in Government or public service or otherwise, including the portrayal of a Candidate in any audiovisual product.
- 48.16. Public debates for the Candidates shall be conducted in collaboration with the BBS TV as per the *Guidelines for Conduct of Public Debates during Parliamentary Elections, 2012*.
- 48.17. The Public Debates for the National Council Elections shall be conducted in the respective Dzongkhags for all the Candidates nominated from *Gewogs/Dzongkhag Thromde*.
- 48.18. The campaign must end at **9 a.m.** of **21st of April 2013**, i.e. 48 hours before the

hour fixed for commencement of Polls.

- 48.19. All Banks or financial institutions will report to the Election Commission any abnormal transaction of money, including in the account of a candidate contesting the Elections.

49. Election Advertising

- 49.1. Election advertising, including the various advertising materials such as brochures, cards, banners, posters as well as advertisement in the newspaper of choice and allocation of time on electronic media, which is to be financed by the State shall be done as set out in the *Strategy for the Implementation of the Election Advertising Regulations, 2012*.

- 49.2. All Candidates or representatives shall, during the election period, abide by the provisions of the *Election Advertising Regulations of Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012* and the *Social Media Rules and Regulations of Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*. In particular they shall ensure that advertising using the Internet or Social Media is as per the Positive List of Election Advertising.

- 49.3. All Media Agencies/Houses/Service Providers shall abide the Media Code of Conduct and in particular ensure that the rates offered for election advertisement in a periodical publication or on radio or television is charged uniformly to all Candidates during the same campaign period.

50. Election Campaign Expenditure

- 50.1. A Candidate for the Parliamentary Elections 2013 cannot exceed his/her election campaign expense beyond the ceiling fixed by the Election Commission and notified to the public vide **Notification No. EB/PEFD/08/2012/394** dated **20th of September 2012** i.e. total of Nu. 130,000/- being provided by the State.

- 50.2. A Candidate for the *Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Council* cannot exceed the election campaign expenditure ceiling fixed by the Election Commission and notified to the public vide **Notification No. EB/PEFD/08/2012/394** dated **20th of September 2012** i.e. Nu. 130,000/- provided as public campaign funds by the State.

- 50.3. A Candidate contesting the National Council Elections shall be allowed to spend

only the amount provided by the State for his/her Election Campaign.

- 50.4. For this purpose a Candidate must open, before filing in the nomination papers, an account to be called the (Candidate Name) Campaign Account with any Bank licensed to operate in Bhutan, and submit the details of the same at the time of filing the Nomination.

However, the Election Commission shall waive this requirement in case of the absence of banking facility in a Dzongkhag and/or if a Candidate gives a written undertaking stating that it/he/she does not intend to incur any expenditure for election campaigning.

- 50.5. A Candidate shall ensure that only a lump-sum amount for financing the campaign expenses, subject to the ceiling, is deposited in this campaign account.

- 50.6. A Candidate shall spend out of the campaign account only for the activities permitted as expenses for election campaign under Section 77 of the Election Fund Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008.

- 50.7. The permissible campaign expenses are:

50.7.1. Goods and services required for direct campaign purposes only;

50.7.2. Production of manifesto, introductory leaflets or visiting cards;

50.7.3. Hire of motor vehicles for campaign purposes or for meeting transportation cost;

50.7.4. Communication expenses such as telephone, fax and postage;

50.7.5. Stationery including revenue and legal stamps; and

50.7.6. Daily Subsistence Allowance for Election and Polling Representatives.

- 50.8. The offering or purchase of gift or donations for offices, individuals, business units or any organization for any other purpose is prohibited.

- 50.9. A candidate may authorize in writing any person to withdraw funds from the candidate's campaign account and incur expenditure on his/her behalf.

- 50.10. No fresh expenses from the campaign account shall be incurred by a candidate

after the closure of the campaign period.

- 50.11. A candidate shall maintain proper records of expenditure incurred during the elections and ensure that all the payments made are fully supported by proper bills/receipts/cash memo and where such documents are not available, the candidate shall use the **Public Election Fund Form No. 10** affixed with legal stamps on the agreement document and revenue stamps for each payment.
- 50.12. A candidate shall ensure that all bills including receipts, cash memo or any other supporting documents are countersigned by the respective National Observer or the Micro-Observer, wherever authorized by the National Observer.

51. Election Campaign Returns

- 51.1. A Candidate must submit accounts of campaign and file Election Returns as per the prescribed procedures set out in the *Guidelines for Monitoring Campaign Expenditures for Parliamentary Elections, 2012* regardless of being elected or not.
- 51.2. A National Observer and the Micro-Observer shall also serve as the Expenditure Observer.
- 51.3. The Candidate or his/her Finance Representative shall submit till the last day of campaign, an expenditure statement in **Public Election Fund Form No. 3**, to the National Observer or the authorized Micro-Observer, on a weekly basis as per an agreed schedule drawn up on the expenditures incurred or authorized by them.
- 51.4. A National Observer or the authorized Micro-Observer shall countersign on all the expenditures statement submitted by a candidate and maintain the record in the **Public Election Fund Form No. 11**.
- 51.5. A candidate must file his/ her Returns of Election Expenses to the concerned Dzongkhag Electoral Office or directly to the Public Election Fund Division within thirty days of declaration of the Election Result in the prescribed Form (**Public Election Fund Form No. 7C**) along with the following supporting documents:
- 51.5.1. The list of campaign expenses incurred by the candidate (**Public**

Election Fund Form No. 3) and countersigned by an authorized Observer; and

51.5.2. Bank Statement of the campaign account which cannot be substituted by any other documents or statement.

51.6. The Returning Officer must inform a candidate that election campaign expense incurred by him/her and the Election Returns shall be subject to audit by the Royal Audit Authority. Failure to file Election Returns within the stipulated time may result in disqualification in future elections.

52. End of Campaign Period

52.1. A candidate must stop election campaign 48 hours before the hour fixed for Commencement of Poll i.e. by **9:00 a.m. of 21st of April, 2013.**

SOCIAL MEDIA

53. Use of Social Media

53.1. All electoral stakeholders may use the social media for election or campaign purposes but shall ensure to abide generally by the Electoral Laws, Election Code of Conduct and specifically adhere to the requirements under the *Social Media Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

53.2. All Election Officers operating Facebook, Twitter or any other social media accounts shall do so strictly as per the requirements in the *Social Media Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

54. Social Media Related Disputes

54.1. The Media Arbitrator shall be responsible for monitoring and settling disputes related to social media as per the *Social Media Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

ELECTION CONTROL ROOMS

55. Election Control Rooms

- 55.1. Election Control Rooms shall be set up and maintained during the elections for the purpose of supervision, direction and monitoring the conduct of elections and to respond to any security threats or provide administrative guidance on real time basis besides receiving reports and feedback.
- 55.2. The Control Room in the Centre shall be in operation with the start of the Election Period and 48 hours prior to the commencement of poll till the declaration of results, manned round the clock.
- 55.3. Election Control Rooms, set up Dzongkhags as well as the Central ECB levels, shall function as per the procedures set out in the *Manual for Election Control Rooms*. The Control Rooms in the Dzongkhags shall regularly monitor the movement of the polling team to its polling station. In those Constituencies where the Polling Teams have departed to remote Polling Stations, the Control Room will be set up on the day prior to the date of departure.
- 55.4. The Central Control Room shall be responsible to monitor, receive and review the reports from the Observers and submit weekly status reports to the Commission, except in case of any non-regular situation in any *Demkhong* it shall be immediately brought to the notice of the Commission.

BALLOT PAPER

56. Photograph, Symbol and Order of Names

- 56.1. The Returning Officer must make sure that photographs of the candidates required for the Ballot Papers are taken upon acceptance of the Nominations and the Ballots printed as per the prescribed specifications.
- 56.2. The Returning Officer shall assign the names and photographs of the candidates on the Ballot Papers in alphabetical order of the name of the Candidates.
- 56.3. Care must be taken to ensure that the names, photographs and symbols are assigned and listed correctly and without any error.

57. Electronic Voting Machines (EVM)

- 57.1. EVMs shall be set ready at every Polling Station.
- 57.2. A spare EVM set ready shall be issued to a Polling Station where a spare EVM cannot be reached to a polling station at short notice in the event of a machine mal-function. In case of Polling Station which is not provided with a spare EVM but when a machine malfunctions it shall be immediately commissioned by the Returning Officer as per the set procedures and reached in the shortest time possible.

POSTAL BALLOT

58. Postal Ballot

- 58.1. An eligible Postal Voter, including spouses permissible under Section 331 under the Election Act 2008, must first register with the Election Commission through one's department/ agency/ organization to be included in the Postal Voters' List issued to the Returning Officers.
- 58.2. Eligible postal voters were notified in the year 2012 itself to register with the Election Commission for the Parliamentary Elections 2013. A total of **49,706** voters have registered as postal voters as of March 2013. A voter can check the status of registration as a Postal Voter on the ECB website.
- 58.3. The postal ballot arrangements for postal voters in the United States of America shall be as per the *Guidelines for Extending Postal Ballot Facility to the Bhutanese Citizens Residing, Studying or Working in the United States of America, 2012*.
- 58.4. For the *Parliamentary Elections 2013*, the postal ballot facility has been extended, besides the diplomats, civil servants, Armed Forces, students and trainees, to the employees of various public and private corporations and private businesses and enterprises.
- 58.5. The registered Postal Voters must apply for the Postal Ballot to the concerned Returning Officer and ensure to do it such that the application reaches the Returning Officer by **3rd of April 2013**.
- 58.6. A Postal Ballot Application may be hand delivered, sent by post or scanned and emailed to the Returning Officers but faxed copies shall not be entertained.
- 58.7. The Returning Officer shall send Postal Voter's Instructions to every Postal Voter along with the Postal Ballot package to facilitate the voters.
- 58.8. The Returning Officer shall have the overall responsibility to oversee that care is taken by the officers under his/her control to avoid any confusion of the packing, dispatching, receipt and the separation of the Postal Ballot under his/her jurisdiction.
- 58.9. The Assistant Returning Officer shall have the duty to ensure that care is taken

to avoid any confusion of the packing, dispatching, receipt and the separation of the Postal Ballot under his/her jurisdiction.

- 58.10. Bhutan Posts shall have the full responsibility to ensure that the delivery of the Postal Ballots is carried out strictly as per the Terms and Conditions set out in the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

POLLING STATIONS

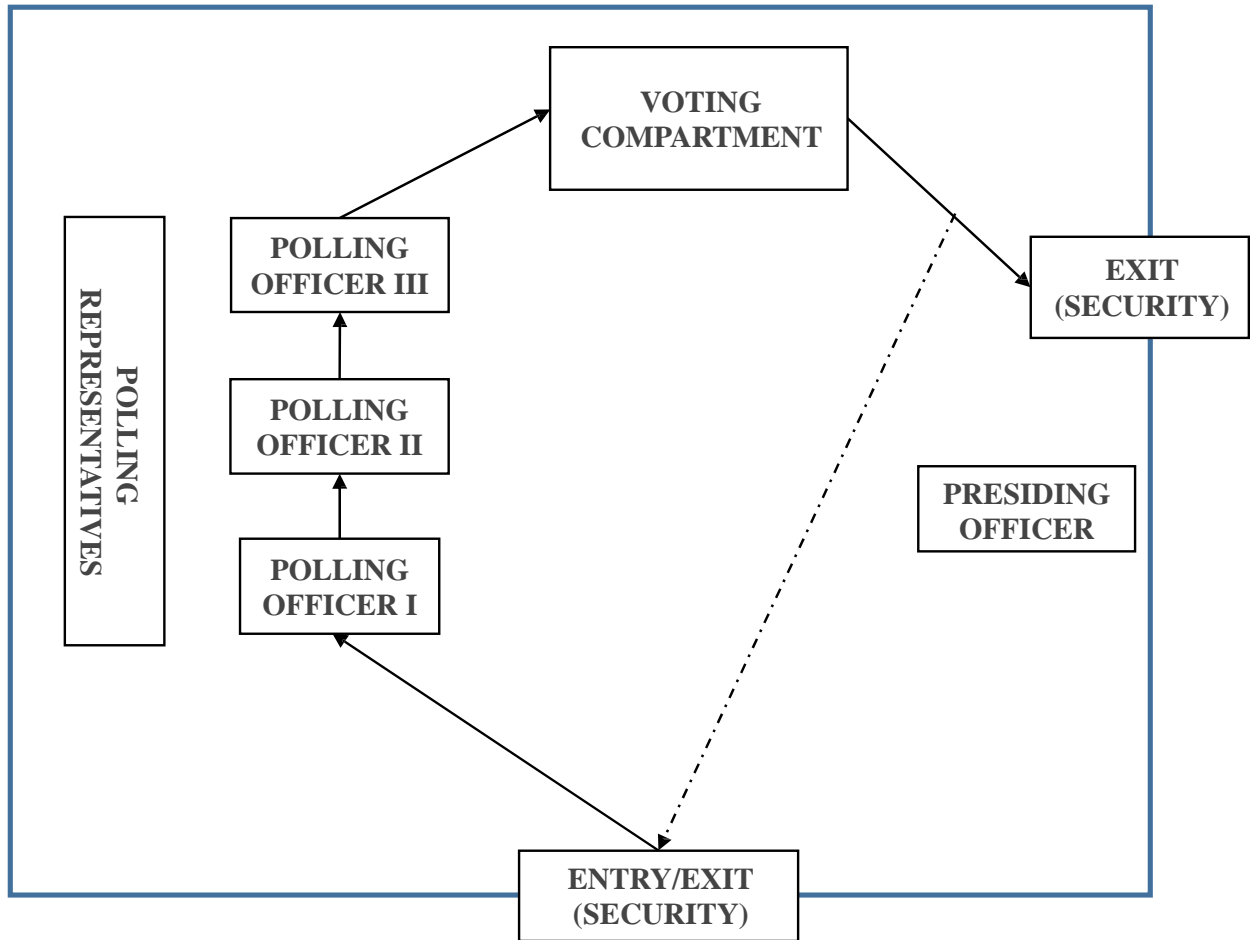
59. Polling Stations

- 59.1. The List of Polling Stations shall be as indicated in the Final Electoral Roll for the *Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Council*.
- 59.2. There shall be a total of **850** Polling Stations for the National Council Elections 2013.
- 59.3. Every Polling Station shall have in place basic amenities such as safe drinking water, first-aid, toilet facilities etc. essential for convenience of voters.
- 59.4. The Polling Stations where there is no acceptable government structure shall be set-up and managed by the Dzongkhags and supervised by the Department of Elections as per the *Strategy for Management of Temporary Polling Stations*.
- 59.5. In the unique situation of the *Yusarnang* village of Gasa Dzongkhag being physically remote and inaccessible for most part of the year with a tiny voter population of 18 voters, arrangements shall be made for these voters to vote in *Raminang* Polling Station and provided TA/DA as may be provided to a public official under the financial norms.
- 59.6. Due courtesy to the elderly, disabled, mothers with infants shall be extended in terms of being given preference in a queue on Poll Day. Those requiring physical assistance in the Voting Compartment shall be permitted to take an assistant of choice.

60. Polling Station Layout

- 60.1. The Layout of a Polling Station shall be as in **Fig. 4**.

Fig. 4: Layout of Polling Station



61. Polling Procedure

- 61.1. The Control Units shall be handled by the Polling Officer III who would be responsible for releasing each Ballot for the voter as he/she moves from one voting compartment to the next.
- 61.2. The Polling Officer III shall release the Ballot for the next voter only after the previous voter exits the voting compartment.
- 61.3. The Presiding Officer and the Polling Assistant at every Polling Station can help those voters who still need assistance as per the Electoral Laws, rules and regulations.
- 61.4. All procedures in the Polling Stations shall be carried out in an open and transparent manner as detailed in the Laws except for the Voting Compartment area which must be ensured to provide absolute secrecy of the ballot.

62. Polling Officials

62.1. The poll shall be conducted by a minimum of five election officers, which include:

62.1.1. Presiding Officer;

62.1.2. Polling Officer I;

62.1.3. Polling Officer II;

62.1.4. Polling Officer III; and

62.1.5. Polling Assistant.

POLL DAY

63. Poll Day

- 63.1. The Poll Day of the *Parliamentary Elections 2013: National Council* shall be on **23rd of April 2013**.
- 63.2. The Hours of Polling shall be from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- 63.3. The Poll Day shall be declared a National Holiday while organisations associated with the conduct of the Elections such as Bhutan Post, Power, Telecom Service providers etc. shall remain operational with the key personnel essential for operation being extended the privilege of Postal Ballot facility.
- 63.4. All employers, if an employee notifies before the poll that he/ she desires leave of absence for voting at any election, are required as per Section 338 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, to grant leave of absence, for reasonable period as is necessary to enable him/her to vote at the election subject to the exceptions made in Sections 339 and 341.
- 63.5. No alcohol shall be permitted to be sold or served from the start of poll till counting is closed at the Counting Centres.
- 63.6. All shops and businesses in the constituencies where polls are being held shall remain closed on the day of polling and counting of results.
- 63.7. No person shall be permitted to carry firearms on the day of polling except for those on security duty.
- 63.8. No weapons, including a pen-knife or any sharp object excluding a standard walking stick shall be permitted in the Polling Station except for those required for security duty.
- 63.9. No one shall be allowed to carry mobile phones, cameras or any gadget that records sound or image in and around the Polling Station or carry any sort of weapons or arms which can be used to cause bodily harm on Poll Day except for those whose duty requires it and as per the permission of the Returning Officer.
- 63.10. Media personnel authorized for coverage of elections by the Election

Commission shall be allowed to enter and video-graph the Polling Station but not have access to the voting compartment when a voter is inside it and be escorted out of the Polling Station after a few minutes.

- 63.11. All persons and agencies shall be required to abide strictly by the legal provisions in the Electoral Acts and the Rules, Regulations or Notifications issued there under, also including the *Permissible and Non-Permissible Activities during Forty-Eight Hours Before Commencement of Poll and the Poll Day Rules, 2009*.

64. SMS Relay System

- 64.1. The voter turn-out reports, as well as the results at the end of Polls, shall be communicated vide SMS.
- 64.2. The Poll Day proceedings shall be updated on the ECB website and *Facebook* regularly, with a log diary being maintained by the administrator, so that all interested can follow the news via the internet.

COUNTING, CONSOLIDATION, ANNOUNCEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

65. Polling Station and Counting Centre

- 65.1. The polling and counting of the election results shall take place on the same day as per the procedure adopted under the EVM Rules and Regulations, Handbooks for Returning, Presiding, and Polling Officers, Counting Supervisors as well as in the Appointment Orders and this Strategy Document.
- 65.2. The Returning Officer shall issue an Office Order instructing that Polling Stations/Booths at the close of Poll shall function as Counting Centres and the results from the EVMs used for recording the votes counted as per the set procedure.
- 65.3. The Returning Officer shall detail, in the Appointment Order, the Officials who shall assume the positions of Counting Supervisors and Assistant Counting Supervisors upon the close of poll and the Polling Booth becoming a Counting Centre.
- 65.4. Every Polling station shall have a clearly demarcated boundary within which no unauthorized persons or act prohibited activities are allowed under the electoral laws.
- 65.5. Any complaint alleging any untoward incident related to a poll reported by any person at the poll day and within a polling station be entertained by any election officer on duty if submitted in writing with evidence and witnesses as per the prescribed Election Complaint Form, presented as **Annexure 6**.

66. Counting of Votes of the National Council Elections

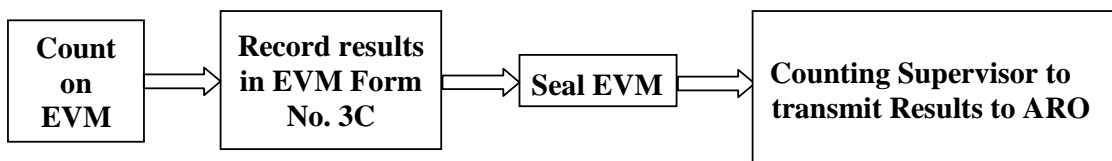
- 66.1. The counting and announcement of results of counting of votes in the election at a Polling Station shall be carried out as per the stepwise procedure directed here below:
 - 66.1.1. After the counting of votes on the EVMs used for casting votes, the results shall be recorded in the **Electronic Voting Machine Form No. 3C** and the EVMs sealed as per procedure by the respective Counting Supervisor;

66.1.2. The Counting Supervisor shall issue to every candidate or his/her election or counting representative present, a duly authenticated true copy; and

66.1.3. The Counting Supervisor shall thereafter transmit the results of the elections to the respective RO as per procedure.

66.2. The graphical presentation of the process of result counting is as presented in Fig. 7.

Fig. 7: Counting of Results in the Polling Stations/ Counting Centres



67. Sorting and Counting of the Postal Ballots

67.1. The Returning Officer shall arrange and conduct the Opening of the Envelop “A”, received till date, between five and two days before the Poll Day as per procedures prescribed in the *Postal Ballot Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012*.

The Envelop “A” received after such opening shall be placed in another Postal Ballot Box “A” provided for this purpose. This Box shall be opened, as per procedure, after the last date and time for receiving Postal Ballots i.e. after **5 p.m. of 22nd of April 2013**.

67.2. The Postal Ballots in Postal Ballot Box “B” shall be counted on Poll Day with such counting started before 1 p.m. to ensure that the Postal Ballots are counted before the close of Polls and receipt of the EVM Results.

68. Consolidation of Results: National Council

68.1. The consolidation of results of the election of the National Council must be carried out as per the stepwise procedure directed here below:

68.1.1. The RO shall count the Postal Ballots received for the election and enter the results in **Postal Ballot Form No. 4**.

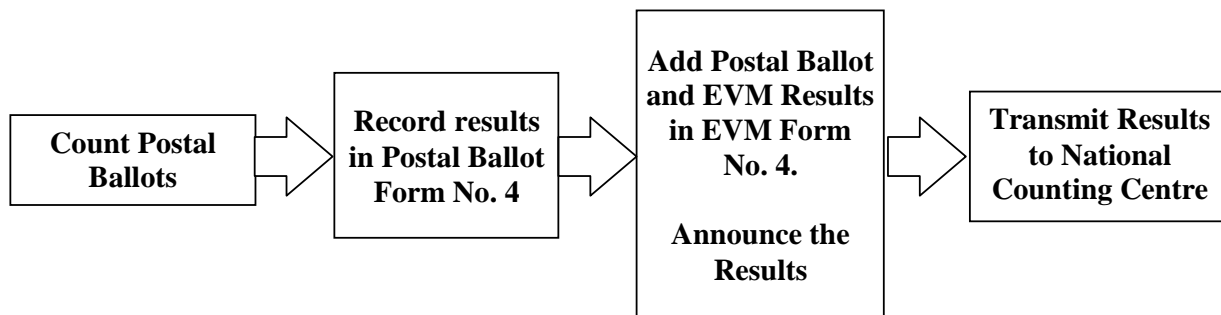
68.1.2. The RO shall compile the results received from all the Counting

Centres in the *Demkhongs* under his/her jurisdiction in **EVM Form No. 3C**.

68.1.3. The RO shall consolidate the Postal Ballot Results and the EVM Results in **EVM Form No. 4/Final Result Sheet Form No. 1C** and transmit the final results of the elections to the National Counting Centre.

68.2. The graphical presentation of the process of consolidating the National Council Election results by the Returning Officer is as presented in **Fig. 8**.

Fig. 8: Consolidation of Results by the RO of the National Council Elections



69. Announcement of Results

69.1. The Returning Officer shall announce the Candidate who has secured the highest number of valid votes in a *Demkhong* as per **Returning Officer Form No. 14**.

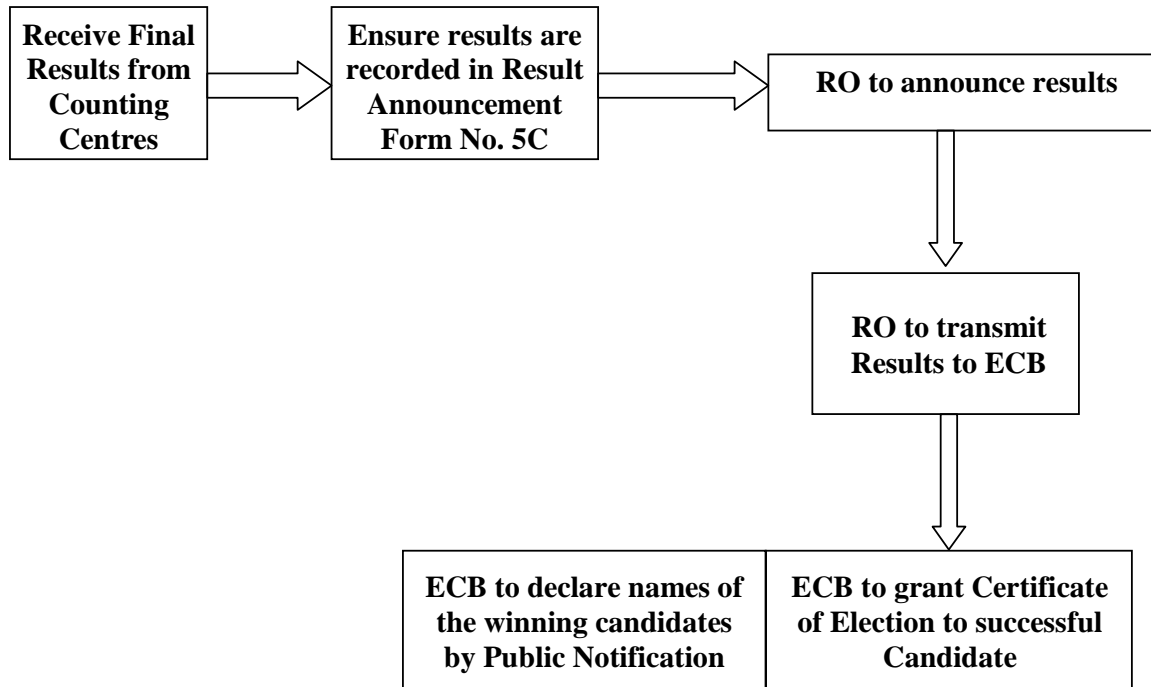
69.2. The Returning Officer shall then transmit a duly authenticated copy of the said Announcement Forms (**Returning Officer Form No. 14**) to the Election Commission.

69.3. The Returning Officer shall publish the result of the Poll Count as per the **Result Announcement Form No. 5C**.

69.4. The Election Commission shall declare by notification the names of the winning candidates and grant the Certificate of Election to the successful candidate in the prescribed *Certificate of Election to Elected Candidate*.

69.5. The process of announcement of the Election Results is graphically presented in **Fig. 13**.

Fig. 13: Announcement of Results



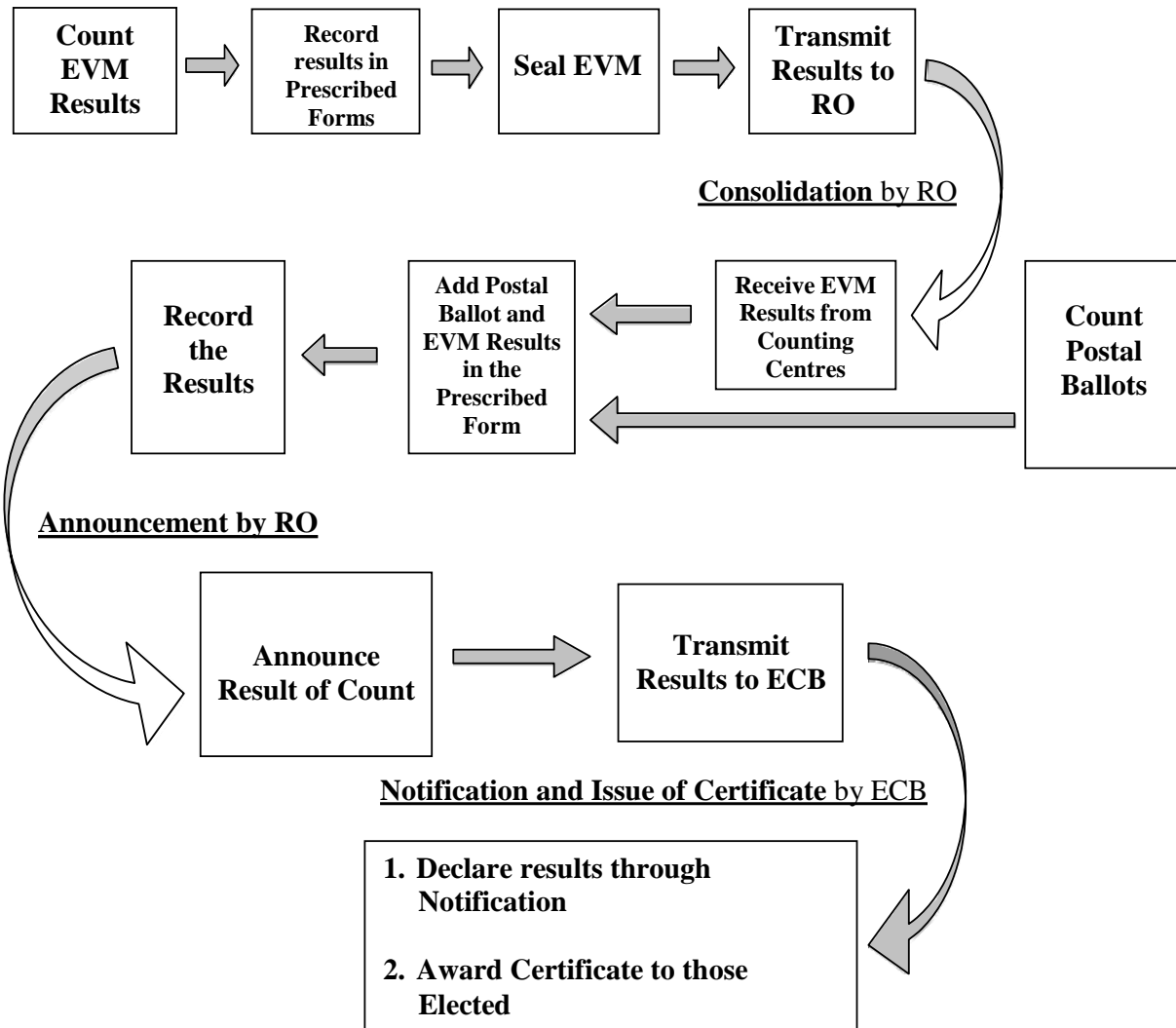
69.6. A Candidate or his/her representative shall be advised not to communicate the result of counting or election to any other person including media prior to the formal declaration by a competent authority.

70. Overview of the Process

70.1. The overall process of counting, consolidation, announcement and declaration of the Election Results is graphically presented in **Fig. 14**.

Fig. 14: Overview of the Process of Counting, Consolidation, Announcement and Declaration of the Results

Counting at Counting Centres



71. List of Forms

71.1. The Forms necessary in the process of counting, consolidation, announcement and declaration of the results of the National Council Elections are included in the *List of Forms (Annexure 7)* and include the following:

71.1.1. Result Sheet Form *National Council – EVM Form No. 3C* for Counting of EVM Results by Counting Supervisors at the Counting Centres

71.1.2. Result Sheet Form *National Council – Postal Ballot Form No.4.* for

Postal Ballot Results by Returning Officer

- 71.1.3. EVM Results by Returning Officer
Same as for Counting Supervisors at the Counting Centres
- 71.1.4. Result Sheet *National Council – EVM Form No. 4* for Consolidation of Results by Returning Officer (EVM + Postal Ballot Results)
- 71.1.5. Election Announcement *National Council – Result Announcement Form No. 5C* by the Returning Officer
- 71.1.6. Form for Publication of the Election Result (by Returning Officer) - *Same as the Announcement i.e. Result Announcement Form No. 5C*
- 71.1.7. Notification of the names of the winning candidates (by the Election Commission)
- 71.1.8. Certificate of Election to Successful Candidate (by the Election Commission)

COMMUNICATION PLAN

72. Communication Plan

- 72.1. The *National Council Election Directory* shall contain contact details, including all acceptable mediums, of election officials and Candidates to facilitate effective communication, monitoring and reporting during the elections.
- 72.2. Communications would be vital for the relaying of the results as well as periodic reporting by polling teams to the respective Control Rooms.
- 72.3. The procedures to be followed are as outlined in the Control Room Manual, Handbook for Returning Officer, Handbook for Presiding Officer and Handbook for Counting Supervisors.
- 72.4. Communications for those Polling Stations and Counting Centres with no cellular or land-line telephone network coverage shall be as per the specific communication plan developed for each Centre by the Department of Elections, Election Commission of Bhutan.
- 72.5. The Election Commission shall provide a list of government vehicles in working condition to each Dzongkhag Electoral Authorities.
- 72.6. The respective Dzongkhags shall also maintain information of private vehicles, should the need arise for the mobilization of such vehicles.

73. Public transport

- 73.1. Public transport arrangements for voters to travel to and from Polling Stations and Constituencies shall be made by the RSTA in accordance with *Public Transport for Elections Regulations, 2009*.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

74. Election Disputes and Complaints

- 74.1. An election complaint must:
 - 74.1.1. Indicate a clear case of controversy related to election that is in breach of the Electoral Laws and the ground for complaint;
 - 74.1.2. Contain material facts;
 - 74.1.3. State the names of the Candidates/individuals/entities against whom the complaint is filed;
 - 74.1.4. Be signed by the petitioner with address and contact details; and
 - 74.1.5. Be in writing.
- 74.2. An election complaint may be lodged to:
 - 74.2.1. Chief Election Commissioner;
 - 74.2.2. Chief Election Coordinator;
 - 74.2.3. National Observer;
 - 74.2.4. Micro Observer; or
 - 74.2.5. A Returning Officer.
- 74.3. The Returning Officer and National Observer shall immediately or at the earliest possible forward any complaint received by him/her to the Chief Election Coordinator or the Chief Election Commissioner.
- 74.4. The Central Election Dispute Settlement Body (CEDSB) and a Dzongkhag Election Dispute Settlement Body (DEDSB) in each of the 20 Dzongkhags shall be appointed for the Parliamentary Elections 2013.
- 74.5. The functions of the Election Dispute Settlement Bodies are to direct an Investigation Committee for further investigation of the complaint relating to an election; hear investigation report of the Committee and arguments of the parties involved and give a reasoned decision; and provide legal advice on the issues relating to election dispute as may be referred to by the election officials from time to time.

- 74.6. The Dzongkhag Election Dispute Settlement Body (DEDSB) shall investigate, hear and decide promptly on cases referred to it by the Chief Election Commissioner or the Chief Election Coordinator.
- 74.7. The procedure for investigation, decision and appeal shall be as per the procedures laid down under the *Election Dispute Settlement Rules and Regulations 2013* and the *Election Dispute Settlement Manual*.
- 74.8. The Central Election Dispute Settlement Body (CEDSB) shall investigate, hear and decide on cases of grave nature and any case that could not be resolved at the Dzongkhag level or appealed from thereof.
- 74.9. The Election Dispute Settlement Bodies shall be generally guided by the principles and provisions of the Bhutan Penal Code, Civil and Criminal Procedure Code, Evidence Act and the Electoral Laws and in particular by the *Election Dispute Settlement Rules and Regulations 2009* and the *Manual for the Settlement of Election Disputes*.

POST-POLL ACTIVITIES

75. Storage of EVMs and other Election Materials

- 75.1. The Returning Officer shall ensure that all the used EVMs and Postal Ballots are stored as per procedure for the duration of the Petition Period.
- 75.2. The Returning Officer shall have the overall responsibility to oversee that care is taken by the officers under his/her control in the packing, dispatching, receipt and safe storage of the EVMs used or otherwise at all times.
- 75.3. The security of an EVM shall be given top priority at all times and an EVM not left unattended, uncared or left with a person who is not an election official appointed by a competent authority under any circumstance.

76. Issue of Certificate of Election

- 76.1. The Election Commission shall issue the Certificate of Election, as in **Annexure 9**, to the winning Candidates on **26th of April 2013**.

77. Relieving Officers from Election Duty

- 77.1. Election Officers appointed on election duty shall be deemed to have completed their duty once their Relieving Orders are issued.

78. Submission of Accounts by Candidates

- 78.1. The Public Election Fund Division, supported by the Dzongkhag Electoral Offices shall receive the Campaign Accounts of Candidates within a month from the Poll Day and accordingly carry out the necessary scrutiny and review of the accounts.

79. Submission of Final Report by Observers

- 79.1. The National Observers shall, besides the periodic reports during the Election Period, submit the Final Report for their respective *Demkhongs* to the Election Commission within a week of the completion of the Election Period.

ACCOUNTS

80. Finance and Accounts

- 80.1. All and any expenditures shall be as per the Government financial rules and regulations.
- 80.2. A dedicated accounting official shall be appointed in the Dzongkhags to ensure proper drawing, disbursement and reporting of the expenditures related to the conduct of the National Council Elections.

Annexure 1

30 Polling Stations for Pilot Biometric Voter Registration and Identification

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Sl. No.	Dzongkhag	Polling Station
1	Bumthang	Wangdichhoeling LSS
2	Chhukha	Gaedu College
		Phuentshogling HSS
3	Dagana	Tsendagang GC
4	Gasa	Gasa Primary School
5	Haa	Ugyen Dorji HSS
6	Lhuentse	Autsho LSS
7	Monggar	Monggar Public Ground
		Yadi MMS
8	Paro	Jangsa/Rumna Bridge
		NIE Paro
9	Punakha	Punakha Hospital
		Khuruthang VTI
10	Pema Gatshel	Shumar Gewog Center
11	Samdrup Jongkhar	Dewathang School
		Samdrup Jongkhar MSS
12	Samtse	Samtse School
		Dewachen Gewog Center
13	Sarpang	Gelephu HSS
		Sarpang HSS
14	Thimphu	Changbangdu PS
		Zilukha LSS
		Motithang MSS
15	Trashigang	Kanglung GC
		Khaling GC
16	Trashy Yangtse	Bayling MSS
17	Trongsa	Sherubling HSS
18	Tsirang	Damphu MSS
19	Wangdue Phodrang	Bajo HSS
20	Zhemgang	Zhemgang HSS

Annexure 2

List of Polling Stations for National Council Elections

Polling Stations for National Council Elections

Sl. No.	Dzongkhag	Sl. No.	Polling Station
1	Bumthang	1	Bezur ORC
		2	Chhoekhor Gewog Center
		3	Chhumig Gewog Center
		4	Choongphel CPS
		5	Dhur CPS
		6	Gangrithang CPS
		7	Gyaltsa PS
		8	Khangrab CPS
		9	Kharsa CPS
		10	Shingkhar CPS
		11	Shing-nyer CPS
		12	Tamzhing NFE
		13	Tandingang ECR
		14	Tang LSS
		15	Tangsibi CPS
		16	Ura LSS
		17	Wangdichhoeling LSS
		18	Zhabjeythang PS
		19	Zung-Ngae CPS
Total 19			
2	Chhukha	1	Aamleg
		2	Babana
		3	Baeyuel Kunzang CPS
		4	Bjagchhog Gewog Center
		5	Bongo Gewog Center
		6	Bongo PS
		7	Bubu
		8	Bunakha
		9	Chaapchha Gewog Center
		10	Chhasilakha
		11	Chhumaed Lakha School
		12	Chimongna CPS
		13	Chiyuel
		14	Chong-Geykha PS
		15	Choongkha CPS
		16	Dangreybu
		17	Dangzingkha
		18	Darga
		19	Darla MSS

	20	Deling ORC
	21	Dojangchhey ORC
	22	Dolepchen NFE
	23	Doongna Gewog Center
	24	Dophulakha ORC
	25	Drukdingsa ORC
	26	Dzedokha NFE
	27	Dzongkhag DYT Hall
	28	Gamanang
	29	Gangteng
	30	Gedu College
	31	Geling Gewog Center
	32	Getana Gewog Center
	33	Gumina
	34	Jumja
	35	Kalzang-Ri CPS
	36	Ketogkha CPS
	37	Khartikha
	38	Kungkha ORC
	39	Lang Nyelsa CPS
	40	Lingdaen ORC
	41	Loggchina LSS
	42	Maedtabkha Gewog Center
	43	Mangdokha ORC
	44	Marpji (Chilauney) ORC
	45	Miritsemo CPS
	46	Nyimgang
	47	Pachhu CPS
	48	Pachhu ORC
	49	Pagga CPS
	50	Pedtshelnang (Pakchina)
	51	Pekarzhing (Toribari)
	52	Phasooma
	53	Phuntshogling HSS
	54	Ragaytung
	55	Ramitey
	56	Rinchhenling CPS
	57	Samarchen NFE
	58	Samphelling Gewog Center
	59	Sharphug
	60	Shema Gangkha CPS
	61	Sinchula CPS

		62	Soomtolakha
		63	Tabji
		64	Thongling
		65	THPA Guest House
		66	Togtogongm
		67	Togtowongm
		68	Uezhi
		69	Wangdue Gatshel PS
		70	Yagang NFE
		Total 70	
3	Dagana	1	Agriculture Office
		2	Baleggang CPS
		3	Baloong
		4	Daga HSS
		5	Dalithang NFE
		6	Dawazimpa
		7	Dorona Chhewa
		8	Dorona Chhoongwa
		9	Drukjegang Gewog Center
		10	Gang-Gyab NFE
		11	Gangtokha ORC
		12	Gangzur School
		13	Gesarling Gewog Center
		14	Gumla ORC
		15	Karmaling Gewog Center
		16	Karna Gewog Center
		17	Khebisa Gewog Center
		18	Lhamoi-Dzingkha Gewog Center
		19	Lungtengang PS
		20	Maamedthang
		21	Namchagla PS
		22	Namgyalgang ORC
		23	Nichula Gewog Center
		24	Nyimtola CPS
		25	Omchhu ORC
		26	Pangserpo
		27	Pateykha NFE Center
		28	Samaed School
		29	Samarchhu NFE
		30	Samtengang ORC
		31	Semchumthang ORC
		32	SF Camp

		33	Sidpa NFE
		34	Tashiding PS
		35	Tashithang NFE
		36	Thangna
		37	Thasa ORC
		38	Tsangkha School
		39	Tsenda-Gang Gewog Center
		40	Tsenda-Gang NFE
		41	Tshaemjina ORC
		42	Tshalabji ORC
		43	Zinchila CPS
Total 43			
4	Gasa	1	Damji School
		2	Gasa Primary School
		3	Khachhu Pangkha Parking
		4	Khatoed Gewog Center
		5	Lhedi CPS
		6	Lung-Go
		7	Neyloog BHU
		8	Raminang
		9	Thangza
		10	Wachey
		11	Zhazhukha
Total 11			
5	Haa	1	Anakha
		2	Bali BHU
		3	Bebji ECR
		4	Dorikha
		5	Dorithasa BHU
		6	Geychhukha
		7	Geyruna ORC
		8	Gyensa CPS
		9	Kar-tshog LSS
		10	Mochhu CPS
		11	Nakha ORC
		12	Ngatsena
		13	Norbugang ORC
		14	Rangtse CPS
		15	Samar Gewog Center
		16	Sangbay Gewog Center
		17	Sertena NFE
		18	Shar-ri CPS

		19	Shema
		20	Taloong ORC
		21	Telecommunication Office
		22	Tshaphel LSS
		23	Uesu Gewog Center
		24	Ugyen Dorji HSS
		25	Yangthang BHU
Total 25			
6	Lhuentse	1	Artobadeb ORC
		2	Autsho LSS
		3	Babtong CPS
		4	Bamdhir
		5	Chagdzom CPS
		6	Chusa
		7	Dangling CPS
		8	Domkhar CPS
		9	Dungkar CPS
		10	Gangla CPS
		11	Gortshom CPS
		12	Jarey Gewog Center
		13	Kamdhar
		14	Khoma Gewog Center
		15	Kupi-Nyalsa CPS
		16	Kyidloong
		17	Ladrong School
		18	Maenbi Gewog Center
		19	Minjey CPS
		20	Ney CPS
		21	Nyalamdung
		22	Nyimzhong
		23	Ong-Gar ORC
		24	Pam ORC
		25	Pangkhar CPS
		26	Phagidoong
		27	Phuyum HSS
		28	Thrima
		29	Thuenpey CPS
		30	Tsang-Ngo ORC
		31	Tshochhen CPS
		32	Tsholing NFE
		33	Wambur CPS
		34	Zangkhar CPS

		35	Zham CPS
		36	Zhongmaed NFE
		37	Zhungkhar
Total 37			
7	Monggar	1	Atola ORC
		2	Baagla CPS
		3	Baanjar BHU
		4	Ba-Ging School
		5	Balam Gewog Center
		6	Balam School
		7	Chagsakhar Gewog Center
		8	Chagsakhar LSS
		9	Chagsakhar Pam CPS
		10	Changshing ORC
		11	Chhaling CPS
		12	Daagsa School
		13	Dongshoom
		14	Dramedtse MSS
		15	Drangmaling ORC
		16	Drepoong BHU
		17	Drogsar School
		18	Ganglapong School
		19	Gomchhu
		20	Gyalgong ORC
		21	Jabgang ORC
		22	Jurmed School
		23	Kadam ORC
		24	Kalapang School
		25	Karmasing
		26	Kengkhar Gewog Center
		27	Khalong ORC
		28	Khebishing
		29	Kidekhar MSS
		30	Labtsa RNR Center
		31	Lingkhar School
		32	Masangdaza
		33	Monggar Public Ground
		34	Moogtangkhar ORC
		35	Mooroong ORC
		36	Muhoong School
		37	Nagor School
		38	Nanari

		39	Na-Rang School
		40	Ngaru-Pongtang ORC
		41	Ngatshang CPS
		42	Olokid
		43	Pangthang School
		44	Phadzong ORC
		45	Resa School
		46	Saling School
		47	Sangkama
		48	Selkhar ORC
		49	Seng-Gor School
		50	Serzhong School
		51	Sherubchhoeling School
		52	Silambi School
		53	Soenakhar School
		54	Tagchhu ORC
		55	Tagkhambi School
		56	Thang-Rong School
		57	Themnangbi ORC
		58	Thridangbi School
		59	Tokari RNR Center
		60	Tongla ORC
		61	Tsakaling School
		62	Tsangkhari ORC
		63	Tselam ORC
		64	Waichur School
		65	Wama School
		66	Wangling ORC
		67	Wangmakhar
		68	Wengkhari RNR Center
		69	Yadi School
		70	Yadi
		71	Yangbari School
		72	Yangrapoongshing ORC
		73	Ya-Ragla School
		74	Yengkhartshing
		75	Yuldarig School
		76	Zunglen ORC
		Total 76	
8	Paro	1	Bueltikha School
		2	Chhukha PS
		3	Dawakha School

		4	Dokar Gewog Center
		5	Doteng Gewog Center
		6	Drugyel HSS
		7	Gaupel School
		8	Jangsa /Rumna Bridge
		9	Jazhina
		10	Khangkhu School
		11	Kuenga HSS
		12	Lamgong LSS
		13	Naemjog NFE
		14	Nagu
		15	NIE Paro
		16	Nubri
		17	Pangbisa ORC
		18	Phubarna
		19	Ramchekha CPS
		20	Rangzhin-gang ORC
		21	Sharpa Gewog Center
		22	Sharpa LSS
		23	Sharpa MSS
		24	Shar-ri MSS
		25	Shomo
		26	Soe Dzong
		27	Tajoog School
		28	Tsenthang
		29	Tshendu Gang
		30	Uesuna ORC
		31	Wanakha LSS
		32	Woochhu LSS
Total 32			
9	Pemagatshel	1	Arden
		2	Belna Goenpa ORC
		3	Chhimoong CPS
		4	Chhoechorling Gewog Center
		5	Chongshing CPS
		6	Dagor CPS
		7	Dechhenling Gewog Center
		8	Dechhenling LSS
		9	Dizama
		10	Doongchhilo ORC
		11	Dungmaed PS
		12	Gashari CPS

		13	Kerong CPS
		14	Khangma CPS
		15	Khangmari
		16	Khar CPS
		17	Khengzor CPS
		18	Kheri Goenpa CPS
		19	Khinadrang ECR
		20	Khothagpa CPS
		21	La-Nyiri CPS
		22	Loongkholom
		23	Mikuri CPS
		24	Namdagling
		25	Nanong Gewog Center
		26	Nganglam LSS
		27	Ngangmalang ORC
		28	Nyasikhar CPS
		29	Nyingshingborang CPS
		30	Pema Gatshel MSS
		31	Pemathang
		32	Phapalung ORC
		33	Raysinang CPS
		34	Ridzomo ORC
		35	Rognawong
		36	Shali CPS
		37	Shumar Gewog Center
		38	Thongsa CPS
		39	Thoong-Go
		40	Tokari ORC
		41	Tsebar LSS
		42	Tshaelshingzor
		43	Tshatsi CPS
		44	Tshelinggor ORC
		45	Woolingtang
		46	Woongborang ORC
		47	Woongchiloo CPS
		48	Yangmalashing ORC
		49	Yargyewoong
		50	Yomzor ORC
		51	Yurung LSS
		52	Zobel Gewog Center
Total 52			
10	Punakha	1	Barp Gewog Center

		2	Chhoeten Nyingpo
		3	Dolepchen ORC
		4	Dompala Gewog Center
		5	Dzomi
		6	Dzomi Gewog Center
		7	Goomkarmo
		8	Kabisa School
		9	Kapatabsa School
		10	Khuruthang VTI/MPH
		11	Laptshakha CPS
		12	Lingmukha
		13	Lobesa LSS
		14	Logodama PS
		15	Nawakha CPS
		16	Oomtekha
		17	Punakha Hospital
		18	Serigang
		19	Shelnga-Bjemi Gewog Center
		20	Shelngana LSS
		21	Tahogang CPS
		22	Talog Gewog Center
		23	Thinleygang MSS
		24	Toedwang Gewog Center
		25	Toepaisa Gewog Center
		26	Toktogkha
		27	Wolathang School
		28	Yebisa ORC
		29	Yorbo
		30	Zhelngoesa
Total 30			
11	Samdrup Jongkhar	1	Barkalanganang
		2	Woongthig
		3	Bangtsho RNR
		4	Barzor ORC
		5	Baylamsharang
		6	Benporong
		7	Denchhi
		8	Denchhi Khoyar NFE
		9	Dewathang School
		10	Doongkarling ORC
		11	Doongmanma ORC
		12	Drenphoog

	13	Gomdar Gewog Center
	14	Jangsa NFE
	15	Jomotshangkha MSS
	16	Kaaptang ORC
	17	Kakani ORC
	18	Khamaedthang NFE
	19	Lauri ORC
	20	Maenjiwoong LSS
	21	Martang ORC
	22	Martshala PS
	23	Menchari
	24	Momring
	25	Monmola CPS
	26	Morong ORC
	27	Narphoong ORC
	28	Orong LSS
	29	Palroong
	30	Pangthang
	31	Pemathang LSS
	32	Phagchhog
	33	Philooma ORC
	34	Phuentshogthang Gewog Center
	35	Phuentshogthang LSS
	36	Richhanglu
	37	Rikhey CPS
	38	Rimoong
	39	Sachhilo
	40	Samdrupjongkhar MSS
	41	Samrang PS (Old)
	42	Sarjoong CPS
	43	Serchhenmo ORC
	44	Serthig
	45	Shiling Gye
	46	Shogshi
	47	Tikree ORC
	48	Tshothang
	49	Tshotsalu CPS
	50	Uesarna ORC
	51	Wangphoog ORC
	52	Wangphoog RNR Center
	53	Wooling
	54	Wooling CPS

		55	Yarphoog School
		56	Zangthig CPS
Total 56			
12	Samtse	1	Changzhu ORC
		2	Chhuchhungsa
		3	Daangling
		4	Dawathang
		5	Dephelling NFE
		6	Dewachen
		7	Dograp
		8	Dolomthang
		9	Doomshinggang ORC
		10	Doongtoed CPS
		11	Dophoogchen School
		12	Duenchhukha Gewog Center
		13	Gangtogkha (Daragaon)
		14	Gawaling ORC
		15	Gebji
		16	Goenpakha ORC
		17	Gyalposhing
		18	Jarikha ORC
		19	Jigmedthang ORC
		20	Jorilic NFE
		21	Kachhen NFE
		22	Kardog NFE
		23	Khababgang
		24	Khandothang School
		25	Khangzhima
		26	Khengtong
		27	Kuchhen Old School
		28	Kyidsa
		29	Lapchakha
		30	Lingmaithang NFE
		31	Manigang
		32	Melonggang ORC
		33	Miglamthang ORC
		34	Namgay Chhoeling Gewog Center
		35	Namseling ORC
		36	Norboogang Gewog Center
		37	Norgaygang Gewog Center
		38	Norgyeling ORC
		39	Norjangsa Dangpa

		40	Nyimaling
		41	Nyimalung ORC
		42	Nyoenpaling PCAL CLUB
		43	Pangzhing
		44	Peldenling School
		45	Peljorling School
		46	Pemaling Gewog Center
		47	Penjorling School
		48	Phendegang
		49	Poongthra ORC
		50	Rigpaling School
		51	Samtse School
		52	Sangloong
		53	Sang-Ngag-Chhoeling
		54	Satsangma
		55	Sengteng School
		56	Sernyagang
		57	Soeltapsa
		58	Soenakhar
		59	Tading Gewog Center
		60	Tading School
		61	Tashithang ORC
		62	Tendruk Gewog Center
		63	Thangchhenang
		64	Tshachhugang
		65	Tsheringang
		66	Yangphelthang School
		67	Yoeseltse Gewog Center
		68	Yomedling Gewog Center
		69	Yulu ORC
Total 69			
13	Sarpang	1	Chagsakhar ORC
		2	Chhoe-Khorling
		3	Chhotenkhar
		4	Dargaythang GYT Hall
		5	Dechhen-Pelri CPS
		6	Dekidling LSS
		7	Doongmin
		8	Dragchhu
		9	FCB Auction Yard
		10	Gawaithang
		11	Gelephu Gewog Center

		12	Gelephu HSS
		13	Getemkha School
		14	Gong School
		15	Gongtsekha
		16	Jangchhubling School
		17	Jigme-Chhoeling Gewog Center
		18	Jigmed-Ling Police Training Center
		19	Khamaed
		20	Lhayuel School
		21	Maenchhulam CPS
		22	Norbuling MSS
		23	Nyenyul
		24	Pelrithang LSS
		25	Pemaling
		26	Rijoog School
		27	Risoomgang
		28	Samkhar ORC
		29	Samtenling Gewog Center
		30	Sangkha ORC
		31	Sarpang HSS
		32	Serzhong ORC
		33	Shawapong Gewog Center
		34	Sherabling ORC
		35	Tashithang ORC
		36	Yarpheling ORC
		37	Yoed-Zergang
		38	Zombabi Army Camp
		Total 38	
14	Thimphu	1	Babesa PS
		2	Barzhong
		3	BPC Power House
		4	Chakphu School
		5	Chamgang LSS
		6	Chang Bangdu PS
		7	Changangkha LSS
		8	Dango Chong RNR
		9	Dazhi
		10	Debsid
		11	Dechencholing MSS
		12	Dramesa ORC
		13	Gang Yuel ORC
		14	Jigme Losel PS

		15	Jiminang RNR
		16	Khasadrapchu MSS
		17	Kushugchen School
		18	Lhoongtsho CPS
		19	Motithang HSS
		20	Sisinang CPS
		21	Tagsidhang
		22	Tsha-loong-Na PS
		23	Tshocheykha/Zangtog
		24	Wangbama ORC
		25	Zangleykha BHU
		26	Zhomthang
		27	Zilukha School
		Total 27	
15	Trashigang	1	Baepam CPS
		2	Barshong ORC
		3	Bartsham Gewog Center
		4	Bayphoog ORC
		5	Benshingmo PS
		6	Berdoongma ORC
		7	Bidoong Gewog Center
		8	Bikhar CPS
		9	Brekha CPS
		10	Chaling PS
		11	Chhangmi PS
		12	Chhiya CPS
		13	Daliphang CPS
		14	Dayphoog Guest House
		15	Doongmanma CPS
		16	Duroong
		17	Dzong Thong ORC
		18	Galing PS
		19	Gongthoong CPS
		20	Guest House
		21	Jangsheri CPS
		22	Jiri Lemi CPS
		23	Joenkhar CPS
		24	Kanglung Gewog Center
		25	Kanglung PS
		26	Kangpar PS
		27	Khalti ORC
		28	Khaling Gewog Center

	29	Khashateng
	30	Khiliphoo
	31	Kholdoong ORC
	32	Kumoong CPS
	33	kurchhilo CPS
	34	Lem BHU
	35	Lemphang ORC
	36	Lumang PS
	37	Merag Gewog Center
	38	Merag PS
	39	Merdag ORC
	40	Moochhu NFE
	41	Moogtangkhar CPS
	42	Pakaling
	43	Pam CPS
	44	Pangchung Mani
	45	Passaphoog PS
	46	Phimshong ORC
	47	Phongmed Gewog Center
	48	Radi Gewog Center
	49	Radi Gewog MP Hall
	50	Rangshikhar CPS
	51	Riserboo Hospital M Hall
	52	Ritsangdoong CPS
	53	Rongthoong PS
	54	Sagteng Old Guest House
	55	Sagteng PS
	56	Sagteng PS M Hall
	57	Sako MP Hall
	58	Saling CPS
	59	Samkhar CPS
	60	Shokang ORC
	61	Shongphoog BHU
	62	Thong-Rong CPS
	63	Thrag Thri ORC
	64	Threlphoog PS
	65	Thrimshing CPS
	66	Thrimshing Gewog Center
	67	Togshingmang CPS
	68	Tongling Pam CPS
	69	Trashigang MSS
	70	Tsangpo BHU

