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## ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN

(Ensuring Free, Fair & Democratic Elections & Referendums)



ECB/NOTIF-01/2021/5604

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

### Public Notification

This is to inform the general public that the Election Commission of Bhutan (ECB) is in receipt of letter No. RAA/AG-SP/16/2021-2022/113 dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 from the Royal Audit Authority (RAA) concerning its decision to reconsider the audit clearances of 9 candidates that had been revoked earlier. Upon receipt of the RAA's decision and following a thorough review of the matter and relevant electoral laws, the ECB has decided to reschedule the elections for the following posts in the 8 affected Gewogs of the ongoing LG elections, 2021:

Sl. No.	Dzongkhag	Gewog	Chiwog	Post
1	Chhukha	Chapcha	Tshamdrag	Gup
2	Wangdue Phodrang	Dangchhu	Tashidingkha_Zimi	Gup
3	Wangdue Phodrang	Nyisho	Goensar_Radzawog	Gup
4	Tsirang	Patshaling	Pangthang	Gup
5	Punakha	Guma	Lakhu_Tshowogm	Gup
6	Punakha	Guma	Changyul_Loongsilgang_Tashijong	Tshogpa
7	Trongsa	Korphu	Nyimzhong Toed	Gup
8	Thimphu	Soe	Jangothang	Gup
9	Gasa	Lunana	Thangza_Toenchoe	Gup

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The rescheduling of elections in these Gewogs will begin with filing of nominations by these 9 candidates whose audit clearances had been revoked by the RAA earlier. In the meanwhile, the election process for the other posts in the affected Gewogs, namely, Mangmis and Tshogpas (with the exception of Tshogpa of Changyul\_Loongsilgang\_Tashijong under Guma Gewog) will proceed as per the schedule for the ongoing LG Elections, 2021 with poll day that has already been fixed on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021. The details of the election schedule is as presented below:

Date and Time	Remarks
20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	- Last Date for filing of Nominations of Candidates
21 <sup>st</sup> December, 2021	- Scrutiny of Nomination of Candidates
23 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last date for withdrawal of Candidature</li> <li>- Commencement of Election Campaign</li> <li>- Returning Officer to commence sending Postal Ballots to registered Postal Voters (In-country &amp; overseas)</li> </ul>
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	- Operation of Mobile Voting Booth (MVB) & Paper Ballot Facilitation Booth (PBFB)
4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022	- End of Election Campaign

5<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 - Last day for receiving Postal Ballots

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6<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 - **Poll Day and Counting of Results**

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7<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 - Declaration of Results & Submission of the Results to the Druk Gyalpo  
- Start of Election Petition Period

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8<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 - Issuance of Election Certificate

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20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 - End of Election Petition Period

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Issued on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the Iron Female Ox Year corresponding to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan**