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ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN
(Ensuring Free, Fair and Democratic Elections and Referendums)



ECB/NOTIF-01/2016/249

Dated: 18th of August 2016

[English Translation for reference purposes only]

NOTIFICATION

The Election Commission of Bhutan would like to notify the general public that with full respect to *Kaja* the interpretation letter No.: *Ngon Tho* (54)-2016/1651 dated 15th of August 2016 on the Writ No.: *Ngon Tho* (54)-2016/1561 dated 5th of August 2016 from the Supreme Court of Bhutan, this notification is being issued in continuation to the earlier notification No. ECB/NOTIF-01/2016/193 dated 9th of August 2016 under the Sections 34, 35(g), 36(g) and 197 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

The boundary demarcations of the Thromdes and Yenlag Thromdes endorsed by the Fifth Session of the Parliament on 10th of June 2015 is to be reviewed by a High Level Expert Commission and until further directives are issued, the Local Government Elections are to be conducted based on the Thromde Boundary approved by Parliament and issued on 2nd of July 2010, i.e. same *demkhongs* as was conducted for the Local Government Elections 2011.

Accordingly, the constituencies and elections shall be based on the Delimitation Order No. DC/CHAIR/2011/1520 dated 27th of February 2011 which means that in addition to the elections to the elective posts (205 Gewogs and Samdrup Jongkhar Thromde Tshogde) as notified on 9th of August 2016, elections will be held for the Thromde *Ngotshab* to Dzongkhag Tshogdu in the 16 Dzongkhags. Thus, including the Thromde Election held earlier this year, all eligible voters of the country would have the opportunity to stand as a candidate and/or vote in the Second Local Government Elections.



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With the Delimitation Order issued on 15th of July 2015 based on the Thromdes approved by Parliament 2015, a total of 61 Chiwogs in 38 Gewogs were affected when some areas came under Dzongkhag Thromdes or the Yenlag Thromdes. The Electoral Roll which had been accordingly prepared and issued to the public for claims and objections is now reverted such that all the voters of the affected *Gewogs* and *Chiwogs* are to stand or vote from their earlier respective constituencies.

To date, the nomination *Zomdu* in the affected *Chiwogs/Gewogs* have been conducted in the three *Chiwogs* of Chhokley_Phulakha *Chiwog*, Khatoed Gewog of Gasa, and Phuentshogthang and Samdrupchhoeling *Chiwogs*, Phuentshogthang *Gewog* of Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag. In these three *Chiwogs*, a *Zomdu* will be re-conducted to nominate the *Chiwog's* candidates for Gup and Mangmi.

A Registered Voter aspiring to contest for the post of Dzongkhag Thromde *Ngotshab* to the respective Dzongkhag Tshogdu in 16 Dzongkhags shall produce, as evidence of support, the signatures and details as in the Voter Photo Identity Cards of at least 5 percent of the Registered Voters from the respective *Thromde* who shall be from at least 5 different *Gungs* with no voter or *Gung* supporting more than one nominee.

The criteria for the Candidate of the Thromde Representative shall be the same as other Dzongkhag Tshogdu Members i.e. Gup and Mangmi. A separate *Zomdu* for the Dzongkhag Thromde Representative is not required and the Election Schedule will remain the same as notified earlier vide notification No.: ECB/NOTIF-01/2016/193 dated 9th of August of 2016.

It is to be noted that as all eligible voters who came under the Dzongkhag Thromde and the Dzongkhag Yenlag Thromde 2015 are reverted to their earlier respective



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Gewogs and *Chiwogs*. The registered postal voters who fall under the affected *Gewogs* and *Chiwogs* are requested to apply for postal ballot to the concerned Returning Officer of their respective *Gewogs* before 3rd of September 2016. All Voter Photo Identity Cards (VPICs) issued in 2011 and thereafter are valid for the Local Government Elections 2016.

The Returning Officers for the 16 Thromdes shall be as follows:

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, 2016(Thromde Ngotshab)					
Sl. No.	Name	Placement for LG Elections		Phone Number	Email ID
		Dzongkhag	LG Constituency		
1	Dechen Zam	Bumthang	1. Chhoekhor Gewog	17968147	dzam@mof.gov.bt dechenmt@gmail.com
			2. Tang Gewog		
			3. Chhumig Gewog		
			4. Ura Gewog		
			5. Bumthang Thromde Ngotshab		
2	Ugyen Lhamo	Dagana	1. Tseza Gewog	77292650	ulhamo@mohca.gov.bt
			2. Karna Gewog		
			3. Gozhi Gewog		
			4. Dagana Thromde Ngotshab		
3	Namgay	Gasa	1. Khatoed Gewog	17716673	namgay30@yahoo.com
			2. Laya Gewog		
			3. Gasa Thromde Ngotshab		
4	Sangay Dorji	Haa	1. Bji Gewog	17707815	sang_dor@yahoo.com
			2. Kar-tshog Gewog		
			3. Uesu Gewog		
			4. Haa Thromde Ngotshab		
5	Ugyen Thinley	Lhuentse	1. Gangzur Gewog	17579362	uthinley@mongar.gov.bt
			2. Khoma		



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			3. Kurtoed		
			4. Minjey		
			5. Lhuentse Thromde Ngotshab		
6	Suraj Gurung	Monggar	1. Drepoong	17572373	rajsug74@gmail.com
			2. Monggar		
			3. Chhaling		
			4. Tsakaling		
			5. Monggar Thromde Ngotshab		
7	Lemo	Paro	1. Hoongrel	17631883	lemo.mo4@gmail.com
			2. Dopshar-ri		
			3. Doteng		
			4. Wangchang		
			5. Paro Thromde Ngotshab		
8	Sangay Tshering	Pema Gatshel	1. Nanong	17414275	sangaytshering@nationalcouncil.bt
			2. Shumar		
			3. Zobel		
			4. Pema Gatshel Thromde Ngotshab		
9	Kinley Dorji	Punakha	1. Goenshari	17433824	kinleyd@moaf.gov.bt
			2. Guma		
			3. Kabisa		
			4. Punakha Thromde Ngotshab		
10	Rinzin Dema	Samtse	1. Norboogang	17731102	rdema@mohca.gov.bt
			2. Phuentshospelri		
			3. Samtse		
			4. Samtse Thromde Ngotshab		
11	Sonam Wangchuk	Trashigang	1. Kanglung Gewog	77342922	sonamw@mowhs.gov.bt
			2. Samkhar Gewog		
			3. Udzorong Gewog		
			4. Trashigang Thromde Ngotshab		
12	Gedun	Trashhi	1. Boomdeling Gewog	17644646	gdolma@doim.gov.bt



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	Dolma	Yangtse	2. Jamkhar Gewog		
			3. Tongmajangsa Gewog		
			4. Yangtse Gewog		
			5. Trashi Yangtse Thromde Ngotshap		
13	Ugyen Dorji	Trongsa	1. Nubi Gewog	17411772	udorji@molhr.gov.bt
			2. Tangsibji Gewog		
			3. Trongsa Thromde Ngotshab		
14	Thinley Phuntsho	Tsirang	1. Kilkhorhang Gewog	17615760	tphuntsho@chhukha.gov.bt
			2. Tsholingkhar Gewog		
			3. Gosarling Gewog		
			4. Doonglagang Gewog		
			5. Tsirang Thromde Ngotshab		
15	Phub Tshering	Wangdue Phodrang	1 Nahi Gewog	17882465	phubtshering@moea.gov.bt
			2. Gase Tshogongm Gewog		
			3. Thedtsho Gewog		
			4. Wangduephodrang Thromde Ngotshab		
16	Tendri Gyeltshen	Zhemgang	1. Bardo Gewog	17311868	tgyeltshen@mohca.gov.bt
			2. Nangkor Gewog		
			3. Shingkar Gewog		
			4. Trong Gewog		
			5. Zhemgang Thromde Ngotshab		

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Chief Election Commissioner