		71	Tshekhar NFE
		72	Tshogoenpa CPS
		73	Udzorong LSS
		74	Ya-Brang CPS
		75	Yangnyer Gewog Center
		76	Yenangdrangsa ORC
		77	Yobinang CPS
		78	Yonphoogla LSS
		79	Zordoong CPS
		Total 79	
16	Trashiyangtse	1	Bainangkhar ORC
		2	Bainang-Reb School
		3	Bawoong ORC
		4	Bayling HSS
		5	Boomdeling CPS
		6	Changmadoong ORC
		7	Dalika School
		8	Doedril
		9	Doogti CPS
		10	Gangkhar CPS
		11	Jangphoogtse CPS
		12	Jigtsham
		13	Khamdang CPS
		14	Khi-Nyel LSS
		15	Lengkhar CPS
		16	Li-Chen CPS
		17	Melongkhar
		18	Pangtoka CPS
		19	Phugyang
		20	Rapti CPS
		21	Rolam
		22	Seb CPS
		23	Shakshing
		24	Shalli CPS
		25	Shingkhar CPS
		26	Taphel CPS
		27	Thragom CPS
		28	Tokaphu CPS
		29	Tongmizhangsa LSS
		30	Tshaling CPS
		31	Tshengkharla MSS
		32	Tshowong

		33	Wogmanang CPS
		34	Yalang CPS
		35	Yarphel CPS
		36	Yoob School
		37	Zorig Chusum Institute
Total 37			
17	Trongsa	1	Baling CPS
		2	Bemjee CPS
		3	Bjizam PS
		4	Chendenbji CPS
		5	Jangbi CPS
		6	Karzhong CPS
		7	Kela CPS
		8	Korphoog CPS
		9	Kuenga Rabten LSS
		10	Langthil Gewog Center
		11	Langthil LSS
		12	Nabi CPS
		13	Namgaycholing CPS
		14	Nyala Drangla ORC
		15	Nyimzhong CPS
		16	Samcholing CPS
		17	Sherubling HSS
		18	Sinphoog CPS
		19	Tashidingkha CPS
		20	Tshangkha LSS
		21	Yuendroongchhoeling PS
Total 21			
18	Tsirang	1	Agriculture Sub Center
		2	Barshong ORC
		3	Chhubabsa NFE
		4	Chhuboelsa ECR
		5	Chunyikhang NFE
		6	Damphu HSS
		7	Dangreybu
		8	Dekidling ORC
		9	Dzamling Zor ORC
		10	Dzamling Zor ORC
		11	Dzomling School
		12	Gomsoom
		13	Kabelzhing ORC
		14	Kapazhing

		15	Khirithang School
		16	Loongkhorma
		17	Menchhunang
		18	Mendrelgang MSS
		19	Norboogang
		20	Norjangsa ORC
		21	Old DYT Hall
		22	Pangthang NFE
		23	Patshaling Gewog Center
		24	Patshaling School
		25	Pelrithang School
		26	Pungtenchhu Gewog Center
		27	Rangthangling Gewog Center
		28	Rangthangling NFE
		29	Riserboo RNR
		30	Semdenjong NFE
		31	Sergithang School
		32	Soonkosh ORC
		33	Tashiling
		34	Tashithang ORC
		35	Tashiyangjong School
		36	Thakorling NFE
		37	Toed-Sang
		38	Tongshinggang NFE
		39	Tsholingkhar Gewog Center
		40	Tsholingkhar School
		41	Tsirang Toed Gewog Center
		42	Wangphoo
		Total 42	
19	Wangdue Phodrang	1	Baedrog
		2	Bajo HSS
		3	Bangtoedkha School
		4	Beta School
		5	Bjagphug
		6	Bjednag RNR Center
		7	Changche
		8	Chenshing Tsawa
		9	Chitokha
		10	Damchethang Guest House
		11	Dangchhu CPS
		12	Dechenphakha ORC
		13	Gangphel ORC

		14	Gangteng Gewog Center
		15	Geylegkha
		16	Gorgoen ORC
		17	Haebisa School
		18	Kamichhu Gewog Center
		19	Kazhi School
		20	Khothangkha CPS
		21	Lopokha School
		22	Migtana CPS
		23	Nagbisa
		24	Nahi Gewog Center
		25	Nakha ORC
		26	Ngasizampa School
		27	Ngawang ORC
		28	Norbooding LSS
		29	Phobji Gewog Center
		30	Phuensum Deki CPS
		31	Rabgay Zampa
		32	Rajawog
		33	Ramichen CPS
		34	Rinchhengang
		35	Ruechhedkha BHU
		36	Rukoobji PS
		37	Saephoog CPS
		38	Samtengang Gewog Center
		39	Taabchhaekha ORC
		40	Taagsha School
		41	Tapaiteng School
		42	Tashidingkha
		43	Thingmakha ORC
		44	Tsho-gongm Gewog Center
		45	Uma Khamaed BHU
		46	Wogyal
		47	Zamding
		Total 47	
20	Zhemgang	1	Bardo CPS
		2	Barpong CPS
		3	Bjoka Trong CPS
		4	Budhashi CPS
		5	Buli CPS
		6	Dali CPS
		7	Digala CPS

	8	Goleng CPS
	9	Gongphu LSS
	10	Kagtong CPS
	11	Kamati ORC
	12	Kamjong CPS
	13	Khomshar CPS
	14	Kidkhar ORC
	15	Lamthang ORC
	16	Langdorbi CPS
	17	Lichibi ORC
	18	Lingmapong CPS
	19	Marangduet
	20	Mewangang ORC
	21	Nyiimzhong CPS
	22	Panabi ORC
	23	Pangbang CPS
	24	Pantang CPS
	25	Phulabi
	26	Radi
	27	Redijong BHU
	28	Ribati ORC
	29	Shalingtoed
	30	Shingkhar CPS
	31	Soobdrang ORC
	32	Tashibi CPS
	33	Thajong ORC
	34	Thrisa CPS
	35	Tingtibi LSS
	36	Tshanglajong CPS
	37	Tsheldang CPS
	38	Wamling
	39	Zhemgang HSS
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 29. Guidelines for Introduction of Democracy Clubs in Schools and Educational Institutions in Bhutan, 2012
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 31. Guidelines for Interpretation and Implementation of Sections 176 (d), 177(d) and 178 (d) of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 regarding the Academic Qualification Requirement for a Candidate contesting Elections to National Assembly, National Council or the Post of Thrompon, 2012
 32. Guidelines for Implementation of Section 464 of the Election Act of Kingdom of Bhutan 2008 Relating to Equality of Votes in Re-Elections, 2013

33. Strategy for the Implementation of the Provisions Related to Election Advertising, 2012
34. Election Dispute Settlement Manual, 2012
35. Control Room Manual, 2013

Handbooks

36. Hand Book for Election Coordinators
37. Hand Book for Returning Officer
38. Hand Book for Presiding Officer
39. Hand Book for Polling Officer
40. Hand Book for Counting Officer
41. Hand Books for Candidates

Annexure 4
Election Observation Reports

Election Observation Form No. 1

Outline for a National/ Micro Observer's Report on Activities of a Candidate during National Council Elections of the Parliamentary Elections 2013

Besides observation of the process and procedures related to the Elections, the National Observers are also required to report on the compliance to the Electoral Laws by the candidates.

In order that voters are clear about their rights to vote in an informed and unhindered manner, the National Observers are required to submit reports on activities of the Candidates including such activities that may cause or have caused inconveniences to voters and candidates for effective participation in the Local Government Elections.

The Election Commission intends that this Outline will help you in objective and accurate reporting on activities of the Candidates.

Care must be taken not to divulge the content of your report to any unauthorized personnel.

1. Activity or Activities

[Please specify and explain in detail the specific nature of each activity including the general campaign and the door-to-door campaigning and in particular the involvement of political parties and their members. Also, describe whether any laws were violated by commission or omission of an act. Be specific to mention if the activity or activities were observed first-hand, reported to you or to any of the electoral officers in writing or orally, found out while looking for more details on other activities or reported in the media. Please specify the extent of seriousness of effects on the voters and to the election processes, especially the right to vote in a free and fair manner and the secrecy of Vote]

2. Names of Candidates Involved

[Please list down candidate or candidates, political party or parties that were involved]

3. Verifiable Evidences

[Please mention, list down and attach the evidences available, if any. Evidences could be materials used in conduct of activity or activities, recordings (audio and visual) or undertakings]

4. Statements of Witnesses

[Please attach copies or transcripts of the statements made by witnesses, if any, on the purported activity or activities]

5. Actions Taken by Authorities

[Please list down and give details of actions taken. Also, specify if preventive measures were taken to reduce occurrence of such activity or activities including actions taken upon by Dzongkhag and Gewog Administrations, Returning or and Assistant Returning Officers and other Electoral Officers]

6. Recommended Actions to be Taken

[Please recommend actions to be taken depending on the seriousness of each activity. Note that the final decision to take actions will be decided by the Election Commission]

7. Report on the weekly expenditure reports of Candidates

[Please report whether the Candidates in your respective Demkhongs have filed their weekly expenditure reports with you]

NB: All the points and events reported must be as self-conclusive as possible with specific mention of time, place and details of persons associated or involved. Where the infraction of laws and rules are reported these should also be quoted for ease and correctness of expected actions to be taken on the observations.

Please note that a copy of the report must be submitted to the Election Commission and the concerned Returning Officer, while the original should be part of the National Observer's Main Report. A Micro Observer shall submit his/her copy to the National Observer with a copy of the report to be submitted to the Election Commission.

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Election Observation Form No. 2

Polling Station Observation Report
(Use as Annexure to the Observer's Main Report)

Polling Station	Polling Station Name	Polling Station Code	Constituency	A

Observer	Name
	Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr.:

Time (Visiting Hour) (24 Hour Clock)	Arrival	Hour : Min	Departure	Hour : Min

When did the Polling Station Open? (If observed)	Hour : Min

Voters	No. of Registered Voters	Voters	No. of Voters having voted	Voters	No. of Voters counted at	Hour : Min	B

Did you observe any of the following problems/irregularities?

Irregularities observed by you	Circumstances	1. Intimidation of voters		Yes		No
		2. Agitation/unrest		Yes		No
		3. Campaigning at Polling Station		Yes		No
		4. Had voting been suspended at any time?		Yes		No



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	1. Identification checked against Voters' List	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	2. Voters produced VPIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	3. Voters signed the Voters' Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	4. Indelible Ink applied properly on voters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	5. Secrecy of Ballot Unit maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Procedures	6. Illiterate/handicapped voters assisted properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	7. Polling Reps. maintained decorum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	8. Insufficient or wrong voting materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	9. EVM securely sealed by RO and PO	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	10. Other problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
	11. Time taken to process one voter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Overall Impression	In general, the conduct of the Poll at this Polling Station was	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bad	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very Bad
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General remarks about voting process



Voters



Irregularities observed by you

Nature of problems/irregularities observed:

Was anybody refused the right to vote

	No		Yes
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Lack of proper documents

	Yes		No
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Not in the Voters' List

	Yes		No
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Other reasons

	Yes		No
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Please, indicate an overall opinion as to circumstances, procedures followed and comprehension

Circumstances	Very good Very bad <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
Procedure followed	Very good Very bad <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
Voters understanding of voting process	Very good Very bad <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>



Overall impression

Presiding Officer (PO)

1. Did the PO provide information on request?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Don't Know
2. Was the PO acting impartially?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Don't Know
3. Were all members of the PO involved in the process?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Don't Know
4. Was your presence as Observer accepted by the PO?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Don't Know
5. Other Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Don't Know



People Present

Representatives of Party/Candidates present

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	If yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	2.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	3.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	4.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	5.



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	No
	Don't Know

Other people present	1. National/Micro Observers		Present		Not Present		Don't Know
	2. International Observers		Present		Not Present		Don't Know
	3. Media people		Present		Not Present		Don't Know
	4. Unauthorised people						

	National Observer/International Observers
	Representatives of the Parties/Candidates
	Media representatives
	Unauthorized People
	Voters

Security measures	1. Did the Party/Candidate Representatives or National Observers indicate any problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Yes, many		Yes, a few			No		
	2. Security Personnel present inside station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Present		Not present			Don't know		
	3. Security Personnel present outside station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Present		Not present			Don't know		
	4. Did you feel the quality of the security measures was good?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Yes		No			Don't know		



E → Presiding Officer (PO)

F → People Present

F → Security measures
Disruptions during the day

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1. Identification checked against Voters' List

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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2. Voters produced VPIC

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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3. Voters signed the Voters' Register

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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4. Indelible Ink applied properly on voters

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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5. Secrecy of Ballot Unit maintained

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know
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Dated:

Signature

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Election Observation Form No. 3

Outline for the Main Report of National Observers

Name of Elections:

1. Background

[Please specify and provide information with regard to your appointment and geographical jurisdiction for the election observation]

2. The Electoral Administration

[Please specify and explain in detail the system and procedures in place for conduct of elections in your Constituency, and the arrangements made for the conduct of free and fair elections. Review and report on the manner of the public election fund released, postal ballot handling, the election advertising and media sponsorship provisions implemented]

3. Voter and Civic Education

[Please provide details as to how prepared the voters were to objectively vote in the elections and the level of information dissemination with regard to Candidates, electoral process, etc.]

4. Voter Registration

[Please provide details with regard to the extent of voter registration and preparedness to vote in elections in your Constituency. Also, provide details of any inclusion or exclusion made to the Electoral Roll]

5. Candidates and/or Political Parties

[Please provide profiles of Candidates involved contesting elections in your Constituency or Dzongkhag. Provide details of activities carried out by them over the entire election cycle or period. Include observatory report on conduct of the candidate financial management practices and systems as per the format prescribed. Please be vigilant and report any irregularities and electoral malpractices observed and in particular the involvement of political parties and their members]

6. Election Security

[Please provide an account of the security arrangements and security provided to the polling teams, election materials and secured storerooms as well as the voter in general such that every voter felt safe and secure to turn out to vote freely in the polling station was maintained. Any untoward incidences including coercion, intimidation or threat to voters and polling officials that took place must be reported as appropriate and completely to enable effective actions to be taken]

7. Media

[Please provide an account of the conduct of the media personnel, media's coverage in the entire election cycle or period and also report any violation of the electoral laws and cases of evident partial reporting and coverage. Media also includes foreign media agencies and personnel]

8. Election Observation

*[This part forms the crux of the entire report and therefore should be specified in detail to include observations during the pre-campaign period, campaign period, the poll day and post poll observations including counting and declaration of results. The observations of the poll day must be based on facts and observations made and recorded in the **Polling Station Observation Report** maintained for each polling station covered by you. Please provide an account of the voter turn-out and the behavior of the conduct of general voter, the level of voter enthusiasm and satisfaction of the process, environment and election administration]*

9. Conclusions

[Please provide an account of the general understanding gained from observation of the elections and how well the elections were conducted, the shortcomings and inadequacies. You could include any action that were taken by you or any action taken by concerned authority based on your on-the-spot recommendations and suggestions.]

10. Recommendations

[Please recommend changes and improvements needed in the conduct of future elections and delivery of electoral services including any further actions that are necessary to be taken by the Election Commission or any other authorities of the Royal Government]

NB: All the points and event reported must be as self-conclusive as possible with specific mention of time, place and details of persons associated or involved. Where the infraction of laws and rules are reported these should also be quoted for ease and correctness of expected actions to be taken on the observations.

The observations of the Micro Observers must be incorporated into the Main Report submitted Post-Poll.

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Annexure 5

Forms for Filing of Nomination

Returning Officer Form No. 5B

**NOMINATION PAPER FOR CANDIDATE CONTESTING NATIONAL COUNCIL
ELECTION**

I hereby submit my nomination to contest the National Council Elections in
Dzongkhag as the Candidate of Gewog/Thromde.

My nomination was decided by assent of the majority of those present/ maximum vote recorded
on the EVM at the *Zomdu* convened specifically for this purpose on ... /... /... at

The details are as furnished hereunder:

Name	:	
Date of Birth	:	
VPIC No.	:	
Village	:	
Name of Spouse	:	
CID Card No. of Spouse	:	
Academic Qualification (Attach Letter of Attestation)	:	
Asset Declaration Form (Attach the filled in Form)	:	
Security Clearance Certificate (Attach original copy)	:	
Relieving Order (if relevant) (Attach original copy)	:	
Tax Clearance Certificate (Attach original copy)	:	
Audit Clearance Certificate (Attach original copy)	:	
Marriage Certificate (Attach photocopy)	:	

I, hereby, attest that I:

1. Have not been accused of felony in a pending case and no Court has taken cognizance and charges framed against me;
2. Have not been dismissed or removed from public service;
3. Have not failed to lodge account of election expenses as required by law;
4. Have not solicited or resorted to any form of fund raising for campaigning from any sources prohibited by law;
5. Do not have an existing contract with the government which has not been fully performed;
6. Am not married to a person who is not a citizen of Bhutan;
7. Am not in arrears of taxes or other dues to government;
8. Am not working as a civil servant;
9. Do not hold any office of profit;
10. Am not a member of a Political Party or have resigned more than a year ago from the membership of Political Party.
11. Have contested in previous elections and have lodged account of election expenses within the time and in the manner required by law.

In testimony thereof, the Affidavit is attached.

Date:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>
Place:	<input type="text"/>		
Signature:	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text" value="Legal Stamp"/>

Countersigned by:

1. Name & Signature of *Gup/Thrompon/Chief Election Coordinator:*
2. Name & Signature of *Mangmi/Thromde Thuemi:*
3. Names & Signatures of *Gewog Tshogpas/Thromde Tshogpas:*

(To be filled by the Returning Officer)

Serial No. of Nomination Paper

This Nomination Paper was delivered to me at my office at (hour) on
... / ... / ... (date) by the Candidate.

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at (hour) on
... / ... / ... (date) at (place).

Dated:

Returning Officer

..... *Demkhong*

Returning Officer Form No. 6B

NOTICE OF NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE

The *Gewog/Dzongkhag Thrommde*, hereby,
nominates Mr. /Ms. to contest in the National Council
Elections in Dzongkhag.

The above-mentioned Candidate bears Voter Photo Identity Card No.
and is enrolled in the Electoral Roll of *Gewog*.

I, hereby, issue this Notice as the Team Leader of the Dzongkhag Election Authority for the
nomination of the Candidate.

Signature:

Name:

Date: ... / ... / ...

Designation:

Place:

Returning Officer Form No. 7



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Asset Declaration Form No. 3

**ASSET DECLARATION FORM FOR FILING NOMINATION TO
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS**

1. A candidate shall declare the income, asset and liability including that of his/her spouse(s) and dependent children in one form.
2. The Declaration shall be submitted at the time of filing the Nomination Papers.

Part I – General Information

a) Details of the Declarant

Name :
VPIC No. :
Type of Election (tick one) : **National Council Elections / General Elections to
National Assembly**
Present Address :

b) Details of Spouse(s)

Name :
VPIC No. :
If employed, name of the
Agency :

c) Details of Children

Name	Citizenship ID Card No.	VPIC No.	Date of Birth	If employed, name of Agency

Part II – Declaration of Income, Assets and Liabilities

If you, your spouse or your children own assets, please provide details under the relevant sections of the Tables A-E given below:

Table A: Immovable Property

Type of Property	Name of the registered owner	Relation to the Declarant	Plot/Thram/ House No.	Location	Estimated Market Value	Date of Acquisition

Table B: Shares and Stocks Declaration Form

Name of the registered owner	Relation to the Declarant	Certificate Number	Number of Shares/ Stocks	Company or Business holding Shares/ Stocks	Estimated Market Value	Date of Acquisition

Table C: Vehicle/ Machineries Declaration Form

Name of the registered owner	Relation to the Declarant	Type of Vehicle/ Machineries	Registration No.	Estimated Value	Acquisition (Inherited/ Purchased/ Others)	Remarks

Table D: Declaration of Interest bearing Deposits

Name of owner	Relation to the Declarant	Type of Deposits	Account No.	Bank/ Companies	Amount	Source

Table E: Declaration of other Assets and Activities not specified

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Name of owner	Relation to the Declarant	Type of Assets/ Activities	Estimated Value	Date of Acquisition	Remarks if Any

Part III – Income Statement

Types of Income	Declarant	Spouse(s)	Child			Total
			1	2	3	
Income from employment						
Rental income from land & building						
Interest income from deposits & securities						
Income from Shareholdings						
Income from hire of vehicles or any other property except land & building						
Any other incomes not specified above						
Grand Total						

Part IV – Liabilities (Loans)

Name of Debtor	Creditor (Name of Financial Institution)	Loan Amount	Loan Outstanding	Purpose	Remarks if Any

Part V – Personal Income Certificate

I hereby enclose the Personal Income Tax Certificate issued to us by the Taxing authorities for the year

Declaration:

I hereby declare that the information given in this Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In case any information is found incorrect, I assume full responsibility thereof and shall be liable for prosecution as per the laws of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

(Name and Signature of the Declarant)

Dated: ... / ... / ...

Countersigned by:

(Name and Signature of Spouse)

Dated: ... / ... / ...


(Name and Signature of Children)

Dated: ... / ... / ...

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Tax Clearance Certificate
 (This certificate is issued for election purposes only)

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Reporting on Economy, Efficiency & Effectiveness in the Use of Public Resources



RefNo. Ag(26)/2007

Dated:

Audit Clearance No:

AUDIT CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

The Royal Audit Authority is pleased to issue the Audit Clearance Certificate to
... .. [Name] [EmpID], (Designation), of [Agency] for
processing his/her [Purpose] as there is no outstanding or adverse reports as of
[Current Date] as per the record of the Royal Audit Authority.

[SEAL]

AUDITOR GENERAL OF BHUTAN

Please Note That:

1. This is valid for 12 months from the date of issue, and
2. This is neither a substitute for performance assessment nor clearance for offenses and lapses Administrative, Civil or Criminal nature.
3. Audit Clearance Certificate can be obtained from the nearest Audit Office.



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ROYAL BHUTAN POLICE

RBP/HQ/382/ES/2007/ (00000045678

Date:

Security Clearance Certificate

For: Election

This is to certizy that Mr./Mrs..... S/D/O

..... of village

Gewog under Dzongkhag

holding House No..... Thram No..... has

no adverse record with the police till date. This certificate is valid only for one year from the

date of issue.

CHIEF OF POLICE



Royal University of Bhutan
Office of the vice Chancellor
Thimphu, Thimphu
Bhutan
P. O. Box 108

Ra.No.

Dated:

Letter of Attestation

This is to certify that as required the Royal University of Bhutan has verified the
Bachelors/Master's/M,Phil/P; D Degree awarded to Mr./Ms _____ by
_____, University bearing Certificate No. _____ dated

_____ and is satisfied that it fulfills the criteria of a Formal University Degree in
accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Election Commission of Bhutan on Interpretation
and Implementation of Sections 173(d) & 174(d) of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Reference documents and brief report of scrutiny carried out is sent to the Department of
Electoral Registration, Election Commission of Bhutan, for record.

In testimony thereof the Royal University is pleased to issue this letter of Attestation.

Signature

Vice Chancellor

Royal University of Bhutan

SEAL

Thimphu

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RELIEVING ORDER ON SEPARATION

Ministry/ Agency File No.....

Dated: ... / ... / ...

RELIEVING ORDER (SEPARATION)

The Royal Government is pleased to accept the voluntary resignation / superannuation of:

1. Name :
2. Employee ID No. :
3. Position Title :
4. Position Level :
5. Sub Level :
6. Date of Initial Appointment :
7. Relieving Date :
8. Type of Separation :

He/she is admissible to claim the post-retirement benefits as per the existing Retirement Rules and Regulations.

(Head of the Ministry/Department/Agency)

Copy to:

1. Secretary, RCSC, Thimphu
2. AFD of the Ministry/Agency
3. Personnel Information and Record Section of the Ministry/Agency
4. Director, National Pension Provident Fund Bureau, Thimphu
5. The Auditor General, Royal Audit Authority, Thimphu

Returning Officer Form No. 16

Form Declaring Non-Membership in a Political Party

I, Mr./Ms. bearing VPIC No., House No: Thram No. of Village of Gewog/Thromde/ of Dzongkhag affirm that:

1. I am **NOT** a Member or a Worker of any Political Party.

OR

2. I was a Member/ Worker forParty; however one year has lapsed since I have submitted my resignation to the above Party on(date).

3. The said Party Office has notified my resignation from the aforementioned Party, on..... (date) in the (name of the print media).

4. The said Party Office, vide Letter No. dated, had submitted a copy of my resignation to the Election Commission of Bhutan.

5. I herewith attach a copy of the resignation from the Party membership, published in the Print Media, and a copy of the letter submitted to the Election Commission informing my resignation from the said Party.

I confirm that the above statements are true and hereby submit my wish to contest for the election. If any of the above statements are found to be false then appropriate action as deemed appropriate may be taken against the undersigned.

(Signature of the applicant)

Annexure 6
Election Complaint Form

Election Dispute Settlement Form No. 1

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སོད་མི་རང་གིས་

..... རོང་ཁག་གི་ ལྷོ་མ་སྡེ་/

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3. རོད་ཉམས་ཀྱི་ནང་དོན་ཁ་གསལ་ (དཔེ་འབད་ནི་ས་གནས་ཚེས་གཤམས་རུས་ཚོད་
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ཁྲིམས་རགས་འབྱུང།

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Election Dispute Settlement Form No. 1

Election Complaint Form

To

Chief Election Commissioner
Election Commission of Bhutan
Thimphu

or

Chief Election Coordinator/National Observer/Returning Officer
..... *Demkhong*
..... *Dzongkhag*

I, Mr./Mrs., bearing Voter Photo Identity Card (VPIC)/Citizenship Identity Card number of (permanent address) would like to lodge, under Rule 9 of the Election Dispute Settlement Rules and Regulations 2013, a complaint related to the elections in *Gewog/Thromde* of *Dzongkhag*.

The details of the complaint are as follows:

1. Case of controversy
2. The legal provisions of the Electoral Laws which has been/ is being breached and is the ground of the complaint
3. All material facts of the case (e.g. place, date, time, identification and details of witness cause of action, documentary and/ or other physical evidence etc.); and

4. Name of the parties/ Candidates/ Individuals against whom the complaint is filed.

I hereby, in testimony of the above and in full knowledge that appropriate action can be taken under the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, put my signature here-below:

.....

Affix Legal Stamp

(Name of Complainant)

(Present Residential/Work Address and Telephone Number)

This must be signed by the complainant with proper address and contact details

Date:

.....

(Name and Designation of Receiver)

Election Complaint Receiving Authority

Date of Receipt: ... / ... / ...

Handed over to the:

Chief Election Coordinator/Chief Election Commissioner on date: ... / / ...

Annexure 7

List of Forms

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

National Council Elections

**To,
The Returning Officer**

..... **Dzongkhag**

Subject: Summary Report on Votes Polled as per section 15.2 of the EVM Rules and Regulations

Sl. No.	Particulars	Number of Votes		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Total number of Registered Voters as per the Voter's List (PO Form No. 1)			
2	Total number of votes polled as per the Voter's List (PO Form No. 1)			
3	Total number of votes polled as per Register of Voters (PO Form No. 2)			
4	Total number of votes polled as per Voter's Slips (PD Form No. 3)			
5	Total number of Provisional Vote Declaration Forms received (PO Form No. 1)			
6	Total number of Provisional Votes cast (if any) (PO Form No. 1)			
7	Total number of votes polled as per EVM (PO Form NO. 3)			

Name of Polling Station: **Name:**

Polling Station Code: **Seal & Signature of Presiding Officer**

Date: ... / ... / ...

Signature of Polling Representatives:

1. 2.
3. 4.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

National Council Elections

Polling Station/Counting Centre

EVM Result Sheet

(To be submitted to the Returning Officer by the Presiding Officer as per section 18.6 of the EVM Rules and Regulations)

Name of Polling Station:

Polling Station Code:

Gewog:

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	VPIC No.	Provisional Votes (if any)	Total Votes Secured as per EVM

Name:

Name:

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Signature of Counting Assistant

Date: ... / ... / ...

Date: ... / ... / ...

Signature of Counting Representatives:

1.

2.

3.

4.

**Seal and Signature of
Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer (upon receipt)**

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

National Council Elections

CONSOLIDATION OF EVM & POSTAL BALLOT RESULTS
(To be submitted to the National Counting Center by the Returning Officer)

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	VPIC No.	Votes Secured as per EVM (A)	Votes Secured as per Postal Ballot (B)	Total No. of Votes Secured (A+B)

Name: **Name:**

Signature of Counting Supervisor Officer

Seal & Signature of Assistant Returning

Signature of Counting Representatives:

1. 2.

3. 4.

Postal Ballot Form No. 4

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

POSTAL BALLOT RESULT SHEET

Election to

Demkhong:

Dzongkhag:

Sl. No.	Name of Political Party/Candidate	VPIC No.	Total Postal Votes Secured

Total Applications Received: **Total Postal Ballots Issued:**

Total Ballots Received: **Total Invalid Received:**

Name: **Name:**

Signature of Counting Supervisor

Seal & Signature of Returning Officer

Date:/...../.....

Date:/...../.....

Signature of Counting Representatives:

1. 2.

3. 4.

Result Announcement Form No. 5C

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2013

National Council Elections

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT OF POLL

Dzongkhag:

Date of Elections: ... /... /...

I,, being the Returning Officer for the Dzongkhag, do, hereby, under Section 461 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008 give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said Election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	VPIC No.	Votes Secured as per EVM	Votes Secured as per Postal Ballot	Number of Voters (if elected the word <u>'ELECTED'</u> appear against the number of votes)

And, I, hereby, declare that is duly elected as the Representative of the Dzongkhag to the National Council of Bhutan.

Dated: ... /... /...

Returning Officer

Returning Officer Form No. 14

To,

Chief Election Commissioner
 Election Commission of Bhutan
 Thimphu

Sub: CLEARANCE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT

Total valid votes polled	Valid votes polled by the Returned candidate	Valid votes polled by the second candidate in percentage	Number of request for recount	Any unusual features were found during the counting of votes	How many complaints received	How many complaints dealt?

Your recommendations:

.....

.....

.....

Name of *Demkhong*: Name:

Polling Station No.:

Seal & Sig. of Returning Officer

Date: ... / ... / ...

Annexure 8
Certificate of Election

	ECB/NC-CERTIFICATE/2013/___				
<p>(SAMPLE) CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO ELECTED CANDIDATE</p>					
<p>This is to certify that _____ of the _____ Gewog, under _____ Dzongkhag bearing Voter Photo Identity Card (VPIC) number _____</p>					
<p>_____ is duly elected as the Representative of _____ Dzongkhag to the National Council of Bhutan in the National Council Elections held on ____/____/2013.</p>					
<p>This certificate is awarded under Section 465 of the Election Act 2008 of the Kingdom of Bhutan.</p>					
	Dated: ____/____/2013		<p>Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan</p>		

Public Election Fund Forms

Public Election Fund Form No. 1C

Fund Application Form - National Council Candidate

To,
The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of Bhutan,
P. O. Box No. 2008,
Thimphu, Bhutan.

Sir,

I, _____, the nominated candidate of _____
Gewog/Thromde of _____ Dzongkhag would like to submit this application
for the Election Campaign Fund for contesting the National Council election to be held on

Name of Candidate: _____
ECB Letter of Acceptance No. & Date: _____
Campaign Account No.: _____
Name of Bank & Branch: _____

Please sanction the transfer of fund allotted to my campaign A/C.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Candidate Signature

Dated: ... / ... / ...

Contact Address & Tel. NO.:

Public Election Fund Form No. 3

Campaign Expenses Return Form

Details of Campaign Expenses for the period from _____ to _____

Name of the Party/Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Sl. No.	Date of payment	Bill / Ref No.	Name and Address of the Claimant	Head of Expenses	Amount
Sub Total					
Grand Total (on last page only)					

TOTAL EXPENSES FROM THE CAMPAIGN FUND -----

I hereby certify that the information furnished is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Candidate/Treasurer of Party
Seal & Signature

Dated: ... / ... / ...

Public Election Fund Form No. 7C

Election Return Form - National Council Candidate

**To,
The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of Bhutan,
P. O. Box No. 2008,
Thimphu, Bhutan.**

Sir,

**I, _____, the candidate from _____ Gewog of
_____ Dzongkhag, would like to submit this Election Return for the Fund
received for the National Council Election held on _____**

Name of the Candidate: -----

ECB Letter of Acceptance No. & Date: -----

Campaign Account No.: -----

Fund Received: -----

Less: Campaign Expenses (as per PEF Form No. 3): -----

Balance on Campaign Fund: -----

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**Candidate
Signature**

Dated: ... / ... / ...

Contact Address & Tel. NO

Public Election Fund Form No. 10

Hand Receipt/Bill

No. 000.....

Dated: ... / ... / ...

Name of Party/Candidate: Reg. -----

No./VPIC No.: -----

Constituency/Gewog/Chiwog/Throm: -----

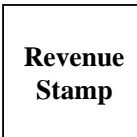
Dzongkhag: -----

Type of Election: -----

Sl. No.	Particulars	Qty./No of days	Rate	Amount	
				Nu.	Ch.
Total Amount					

Received a sum of Nu... (Ngultrums... only) from
 vide cash/cheque. No.:

Dated:



Received by: Name and signature/thumb print:

VPIC No.:

Address & Contact No.:

Entered in Field Expenditure Diary page no.:

Verified By:

Name, Signature & Date:

National Observer

Authorized person

Public Election Fund Form No. 11

Expenditure Verification Form

Name of the Party/Candidate: -----

Address: -----

Sl. No.	Date of Verification	Bill/ Ref No.	Head of Expenses	Amount	Remarks

Name and Signature of the Observer:

Demkhong:

Dzongkhag:

Dated: