



**Election Department**  
**Briefs on on-going**  
**activities and Poll**  
**Preparedness**  
**for Lok Sabha/**  
**Assembly Bye**  
**Elections-2021**

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# Map & State Profile

# Parliamentary & Assembly Constituencies Himachal Pradesh

Jammu and Kashmir

China

Punjab

Uttarakhand

Chandigarh

Haryana

Uttar Pradesh

## Legend

- Existing Helipad
- River
- Railway Track
- National Highway
- District Boundary
- AC 1-68
- India Boundary

## Parliamentary Constituencies

- Kangra
- Mandi
- Hamirpur
- Shimla



# Constituency Map of Himachal Pradesh



## State Profile

Area	55,673 Sq Km
Population Density	123 per Sq Km
Districts	12
Sub-divisions	73
Tehsils and Sub-tehsils	172
Kanungo Circles	414
Patwar Circles	2368
Developments Blocks	81
Municipal Corporations	05
Municipal Councils	29
Nagar Panchayats	27
Cantonment Boards	07
Police Stations	132
Gram Panchayats	3615
Villages	20690



## State Profile (Contd...)

Total Parliamentary Constituencies	1-Kangra, 2-Mandi, 3-Hamirpur , 4-Shimla(SC)
Total Rajya Sabha Seats	3
Assembly Constituencies	Total 68 (General – 48, SC – 17, ST – 3)
Polling Stations	7792
Polling Stations Locations	7074 (Urban – 458, Rural – 6616)
Total Sections in Electoral Roll	23675
Average Number of Electors per PS	684
EROs	Total 68 (58 for Single AC and 5 for Two ACs)
AEROs	168
ROs for PCs/ACs	4 for PC & 68 for Acs
ARO for PCs/ACs	98 for PC & 110 for ACs
BLOs	7792
BLO Supervisor	758
Bordering States / Countries	Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir, UP, China (Tibbet) Country
Airports	Shimla, Kangra & Kullu



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# Functions of Election Department



# Functions of Election Department

Election Commission of India came into existence w.e.f. 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1950. Thereafter Himachal Pradesh Election Department established. It works under the superintendence, directions and control of Election Commission of India as envisaged under Article 324 of the Constitution of India.

## Functions:-

The Election Department is responsible for the conduct of various elections in the State. The following main functions/activities are undertaken by this Department under the superintendence, directions and control of Election Commission of India: -

1.	Conduct of Presidential and Vice-Presidential Election.
2.	Conduct of Biennial Elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha).
3.	Conduct of Elections to Parliament (Lok Sabha) and State Legislative Assembly (Vidhan Sabha) including bye-elections.
4.	Intensive Revision/Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls of all 68 Assembly Constituencies of the State, continuation updation and computerization etc.
5.	Rationalization and provisions of Polling Stations.
6.	Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies.
7.	Issuance of Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs).
8.	Systemic Voters Education and Electoral Participation Programme (SVEEP).
9.	Procurement, storage, maintenance and disposal of EVMs and VVPATs.

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# Strengthening of CEOs & DEOs Offices

# Strengthening of CEOs/ DEOs Offices

(a) Post wise detail of Staff required as per approved staffing pattern of ECI and existing staff strength in the o/o CEO

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Staff required as per ECIs staffing pattern	Staff sanctioned as per ECIs staffing pattern	Remarks
1.	Additional Chief Electoral Officer.	1	2	As, 2 posts of HAS cadre are sanctioned for o/o CEO, therefore, additional posts of HAS cadre are not required keeping in view the work load.
2.	Joint Chief Electoral Officer.	2	-	
3.	Deputy Chief Electoral Officer.	2	1	Presently, one post of Dy CEO is sanctioned for the o/o CEO; therefore, additional post of Dy CEO is not required keeping in view the work load.
4.	Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.	2	1	Presently, one post of ACEO is sanctioned for the o/o CEO; therefore, additional post of ACEO is not required keeping in view the work load.
5.	Electoral Officer.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
6.	Section Officer.	2	2	Present strength is sufficient.
7.	Section Officer(F&A)	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
8.	System Analyst.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
9.	Data Base Administrator	1	Nil	One DBA is deployed on outsourcing basis.
10.	Programmer.	3	1	Presently, one post of Programmer is sanctioned for the o/o CEO on regular basis and 2 Programmers are outsourced. Therefore, no post of Programmer is required keeping in view the work load.
11.	Private Secretary.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
12.	OSD (SVEEP).	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.

# Strengthening of CEOs/ DEOs Offices (Contd...)

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Staff required as per ECI's staffing pattern	Staff sanctioned as per ECI's staffing pattern	Remarks
13.	Naib Tehsildar(Trg.)	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
14.	Superintendent, Grade-II.	3	3	Present strength is sufficient.
15.	Personal Assistant.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
16.	Senior Assistant.	15	12	3 additional posts of Senior Assistants are required for the o/o CEO keeping in view the workload. Therefore, matter regarding sanctioning/creation of 3 additional posts of Senior Assistant is under consideration of the Govt.
17.	Law Officer.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
18.	Library Assistant.	1	-	As presently, there is no post of Library Assistant/Librarian sanctioned in the CEO office, therefore, matter regarding sanctioning/creation of one post of Library Assistant is under consideration of the Govt.
19.	Senior Scale Stenographer.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
20.	Junior Scale Stenographer.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.

# Strengthening of CEOs/ DEOs Offices (Contd...)

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Staff required as per ECIs staffing pattern	Staff sanctioned as per ECIs staffing pattern	Remarks
21.	Computer Operator.	4	2	2 additional posts of Computer Operator are required for the o/o CEO keeping in view the workload. Therefore, matter regarding sanctioning/creation of 2 additional posts of Computer Operator is under consideration of the Govt.
22.	Call Centre Operator.	2	Nil	Two Call Centre Operator are deployed on outsourcing basis
23.	Junior Assistant/Clerk.	11	9	2 additional posts of Clerk are required for the o/o CEO keeping in view the workload. Therefore, matter regarding sanctioning/creation of 2 additional posts of Clerk is under consideration of the Govt.
24.	Social Media Expert.	2	Nil	Two Social Media Expert are deployed on outsourcing basis.
25.	Data Entry Operator.	2	Nil	Two Data Entry Operators are deployed on outsourcing basis

# Strengthening of CEOs/ DEOs Offices (Contd...)

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Staff required as per ECIs staffing pattern	Staff sanctioned as per ECIs staffing pattern	Remarks
26.	Driver.	4	4	Present strength is sufficient.
27.	Photostat Operator.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
28.	Daftri.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
29.	Peon.	8	8	Present strength is sufficient.
30.	Chowkidar.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
31.	Sweeper.	1	1	Present strength is sufficient.
			59 (On regular basis)	09  (On outsourcing basis)

**Note:- Proposal for the creation of mandatory posts of core officers and officials for the O/o CEO as per the staffing pattern of ECI is being submitted to the Govt. from time to time, but the Govt is sanctioning additional staff to the above offices on actual requirement/need basis in a phased manner.**

**(b) Post wise detail of Staff required as per approved staffing pattern of ECI and existing staff strength in the o/o DEO**

Sr. No.	Name of Post	ECIs Staffing Pattern for the o/o DEO	Actual Posts Sanctioned	Remarks
1.	Additional District Election Officer.	One per district	Nil	Presently, ADCs/ADMs are designated as Election Incharge in the districts, therefore, no additional posts of HAS cadre are required.
2.	Deputy District Election Officer.	One per district	Nil	
3.	Tehsildar (Election).	One per district	12 One per district	Present strength is sufficient.
4.	Programmer	One per district	Nil.	12 Programmers are deployed on outsourcing basis in basis the DEO offices.
5.	Naib-Tehsildar (Election).	One per district	14 One per district and two additional for Kangra and Mandi	Present strength is sufficient.
6.	Superintendent, Grade-II.	One per district	09 One per district except Chamba, Bilaspur & Kullu.	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 3 additional posts of Superintendent, Grade-II is under consideration of the Govt.
7.	Senior Assistant.	Two per district	19 Two per district except Lahaul-Spiti, Kinnaur, Solan, Sirmour & Una.	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 5 additional posts of Senior Assistants is under consideration of the Govt.
8.	Assistant Programmer	One per district	Nil	12 Assistant Programmers are deployed on outsourcing basis the DEO offices.
9.	UDC/Junior Assistant.	Two per district	25 Two per district and one additional for DEO Office Kangra.	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 23 additional posts of Clerks is under consideration of the Govt.
10.	LDC/Clerk.	Two per district		

## Strengthening of CEOs/ DEOs Offices (Contd...)

Sr. No.	Name of Post	ECIs Staffing Pattern for the o/o DEO	Actual Posts Sanctioned	Remarks
11.	Data Entry Operator. (for official work of DEOs office)	Two per district	Nil	12 Data Entry Operators are deployed on outsourcing basis the DEO offices.
12.	EVM Godown Keeper.	One per district	Nil	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 12 posts of EVM Godown Keeper is under consideration of the Govt.
13.	EVM Godown Watchman.	One per district	Nil	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 12 posts of EVM Godown Watchman is under consideration of the Govt.
14.	Daftari	One per district	04 One each for parliamentary Hqrs.	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 8 posts of Daftries is under consideration of the Govt.
15.	Peon	Two per district	24 Two per district.	Present strength is sufficient.
16.	Chowkidar	One per district	12 One per district.	Present strength is sufficient.
17.	Sweeper.	One per district	06	The Govt. has declared post of Sweepers as Dying cadre, therefore, sweeping work of DEO offices are done on outsourcing basis.
Total:-			125 (On regular basis)	36 (On outsourcing basis)

**Note:- Proposal for the creation of mandatory posts of core officers and officials for the O/o DEOs as per the staffing pattern of ECI is being submitted to the Govt. from time to time, but the Govt is sanctioning additional staff to the above offices on actual requirement/need basis in phased manner.**



**(c) Post wise detail of Staff required as per approved staffing pattern of ECI and existing staff strength in the o/o EROs/ROs**

Sr. No.	Name of Post	ECIs Staffing Pattern for the o/o ERO	Actual Posts Sanctioned	Remarks
1.	Deputy/Naib-Tehsildar.	One per office.	08	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 55 additional posts of Naib Tehsildars is under consideration of the Govt.
2.	Programmer/Assistant Programmer.	One per office.	Nil	62 posts of Assistant Programmers are needed for the o/o EROs/ROs.
3.	Election Kanungo	One per AC	70 @ 1 per AC and 2 additional posts for Kaza & Pangri	Present strength is sufficient.
4.	Junior Assistant.	One per office.	64 One per ERO/AERO office	Proposal regarding creation/sanctioning of 62 additional posts of Clerks is under consideration of the Govt.
5.	Clerk.	One per office.		
6.	Data Entry Operator.	Two per office.	Nil	70 Data Entry Operators are deployed on outsourcing basis the ERO/AERO offices.
7.	Peon	One per office.	64 One per ERO/AERO office	Present strength is sufficient.
8.	Sweeper.	One per office.	Nil	The Govt. has declared post of Sweepers as Dying cadre; therefore, sweeping work of ERO offices are to be done on outsource basis on need base basis.
Total:-			206 (On regular basis)	70 (On outsourcing basis)

**Note:- Proposal for the creation of mandatory posts of core officers and officials for the O/o EROs as per the staffing pattern of ECI is being submitted to the Govt. from time to time, but the Govt is sanctioning additional staff to the above offices on actual requirement/need basis in phased manner.**

# Category-wise vacancy position staff in the Election Department as on June, 2021

Sr. No.	Name of Category	No. of vacant posts	Remarks
1.	System Analyst	1 HQ	R&P Rules for this post are being prepared.
2.	Tehsildar (Election)	1 Kinnaur	The aforesaid vacancy of Tehsildar (Election) could not be filled up due to stay order granted by Hon'ble H.P.High Court.
3.	Superintendent, Grade-II	1 Mandi	Will remain vacant due to non availability of ST candidate for promotion.
4.	PA	1 HQ	This post could not be filled up by promotion for want of eligible incumbent in the feeder category
5.	Law Officer	1 HQ	This post could not be filled up due to non finalization of R & P Rules.
6.	Senior Scale Stenographer	1 HQ	This post could not be filled up by promotion for want of eligible incumbent in the feeder category
7.	Election Kanungo.	06 (Kaza=1, Jasisinghpur=1, Salooni=1, Padhar=1, Hamirpur=1, Gohar=1)	Requisition to fill up 03 posts of EK has been placed to HPSC Extension to one newly selected candidate has been granted for joining.
8.	Clerk	13 DEO Dharamshala=2, DEO Chamba=1, DEO Reckongpeo=1, AERO Kaza=1, ERO Jaisinghpur=1, ERO Haroli=1, ERO Una=1, ERO Ghumarwin=1, ERO Manali=1, ERO Palampur=1, ERO Jawali=1, ERO Baijnath=1	One Post is being filled through PWDs One post is being filled on compassionate grounds. Remaining posts will be filled up by way of direct recruitment.
9.	JOA(IT)	08 ERO Tissa=1, ERO Nagrota Bagwan=1, ERO Banjar=1, ERO Indora=1, ERO Dheera=1, ERO Keylong=1, ERO Jwalaji=1, ERO Nurpur=1	Requisition for 08 has been placed to HPSSC Hamirpur.

## Category-wise vacancy position staff (Contd...)

Sr. No.	Name of Category	No. of vacant posts	Remarks
10.	Peon.	11 HQ=2, DEO, Dharamshala=1, DEO Una=1, ERO Dharamshala =1, ERO Shahpur-1, ERO Jawali=1, ERO Swarghat=1, ERO Indora=1, ERO Sangrah=1, ERO Kullu=1	11 posts of Peons are being filled up by way of direct recruitment.
11.	Chowkidar.	4 Shimla, Chamba, Hamirpur and Headoffice	Matter to fill up aforesaid vacancies of Chowkidar by way of direct recruitment is being taken up with Govt..
Total=48			

**Note:- Besides above, Additional CEO-II (Dr. Sonia Thakur HPAS 2011) is on maternity leave w.e.f. 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and presently, one Additional CEO is in position against sanctioned strength of 2 Additional CEOs.**

**The Commission has approved the name of Ms Neelam Dulta, HPAS (2011) for the appointment as Addl. CEO in place of Dr. Sonia Thakur vide its letter No. 154/HP/2021-P. Admn, dated 06/08/2021.**

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# Electoral Profile

# Himachal Pradesh

Year	Male	Female	Total
<b>Census 2011</b>	34,81,873	33,82,729	68,64,602
<b>Projected 2021</b>	38,51,413	37,57,206	76,08,619

## Statistics of Electors on final publication 2021 (as on 15-01-2021)

Electors as on 15.01.2021 (Final Publication)	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
General Electors	26,92,857	26,33,574	31	53,26,462
NRI Electors	21	08	0	29
Service Electors	66,128	1,514	0	67,642
<b>Total Electors</b>	<b>27,59,006</b>	<b>26,35,096</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>53,94,133</b>

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# Health of Electoral Roll

**Status of electoral roll including SSR and continuous updation (16-01-2021 to 25-07-2021) of entire State:-**

**Addition:13,270**

**Deletions: 15,353**

<b>Duration</b>	<b>Updated E-Roll</b>				
	<b>Form-6</b>	<b>Form-6A</b>	<b>Form-7</b>	<b>Form-8</b>	<b>Form-8A</b>
<b>SSR-2021 (15-01-2021)</b>	1,10,677	2	43,335	10,825	3,474
<b>Continuou s updation (16-01-2021 to 25-07- 2021</b>	13,270	1	15,353	9,061	2,585
<b>Grand Total</b>	1,23,947	3	58,688	19,886	6,059

100% EPIC have been issued

## Electors as on 25.07.2021 in respect of HP

Electors as on 25.07.2021	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
General Electors	26,91,960	26,32,404	20	53,24,384
NRI Electors	17	7	0	24
Service Electors	66,614	1,541	0	68,155
Total Electors	27,58,591	26,33,952	20	53,92,563

- EPICs: EPICs are printing in house at Sub-Divisional Hqrs and delivered to electors within 15 days after generation.
- Marking of PwD: There are 54,233 electors flagged as PwDs and 355 flagged as marked electors as on 25-07-2021 in the entire State.
- Marking of 80+ electors: - There are 1,28,851 80 + electors in the State as on 25-07-2021.



# Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2022

The Election Commission of India has ordered the Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01-01-2022 as qualifying date and forwarded the pre-revision and revision activities schedule vide its letter No. 23/2021-ERS-II, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021.

Pre-Revision Activities		
1.	(i) Removal of all DSEs/ multiple entries, logical errors etc.	09.08.2021 (Monday) to 31.10.2021 (Sunday)
	(ii) H2H verification through BLOs	
	(iii) Proper formation of sections; and	
	(iv) Rationalization of polling stations	
Revision Activities		
2.	Publication of Integrated draft electoral roll	On 01.11.2021 (Monday)
3.	Period for fitting claims & objectives	01.11.2021 (Monday) to 30.11.2021 (Tuesday)
4.	Special Campaign Dates	As suggested by CEOs
5.	Disposal of claims and objections	By 20.12.2021 (Monday)
6.	Final publication of Electoral Roll	By 05.01.2022 (Wednesday)

Accordingly Internal activity schedule has been chalked out for successful completion for Special Summary Revision-2022 as under:-

## Pre-Revision activity schedule in connection with Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t.01-01-2022 as the qualifying date.

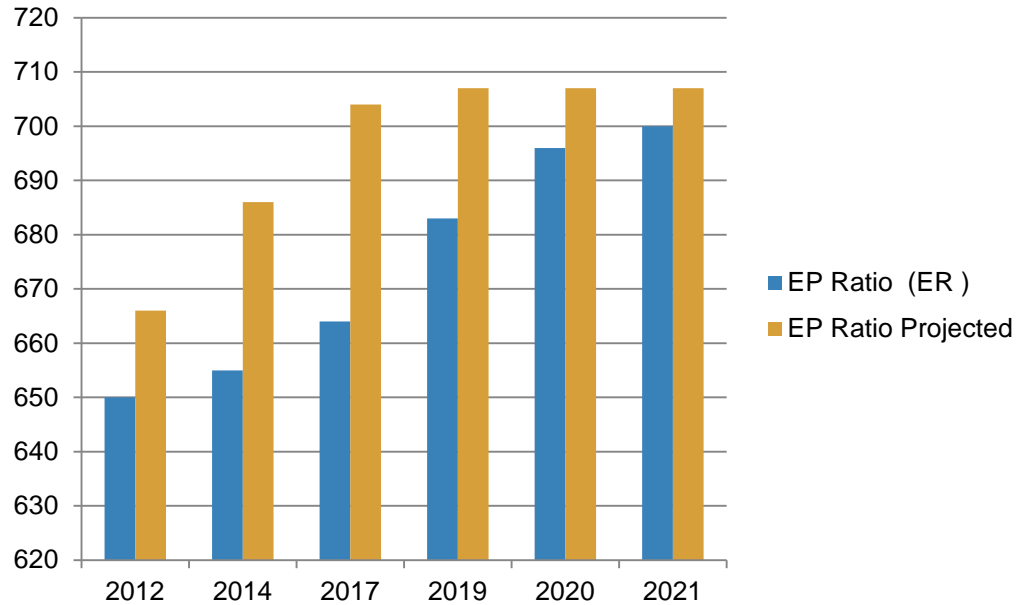
Sl. No.	Pre-revision Activities	Time Frame (2022)
1.	Removal of DSEs, logical errors and various discrepancies in EPICs.	Upto 28-09-2021
2.	H2H verification through BLOs	01-09-2021 to 10-09-2021
3.	Proper formation of sections and rationalization of Polling Stations.	Upto 10-09-2021
4.	Submission of AC-wise proposal, if any to CEO's office after completing all prescribed formalities for seeking Commission's approval.	Upto 15-09-2021
5.	Disposal of all claims and objections received upto 19-09-2021 under continuous updation process	28-09-2021
6.	Generation of PDF of Supl-2 for office record	01-10-2021
7.	Bifurcation of Electoral Roll database as per approval of polling stations and updation of control Tables for draft publication	04-10-2021
8.	Uploading of PER database, 6 types of PS Maps and updated control tables on VM Server of ERO Net from CEO Office	07-10-2021
9.	Generation of PDF files with photo of Electoral Rolls for Draft Publication & BLO's Register-2022	Upto 09-10-2021
10.	Handing over data of PER (DVD) to vendor for printing of Photo Electoral Rolls & BLO's Register-2021.	11-10-2021
11.	Printing of required number of multiple copies of PER and BLO's Register-2022	25-10-2021
12.	Generation of PDF files without photo of Electoral Rolls for Draft Publication.	25-10-2021
13.	Transfer of PDF files without photo to State Hqrs.	26-10-2021
14.	Preparation of CEO's Website for Draft Publication	28-10-2021
15.	Handing over Photo Electoral Rolls to BLOs & Designated Officers	28-10-2021
16.	Draft Publication of integrated PER-2022	01-11-2021

# Electoral Indicators Over period of time

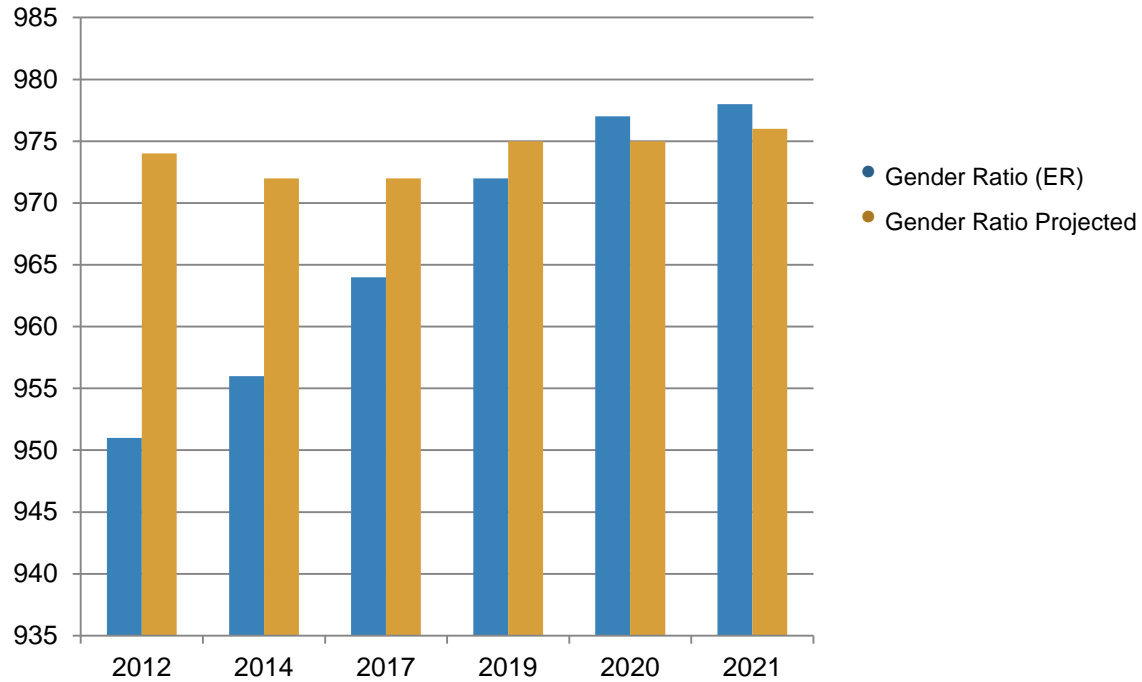
Indicators	2012	2014	2017	2019	2020	2021
EP Ratio (ER )	650	655	664	681	696	700
EP Ratio Projected	666	686	704	707	707	707
Gender Ratio	951	956	964	972	977	978
Gender Ratio Projected	974	972	972	975	975	976
18-19 Age Group enrolment	1.81%	0.87%	1.49%	1.18%	1.45%	1.21%
EPIC Coverage	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Photo Coverage	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



# Graph of EP Ratio

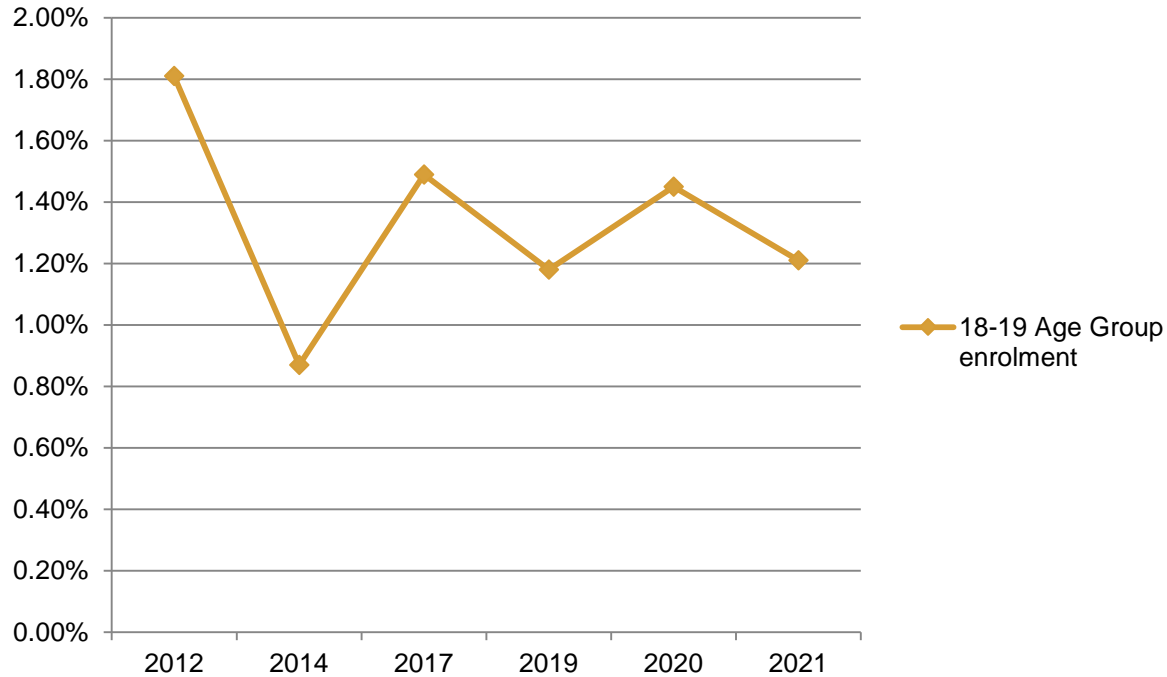


# Graph of Gender Ratio



# Graph of 18-19 Age Group Enrolment

## 18-19 Age Group enrolment



## Progress of Continuous Updation w.e.f. till date (15-01-2021 to 25-07-2021).

Additions	Deletions	Corrections	Transpositions	Total
13,270	15,353	9,061	3,474	41,158

## Status of disposal of Forms during continuous updation process(w.e.f. 16-01-2021 to 25-07-2021)

Form type	Total Forms	Assigned for field verification	Field verified	Rejected	Accepted	Eroll updated	Pending for Eroll update	Forms un-processed	Un-processed %
Form-6	15,151	234	387	1,352	13,272	13,270	2	215	1.4
Form-6A	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0.0
Form-7	18,295	920	1,291	1330	15,441	15,353	88	272	1.5
Form-8	10,454	192	105	923	9,077	9,061	16	141	1.3
Form-8A	2,731	5	11	111	2,600	2,585	15	3	0.1
Total	46,633	1,351	1,794	3,717	40,391	40,270	121	631	1.4

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# Polling Stations



## Present Status of Polling Stations and Polling Station Locations

Year	Total PS before Rationalization	Creation of New PS	Shifting of sections intra-PS	Total PS After Rationalization
2014	7382	0	0	7382
2015	7382	0	0	7382
2016	7382	97	184	7479
2017	7479	0	0	7479
2018	7479	244	168	7723
2019	7723	70 (1-abolished)	204	7792
2020	7792	0	22	7792



# Polling Stations Locations (PSLs)

Polling Stations		Polling Stations Locations	
Urban	604	Urban	458
Rural	7188	Rural	6616
Total	7792	Total	7074

PS Locations with	Rural	Urban	Total
One PS	6056	339	6395
Two PS	548	97	645
Three PS	12	17	29
Four PS	0	5	5

## Ensuring AMF in all Polling Stations

Total PS	Electricity	Drinking Water	Toilets	Ramp	Furniture
7,792	7,792	7,792	7,792	7,792	7,792
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Extended Minimum Facilities like Medical Kit, Help Desk, Proper Signage, Shade in Polling Station, Volunteers, Provision for Crèche for children, Transport Facility(only for PwD electors), Queue Management and Display of Voter Facilitation Posters at all PS are provided well before Election/Bye Elections.



## Rationalization of polling stations

The Commission has directed to rationalize the polling stations where electors beyond the limit of 1500 electors and whole section(s) of such polling stations be rationalized to the adjacent polling station. A new polling station shall be created only in case of unavoidable circumstances after rationalization of sections to the adjacent polling station to the possible extent. Increase in number of polling stations resulting in corresponding cascading effect on number of EVMs, polling personnel and security arrangements. While preparing proposed list of polling stations all the pending representations/suggestions received from the various stake holders should also be considered and finalized in view of public interest at DEOs level

### Internal Activity Schedule Rationalization of Polling Stations-2021

Sl. No.	Activity	Time lines
1.	Designating and training of Senior Officer(s) as Nodal Officer for physical verification of existing and probable polling stations	Before 07-08-2021
2.	Physical verification and mapping of AMF facilities and other aspects at existing polling stations (as per Para 4.3.1 of Chapter-4 of Manual on Polling Station-2020).	09-08-2021 to 20-08-2021
3.	Preparation & Publication of draft list of polling stations	21-08-2021
4.	Putting the draft list of polling stations on public domain for inviting suggestions from public (i.e. draft publication)	21-08-2021 to 27-08-2021
5.	Taking decisions on suggestions made by public including representations received earlier and field verified.	Upto 30-08-2021
6.	Preparation of AC wise proposals for discussion with political parties	Upto 03-09-2021
7.	Holding meeting with the political party representatives and MLAs/ MPs to discuss the draft list of PSs. Suggestions received are to be taken in to consideration during such meeting.	Upto 07-09-2021
8.	Taking decision on suggestions made by the political parties/public and MLAs/MPs, after physical verification of the suggested locations and finalization of rationalized lists.	Upto 10-09-2021
9.	Preparation of AC wise proposals (with modifications, if any, suggested by political parties), scrutiny and forwarding by DEO and submission thereof to the CEO alongwith the scrutiny sheet and the prescribed certificates for seeking Commission's approval.	Upto 15-09-2021

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# EVM / VVPAT & Construction of Warehouse

## The availability of EVM / VVPATs in the State

S.No.	District	Physically available stock of M-2 EVMs and VVPATs			M3- EVMs and VVPATs available in this state		
		BU	CU	VVPAT	BU	CU	VVPAT
1	Chamba	0	0	811	239	239	239
2	Kangra	676	442	2009	408	394	347
3	Lahaul & Spiti	0	0	228	140	140	140
4	Kullu	0	3	705	918	918	918
5	Mandi	10	4	1557	1870	1870	1870
6	Hamirpur	1	3	688	0	0	0
7	Una	0	0	658	0	0	0
8	Bilaspur	1	1	511	0	0	0
9	Solan	1	0	712	0	0	0
10	SIRMOUR	0	1	837	0	0	4
11	Shimla	5	3	1368	517	517	517
12	Kinnaur	0	1	167	196	196	196
Total		694	458	10251	4288	4274	4231

# Construction of Warehouse for upkeeping of EVMs/VVPATs

As per directions of the Commission the warehouses for the storage of EVMs & VVPATs are being constructed in all the 12 districts of the State. The funds have been sanctioned for all the districts except Lahaul & Spiti as per detail given below. The work has been started in 09 districts (Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, Solan, Chamba, Una and Sirmour). The work will be started soon in remaining 02 districts (Kullu and Kinnaur). The warehouse is being constructed in the basement mini secretariat building in district Lahaul & Spiti which will also be started soon. Due to COVID-19 proper laborers could not be arranged by the contractors now, necessary action is being taken.

Name of District	Name of place/Muhal where warehouse is being constructed with land area	Date of start of construction work.	Cost estimate	Funds released	Funds utilized (till date with %age)	Present status
1-Bilaspur	Up Muhal Lakhampur, Sadar Bilaspur. (754 Sq. Mtr.)	28.03.20	4,91,65,768	2,15,00,000	59,19,000 (28%)	Brick masonry work in ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor completed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor slab laid. Plastering work on ground floor completed. Brick work in 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor is in progress.
2-Chamba	Baloo, MuhalSarol, Chamba. (1400 Sq. Mtr.)	15.12.20	5,42,94,914	75,00,000	34,07,000 (45%)	11 No. Columns raised upto plinth level.
3-Hamirpur	Village Chanwal Mauza Jhanyara, Hamirpur. (0-14-31 Hectare.)	21.08.20	5,15,26,471	2,05,00,000	47,39,000 (23%)	Plaster work and 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor EVMs and VVPATs storage halls is going on. Lintel at top roof is complete.
4-Kangra	Muhal Jhikli Dari, Muhal Ghanyara, Dharamshala. (0-10-00 Hectare)	25.08.20	6,70,45,000	1,50,00,000	1,24,13,791 (83%)	20 No. columns casted upto 2nd Floor, Form work of 2nd floor slab in progress, brick masonry in progress.
5-Kullu	Fati Dhalpur Kothi Maharaja, Kullu (0-4 Bigha)	--	5,97,48,000	25,00,000	0	Estimate and working drawing has been prepared and sent to the Chief Architect, HPPWD, Mandi Zone for approval. Map of building is also pending for approval with Municipal Council, Kullu.

# Construction of Warehouse for upkeeping of EVMs/VVPATs (Contd...)

Name of District	Name of place/Muhal where warehouse is being constructed with land area	Date of start of construction work.	Cost estimate	Funds released	Funds utilized (till date with %age)	Present status
6-Kinnaur	Up Muhal Reckong Peo, Tehsil Kalpa 0-29-35 (0-4 Bigha)	--	1,87,90,000	50,00,000	0	Revised Architectural drawings has been received from Chief Architect office Shimla for checking the feasibility after that the feasibility has been checked at site and found feasibility. Tender for Geological investigation of soil/Strata has been called and shall be opened on dated 09-08-2021.
7-Lahaul & Spiti		--	0	0	0	No Govt. or private land is available in Muhal Keylong. Warehouse is proposed to be constructed in the basement of new Mini Secretariat building. Design of warehouse of EVMs and VVPATs has been sent to Chief Architect HPPWD, Mandi after certain changes in the design.
8-Mandi	Muhal Purani Mandi, Sadar Mandi. (803.25 Sq. Mtr.)	02.11.20	7,50,09,000	1,50,00,000	37,93,000 (25%)	Site development for 3rd, 4th and 5th floor in progress, first floor column work completed, still work for first floor slab in progress. Footing work for 1st floor (in 1st step) is in progress.
9-Shimla	Fagu, Muhal Dehna Tehsil Theog. (0-22-50 hect.)	14.09.20	4,75,79,000	1,75,00,000	60,00,000 (34%)	Binding of steel structure for half portion slab is under progress and 20 pillars of first floor have been placed.
10-Sirmour	Mauza Naya Bazar, Nahan. (742.08 Sq. Mtr.)	29.01.21	3,25,63,000	1,00,00,000	20,00,000 (20%)	Form work of ground floor slab completed. Biding of steel work is in progress. (30%).
11-Solan	Mauza Basal pati Kathear, Solan. (1606 Sq. Mtr.)	31.08.20	40355363 +19,00,000 for shifting of Electric pole	1,50,00,000	50,00,000 (33%)	9 pillars have been erected.
12-Una	Up Muhal Baag, Una. (749.70 Sq. Mtr.)	09.03.20	3,73,98,880	2,05,00,000	30,27,000 (15%)	Flooring of ground floor is complete and 1st floor flooring is in progress & Boundary wall, water harvesting tank & septic tank are in progress.



# The Budget position for construction of Warehouses

The budget provision during Financial Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 & 2021-22 is as under :-

Sl. No.	Total Estimated cost to complete the construction work of warehouses as per estimates prepared by HPPWD, HP	Name of the Scheme	Major/Sub/Major/Minor/Sub-Minor Head of Account	Financial Year	Budget Provision
1	53,34,75,396 (53.35 Crore)	General Development Programme Demand No. 17	4059-01-051-40 Construction of Warehouses for Storage of EVMs and VVPATs in each District Headquarter. 37-Major Works	2019-20	8 Crore
2		-do-	-do-	2020-21	6 Crore
3		-do-	-do-	2021-22	75 Lakh
4		Schedule Caste Development Programme (SCDP) Demand No. 32	4059-01-789-08 Construction of Building 37-Major Works	2021-22	25 Lakh
Grand Total					15 Crore
<b>The additional requirement of remaining budget i.e. for Rs. 38.35 Crore has been sent to Planning Department in the following Heads</b>					
4059-01-051-40 Construction of Warehouses for Storage of EVMs and VVPATs in each District Headquarter. 37-Major Works					28.95 Crore
4059-01-789-08 Construction of Building 37-Major Works					9.40 Crore
Grand Total					38.35 Crore

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# Grievance Redressal

# Grievance Redressal

Contact Centres setup	Toll Free Number accessible from Mobile & Landline from any part of India	
I. State Contact Centre	18003321950	
	Number accessible from Mobile & Landline	Number accessible from Mobile & Landline
II. District Contact Centres:-	Within District	Outside District
1. Chamba	1950	018991950
2. Kangra	1950	018921950
3. Lahaul & Spiti	1950	019001950
4. Kullu	1950	019021950
5. Mandi	1950	019051950
6. Hamirpur	1950	019721950
7. Una	1950	019751950
8. Bilaspur	1950	019781950
9. Solan	1950	017921950
10. Sirmour	1950	017021950
11. Shimla	1950	01771950
12. Kinnaur	1950	017861950

Total Complaints				
Status of Grievance Redressal up to 27-7-2021				
	Received	Disposed	Pending	Defaulted
<b>ECI Complaints (1-1-2021 to 12-8-2021)</b>	662	662	0	0
<b>NGRs Complaints (1-1-2021 to 12-8-2021)</b>	113	113	0	0

The disposal of complaints are being monitored regularly on day-to-day basis

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## Making Elections accessible

## Barriers

- There are many barriers viz Communication barrier, Sensitization, Attitudinal, Physical and Programmatic/Policy issues of PwDs citizens/electors for participation in the electoral process. For making accessible and user friendly participation the following action points have been proposed.

## Action Points

- Database of PwDs is being prepared with the help of records maintained by Department of Empowerment of SC's, OBC's, Minorities Affairs & the Specially Abled /Hospitals and office of CMOs. Hence, the lists of PwDs will be circulated down to the level of concerned BLOs so that they could help them in enrolment and subsequent motivation to participate in electoral process.
- Young achiever 'Muskan Thakur' a university student with excellent academic record from PwD category, has been selected as youth icon to promote voter awareness among youth, services of whom will be extensively utilized for spreading voters' awareness.
- Special modules will be developed for PwDs in the form of brochures, audio material etc. with the help of specialized agencies and departments. Special drive will be taken up to enroll PwDs children in colleges with the help of Campus Ambassadors.
- There are skill development programmes for PwDs run by the Department of Empowerment of SC's, OBC's, Minorities Affairs & the Specially Abled . Voter education content will be included in these programmes.

## Action Points (Contd...)

- Queue - less entry of PwD voters will be ensured in every polling station across the state.
- Some CSOs regularly conduct vocational training for vision and hearing impaired people. Voter education content for PwDs will be made available to these CSOs for inclusion in their trainings.
- Use of local AIR and DD programmes focused on PwDs to spread electoral awareness.
- Braille Photo Voter Slips/EPICs will be circulated to Braille literate visually impaired electors.
- Volunteers of NSS will be provided in each polling station across the state to facilitate PwD voters.
- Help desk will be provided at every polling station across the state.
- Medical help under AMF will be provided in each polling station across the state.
- Signage will be provided in each polling station across the state to guide PwD voters.
- Ramps will be provided in each polling station across the state to facilitate the PwD electors. Wheel Chairs with the help of the Department of Empowerment of SC's, OBC's, Minorities Affairs & the Specially Abled will be provided at each polling station across the state

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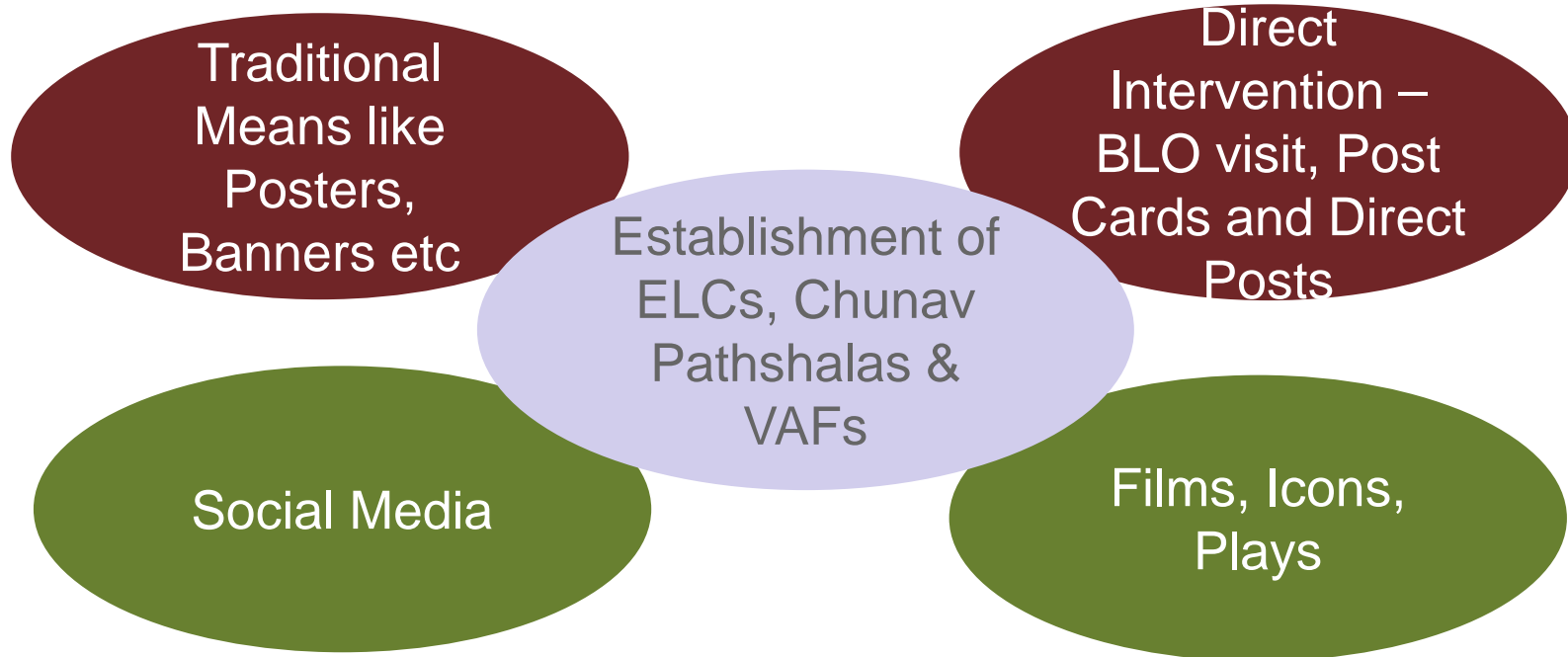
SVEEP

# Status of KAP baseline survey

Baseline Survey will be taken up between 4<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

**360 degree communication strategy /Action Plan.**

The campaign will be taken up in two dimensions:-





# Information and Motivation

- Promos of Cultural Icons, on registration, participation in electoral process, NOTA, integrity of EVM and ethical voting, will be utilized for widest possible publicity.
- Messages of National/State/District Icons will be telecast/broadcast through electronic media like AIR, Doordarshan, OYE-104.8 FM, TV Today Network Ltd. and 95.0 Big FM Channels.
- Audio-jingles of appropriate quality on voter registration, voter identity cards and importance of participation of citizens in electoral process have been prepared and will be telecast/broadcast through electronic media like AIR, Doordarshan, OYE-104.8 FM, TV Today Network Ltd. and 95.0 Big FM Channels.
- Suitable advertisements on registration of eligible citizens in the Photo Electoral Rolls will be published in newspapers having wide circulation across the state.
- Posters on registration and participation in electoral process will be published and circulated to all Gram Panchayats, Mahila Mandals, Yuvak Mandals, Self-Help Groups through Electoral Registration Officers, for wide publicity.

# Facilitation

- 150 Campus Ambassadors in UGC run Colleges/Universities and Sr. Sec. Schools across the state have been appointed who will further motivate and facilitate the fellow students in enrolment and subsequent participation in electoral process.
- Facilitation centres at each EROs headquarters will be established where forms 6,7,8 and 8A will be made available to the general public and the filled forms will be received back.
- In local Melas and Fairs, voters facilitation centres with adequate number of Form-6,7,8 and 8A will be kept and demonstration of EVM will be done.
- BLOs will distribute voter slip to the electors at their door steps. Such distribution will be ensured at least one week prior to the day of poll.
- Drop boxes will be kept at all Returning Officers headquarters to facilitate the polling personnel to drop their postal ballot papers in them.
- To facilitate physically challenged voters ramps, drinking water facility, medical teams will be made available at all Polling Stations across the state.
- Awareness programmes will be launched to familiarize public with NVSP.

# SVEEP Strategy for PWD and Senior Citizens

## Key issues: -

Facilitating senior citizens to enhance their participation in electoral process needs to be taken up on a sustainable basis. Sensitization of election machinery as well as society to the special needs and relevance of inclusion of senior citizens needs to be taken up.

## Action Points

- Identification of senior citizens through existing mechanism, for example old age pension scheme, to facilitate them for registration and vote in coordination with the office of District Welfare Officer/Tehsil Welfare Officer.
- Facilitating senior citizens by ensuring them priority in voting, access to wheel chair wherever required, besides volunteers to assist them.
- Special outreach programmes in old age homes.
- Special outreach programmes in retirees' clubs.
- Identification of centenarians and assigning them as role models in their polling station area to motivate others (like Sh. Shyam Saran Negi, the first voter of independent India).

# Partnership and collaborative activities

- The effectiveness of SVEEP programme largely depends upon the variety of partnerships both Governmental and Non-Governmental at all levels viz. State, District, Assembly Segment and even at polling station level.
- The SVEEP intervention will be utilized extensive partnership with the following:
  - Department of Education
  - Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan
  - Department of Animal Husbandry.
  - Department of Urban Development
  - Department of Rural Development.
  - Women and Child Development Department.
  - Department of Sports and Youth Services.
  - Department of Information and Public Relations
  - Department of Language, Art & Culture.
  - Department of Labour & Employment.
  - Nehru Yuva Kendra.
  - State Resource Centre of National Literacy Mission.
  - National Social Service (NSS).
  - National Cadet Corps(NCC)
  - Doordarshan (DD)
  - All India Radio (AIR)
  - DAVP
  - Song and Drama Division
  - 95.0 BIG FM.
  - 104.8 OYE FM
  - Channel 9 (local Channel).

## State Icons(2)

	Name of Icon	Specific Field/Area of Achievement
1	Ms. Shalini Sharma	(Radio MJ 95.0 BIG FM)
2	Ms. Muskan Thakur (Singer)	(Singer) State level PwDs Icon

## District Icons(17) in various fields

	Name of Icon	Specific Field/Area of Achievement
1	Chamba(1)	Rajeev Thapa (Music/Singing)
2	Kangra(4)	Mohinder Singh(Hand Knitting), Krishan Kumar (Handball), Rajesh Kumar (Floor Hockey) & Jyoti Bala (Snow Shoeing)
3	Lahaul & Spiti(1)	Kalpna Thakur(Beauty pageant)
4	Kullu(2)	Payal Thakur (Singer), Inderjeet (Local Artist/Singer)
5	Mandi(1)	Chirag(Discus throw)
6	Hamirpur(1)	Sushil Kumar (Artist/singer)
7	Una(1)	Ajay Thakur(Kabaddi )
8	Bilaspur(1)	Naveen Vatsayan(Acting/Singing/ Anchoring)
9	Solan(1)	Sanjana Goyal(muscular Dystrophy therapy)
10	Sirmour(1)	Mohit Chauhan(Singer)
11	Shimla(2)	Pankaj Thakur(Folk Singer), Ankush Bhardwaj(Singer- Indian Idol fame)
12	Kinnaur(1)	Shyam Saran Negi(First Voter of India)

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# Media Engagement

# Media engagement & Social Media Units

- Media is one of the most effective partners in SVEEP. Regular media briefings about different initiatives, facilitation measures shall help in wide publicity of various interventions. Media calendar may be devised with a topic assigned in advance for each day of briefing.
- 360 degree Communication Campaigns through mass media, folk media and other media vehicles shall be conducted. All India Radio, Doordarshan to be main vehicles combined with a good measure of private channels, FM Radio and print Media.
- Use of Social Media such as Facebook page, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, etc. besides digital and other new media in urban and semi urban areas shall be taken up.
- Community Radio & Web Radio hello Voters at State & District Level will popularised.
- For content development, CEO and team to consider the archive of approved material compiled at the SVEEP Digital Library ([www.ecisveep.nic.in](http://www.ecisveep.nic.in)) Outreach material developed for Special Revision, National Voter's Day to be used after suitable modification.

## Media engagement & Social Media Units (Contd...)

- An expert Committee at State level will be setup for quality check and control of content comprising of Heads of AIR & DD among others.
- Survey findings will be utilized for designing the campaign material and deciding the media vehicles for dissemination.
- Regional and/or local icons shall be identified and promotional material for voting shall be prepared availing their services, after getting approval of Commission on the content (messages), in addition to the National Icons of ECI and the regional icons already approved by Commission.
- Material on voter awareness may be given to partner CSOs/media houses for wide dissemination.
- Under ECI-NLMA MoU, Sakshar Bharat workers (NLMA) shall carry out electoral literacy programmes besides helping BLOs for enrolment during continuous updation. DEOs may also disseminate their outreach material through these Literacy workers.
- Prior Approval of the Commission for all messages used in the elections at State Level shall be obtained. District level content and messaging shall be vetted and cleared at CEO level.



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Law & Order Issues  
and  
Cases of Electoral  
Offences

# Law and Order Issues

- The Law & Order situation in the State during pre-poll, poll and post-poll periods have to be monitored on day to day basis through a Daily Report Mechanism which is collected from the Superintendents of Police by the Home Department of the State and submitted to the Election Commission of India through Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh. Special vigil has to be kept in the areas bordering the neighboring States, especially in Chamba District, bordering Jammu & Kashmir State which is a militant affected State. With the perfect planning by the District Administration and the Police Department, no untoward incidents took place throughout period of earlier Elections and the situation remained under control and peaceful as is the high tradition of peace loving people of the State.
- For ensuring peaceful elections, the polling stations are categorized as sensitive and hyper-sensitive and multiple measures like Micro-observers, Video Cameras, Still Cameras, Webcasting and deployment of CAPF at hyper-sensitive polling stations are put in place to keep watch on polling stations.

- **Past electoral offence, which may include total no. of FIR filed, charge sheeted, closure report filed, untraceable, convicted and pending trial etc.**

	Total No. of FIRs lodged	No. of FIRs in which charges have been framed	No. of FIRs where final report has been submitted for consideration	No. of FIRs pending in the Court
<b>Vidhan Sabha Election-2012</b>				
	26	26	Decided=1 Withdrawn= 7 Acquitted= 4 Untrace report prepared and accepted by the Ld. Court = 7 Cancellation report accepted = 1 Total = 20	6
<b>Lok Sabha Election-2014</b>				
	3	3	Acquitted = 1 Untrace report prepared & accepted by the Ld. Court = 1 Total = 2	1
<b>Vidhan Sabha Election-2017</b>				
	35	35	Withdrawn = 2 Untrace report prepared and accepted by the Ld. Court = 6 Cancellation report accepted = 2 Total = 10	25
<b>Lok Sabha Election-2019</b>				
	10	10	Cancellation report accepted = 1 Total = 1	9

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# IT Initiatives

# Robust Back-end Systems to Support IT Apps

## Computer Hardwares and Softwares:

Adequate Computer Hardwares and Softwares are available at CEO Office. Leased line of 30-MBPS speed has been installed at CEO Office. All-in-One Computers, UPSs, Laser Printers, Scanners, PVC Card Printers has been provided to all 68-Assembly Constituencies and 12-District Election Offices (DEOs). Broadband Internet Connectivity has been provided at all 12-District Election Offices (DEOs) and 64-Sub-Divisional Election Offices (EROs) in the State.

## Official Website of HP Election Department:

The official website of HP Election Department is hosted at “<https://ceohimachal.nic.in>”. Various important informations related to Elections has been put on the website. Reports on previous elections, Affidavits, Form-20(PS-Wise Result) of previous Elections, Online Submission of Forms (6, 6A, 7, 8 & 8A), Online Complaints submission and Search facility has been provided in the website for general public to search their names in the Electoral-Rolls by Names & EPIC Number through NVSP Portal. The PDF files of Electoral Rolls (without Photos) of 7792-Polling Stations of 68-Assmby Constituencies has been put on the website.

# IT Initiatives (Contd...)

## Manpower:

### At State HQRS, Shimla:-

Programmer on Regular Basis	- 1
Data Base Administrator on Outsourcing	- 1
Programmers on Outsourcing	- 2
Computer Operators on Regular Basis	- 2
Computer Operators on Outsourcing (For Call Centre)	- 2
Data Entry Operator on Outsourcing	- 2

### At 12-District HQRS:-

Programmers on Outsourcing (One each at each District Election Office)	- 12
2. Assistant Programmers on Outsourcing (One each at each District Election Office)	- 12
3. Data Entry Operator on Outsourcing (One each at each District Election Office)	- 12

### At ERO Offices:-

Data Entry Operator on Outsourcing (One each at 68-Assembly Constituency and 2- Data Entry Operators at AERO-Kaza & Pangji)	- 70
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Training  
&  
capacity building

# Training and capacity building:

In Election Department Himachal Pradesh, mobilization of men and material has special significance as both are to be moved in large scale in divergent manner with limited resource, time availability and difficult terrain. Limited time and resources with the Department has necessitated that a comprehensive Plan is prepared from State Level to AC/Booth Level to cover all segment of categories of human resource and equip Election Machinery with latest instructions of ECI with sufficient resources available at all level.

## Resource Generation

Resources for training and capacity building are mobilised on the pattern devised by IIIDEM and various directions issued by ECI from time to time. As per statutory requirements at each level and ensure uniformity, ECI has issued repeated instruction to follow trainings in cascaded manner from ECI level to AC/Booth Level; following steps have been taken in State Training Plan and will be followed with improvements with directions from IIIDEM and ECI.



# Training and capacity building (Contd...)

## Training Arrangements during COVID-19

- Dissemination of Health Advisories detailing the COVID Protocol will be co-ordinated at all level.
- Physical Trainings will be planned for election officials in decentralised manner in large Halls maintaining social distancing and infection control practises, wherever possible, online training sessions will be conducted.
- All PPTs. Training materials, relevant documents, topic wise video clips, question papers for self-assessment may be uploaded in app/portal so that any election official can access it as per requirement.
- Sufficient number of Polling/Counting/Poll related staffs shall also be kept in reserve by DEO/RO, to replace in case any polling personnel display COVID-19 symptoms.
- Use of mask will be mandatory for all participants.
- At the entry of hall/room/premises used for election purposes:
  - Thermal Scanning of all persons shall be carried out.
  - Sanitizer, soap and water shall be made available.
  - Social distancing shall be maintained as per the extant COVID-19 guidelines of the State Govt. And Ministry of Home Affairs.
  - As far as practicable, large halls should be identified and utilized to ensure social distancing norms. Halls will be sanitised before and after the each training session.
- Adequate number of vehicles shall be mobilized for movement of polling personnel, security personnel to ensure compliance of COVID-19 guidelines.

# Training and capacity building (Contd...)

## Appointment of Nodal Health Officer

Nodal Health Officer shall be designated for the State, the District and the Assembly Constituency to oversee COVID-19 related arrangements and, preventive measures during training also for which Health Department Teams will be deployed at each training Centre Hall.

## Handling of EVMs/VVPATs in COVID-19.

- a. First & Second randomization and preparation of EVMs/VVPAT shall be done in large halls.
- b. Sanitizer shall be provided in sufficient quantity for use during the process.
- c. Gloves shall be made available to each official handling EVM/VVPAT.

## Training conducted in 2021.

- Two Days workshop for Departmental Officers in HIPA on 8-9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to update them on topics of Conduct, Revision, EVMs ,SVEEP and other related issues.
- Two Days induction training conducted on 5-6<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at HIPA for newly appointed Election Kanungos who will assist ERO/AROs during Bye-Elections.
- Officers and Officials from Headquarters, District Offices and Sub Divisional level offices to get training in ATI on various subjects to equip them with latest instructions.

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# Bye-Elections 2021

# Bye- elections 2021

## (Parliamentary and State Legislative Assemblies)

There are total 4 casual vacancies; 3 vacancies of Members of State Legislative Assembly in Himachal Pradesh and one vacancy of Member of Parliament from 2- Mandi Parliamentary Constituency as detailed below: -

S. No.	No.& Name of AC/PC	Date of vacancy/Date before which vacancy be filled up	Reason of vacancy	Status of election petitions	No. of polling stations	Term of House
1.	8-Fatehpur AC	<u>12-02-21</u> <u>12-08-21</u>	Death of Sh. Sujan Singh Pathania, MLA	No Petition	111	9.1.2018 to 8.1.2023
2.	50-Arki AC	<u>08-07-21</u> <u>07-01-22</u>	Death of Sh. Virbhadra Singh, MLA	No Petition	132	-do-
3.	65-Jubbal Kotkhai AC	<u>05-06-21</u> 05-12-21	Death of Sh. Narinder Bragta, MLA	No Petition	128	-do-
4.	2-Mandi PC	<u>17-03-21</u> 17-09-21	Death of Sh. Ram Swaroop Sharma, MP	No Petition	2113	6.6.2019 to 5.6.2024

# Preliminary Preparations

The preliminary activities like constitution of various teams viz Flying Squads, Static Surveillance Teams, Video Viewing Teams, MCMC, for election expenditure monitoring, constitution of MCC, Collection of lists of polling staff, preparation of AC level Election Management Plan and appointment of Nodal Officers for various activities have been undertaken by the concerned DEO Kangra, Mandi, Kullu, Lahaul & Spiti Kinnaur, Chamba, Shimla and Solan.

The process of physical verification of polling stations in respect of 8-Fatehpur, 50-Arki, 65-Jubbal-Kothkhahi ACs and 2-Mandi PC has been completed. In view of COVID-19, after bifurcation of existing polling stations having more than 1000 electors, thirty (30) and eight (8) auxiliary polling stations have been created in 8-Fatehpur and 65-Jubbal-Kothkahi ACs respectively with the approval of the Commission. The proposal for creation of auxiliary polling stations in respect of 2-Mandi PC and 50-Arki AC have been sent to the Commission for obtaining approval thereon.

## Election Material

The procurement of election material, Forms & Stationery articles including EVM/VVPATs (FLC OK) for conduct of bye-election from 8-Fatehpur, 65-Jubbal-Kothkahi ACs and 2-Mandi PC has also been completed.

The printing & procurement of election material, Forms & Stationery articles for conduct of bye-election from 50-Arki AC is in progress. The EVMs are being procured and FLC process will start soon.

## Statistics of Electors on final publication 2021 (as on 15-01-2021)

Electors as on 15.01.2021 (Final Publication)	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
General Electors	26,92,857	26,33,574	31	53,26,462
NRI Electors	21	08	0	29
Service Electors	66,128	1,514	0	67,642
<b>Total Electors</b>	<b>27,59,006</b>	<b>26,35,096</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>53,94,133</b>

### Total Electors- Male/Female/third gender (including Service electors)as on 15-01-2021 (Final Publication) for the Bye-election for PCs/ACs:-

Name of PC /AC	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
2-Mandi PC	6,61,257	6,39,607	8	13,00,872
8-Fatehpur	44,256	42,112	0	86,368
50-Arki	46,947	45,391	0	92,338
65-Jubbal Kotkhai	34,998	35,091	0	70,089
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,87,458</b>	<b>7,62,201</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15,49,667</b>

## Voter turnout of past elections

		Polling % Vidhan Sabha Election-2012			Polling % Lok Sabha Election-2014		
State	Total ACs	Total Electors	Voter Turnout	Percentage	Total Electors	Voter Turnout	Percentage
Himachal Pradesh	68	4608359	3387390	73.50%	4810071	3100199	64.45%
		Polling % Vidhan Sabha Election-2017			Polling % Lok Sabha Election-2019		
		5025940	3798176	75.57%	5330154	3859940	72.42%

**No. of Forms updated E-Roll in Bye Election going PC/ACs during continuous updation process (16-01-2021 to 25-07-2021):-**

Name of PC/ACs	Updated E-Roll				
	Form-6	Form-6A	Form-7	Form-8	Form-8A
<b>02- Mandi PC</b>	3301	0	4008	1748	1005
<b>8-Fatehpur AC</b>	52	0	13	61	0
<b>50-Arki AC</b>	187	0	107	139	33
<b>65-Jubbal Kotkhai AC</b>	723	0	434	87	144

**No. of general electors in Bye Election going PC/ACs as on 25-07-2021**

Name of PC /AC	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
<b>2-Mandi PC</b>	6,47,856	638987	5	1286848
<b>8-Fatehpur</b>	42,799	42101	0	84900
<b>50-Arki</b>	46,365	45171	0	91536
<b>65-Jubbal Kotkhai</b>	34,984	35231	0	70215
<b>Total</b>	7,72,004	76,1490	5	1533499



**No. of 80+ Electors and PwDs in Bye Election going PC/ACs as on 25-07-2021**

<b>Name of PC /AC</b>	<b>80 Plus Electors</b>	<b>PwDs</b>	<b>Service electors</b>	<b>Total</b>
2-Mandi PC	28,928	15748	13,416	58,092
8-Fatehpur	2,433	685	1,534	4,652
50-Arki	1828	920	726	3,474
65-Jubbal Kotkhai	1571	917	172	2,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,760</b>	<b>18,270</b>	<b>15,848</b>	<b>68,878</b>

## Rationalization of polling stations:-

In view of Bye Elections-2021, physical verification of existing polling stations and rationalization of polling station has been carried as per Commission's instructions in view of COVID-19 Pandemic in 2-Mandi PC, 8-Fatehpur AC, 65-Jubbal-Kotkhai AC and 50-Arki AC. The outcomes of the rationalization process is as under :-

### 2-Mandi PC:-

1.	Existing polling stations	2113
2.	Proposals for creation of auxiliary polling stations exceeding the limit of 1000 electors	252
3.	Total number of polling station	2365
4.	Proposals for change of polling station building due to dilapidated condition/close of building	17
5.	Proposals for change of polling station building due to better AMFs	4

### 8-Fatehpur AC:-

1.	Existing polling stations	111
2.	Proposals for creation of auxiliary polling stations exceeding the limit of 1000 electors	30
3.	Total number of polling station (after ECI's approval)	141

### 65-Jubbal-Kotkhai AC:-

1.	Existing polling stations	128
2.	Proposals for creation of auxiliary polling stations exceeding the limit of 1000 electors	8
3.	Total number of polling station	136

### 50-Arki AC:-

1.	Existing polling stations	132
2.	Expected Proposals for creation of auxiliary polling stations exceeding the limit of 1000 electors	22
3.	Expected Total number of polling station	154

# Polling Station arrangements (Bye Election-2021) :-

Constituency	2-Mandi PC	8-Fatehpur AC	50-Arki AC	65-Jubbal-Kotkhai AC
1	Existing number of polling stations			
	2113	111	132	128
2	Auxiliary Polling Stations			
	252	30	22	8
3	Total Polling Stations including Auxiliary Polling Stations			
	2365	141	154	136
4	Polling Station locations (existing PS)			
	2023	96	133	121

PS on ground floor	All the polling stations are situated in ground floor.
AMF and infrastructure gaps at PS	All the polling stations having all the basic minimum facilities including AMFs.
Status PS buildings	Polling Station buildings are in good condition.
Disabled friendly PS	All polling stations are disabled friendly.
Queue management plan	There is sufficient space in polling station for queue management

## All Women Polling Stations

- All Women Polling Staff including security personnel will be deployed in two polling stations of each Assembly Constituency during Bye Elections 2021.
- 40 Polling Stations are being identified for such purpose.
- It will be kept under consideration that such Polling Stations are well connected and have necessary infrastructure to avoid any inconvenience to women polling staff.



# Adequate availability of manpower and budget for elections.

**Manpower** :The District Election Officers (DCs), Mandi, Kullu, Chamba, Lahaul & Spiti, Kinnaur, Shimla, Kangra and Solan have been directed to update data of staff from various State/ Central Government department/ Corporation latest by 30<sup>th</sup> July,2021. The work of data entry is in progress. There is no shortage of staff for conducting Bye-elections

## Budget & Expenditure

Elections	Tribal Expenditure	Non Tribal Expenditure	Total Expenditure
Expenditure on General Elections to Vidhan Sabha -2012	72,77,807	18,01,21,861	18,73,99,668
Expenditure on General Elections to Lok Sabha -2014	2,03,09,908	35,96,89,504	37,99,99,412
Expenditure on General Elections to Vidhan Sabha -2017	1,43,65,853	45,03,48,905	46,47,14,758
Expenditure on General Elections to Lok Sabha -2019	2,52,79,709	73,66,75,820	76,19,55,529

Estimated Expenditure on One Parliamentary Constituency in Lok Sabha 2019=19.05 Crore.

## Mandi P.C for the Year 2021-22

<u>Non Tribal</u>			
SOE	Demand of Budget from Finance Department	Budget Allocated by the Finance Department	Remaining Budget Requirement
01-Salary	10700000	8000000	2700000
03-T.E.	14000000	10000000	4000000
05-O.E.	8200000	5000000	3200000
08-Publication	3200000	2500000	700000
09-Ad.& Pub.	800000	500000	300000
20-Other Charges	100000000	80000000	20000000
30-MV	38300000	32000000	6300000
33-M&S	27000000	23000000	4000000
<b>Total:-</b>	<b>20,22,00,000</b>	<b>16,10,00,000</b>	<b>4,12,00,000</b>
	<b>(20.22 Crore)</b>	<b>(16.10 Crore)</b>	<b>(4.12 Crore)</b>
<u>Tribal</u>			
SOE	Demand of Budget from Finance Department	Budget Allocated by the Finance Department	Remaining Budget Requirement
01-Salary	2300000	1501000	799000
03-T.E.	2400000	1501000	899000
05-O.E.	1400000	1001000	399000
20-Other Charges	9300000	7501000	1799000
30-MV	5500000	3001000	2499000
33-M&S	800000	501000	299000
<b>Total:-</b>	<b>2,17,00,000</b>	<b>1,50,06,000</b>	<b>66,94,000</b>
	<b>(2.17 Crore)</b>	<b>(1.50 Crore)</b>	<b>(66.94 Lakh)</b>

**Total Expenditure of one Parliamentary Constituency = 22.39 Crore**

# 2015-106-Charges for the conduct of Elections to Vidhan Sabha -01-Assembly for the Year 2021-22

## 08-Fatehpur A.C

SOE	Demand of Budget from Finance Department	Budget Allocated by the Finance Department	Remaining Budget Requirement
03-T.E.	1000000	800000	200000
05-O.E.	400000	300000	100000
08-Publication	40000	30000	10000
20-Other Charges	3500000	3000000	500000
30-MV	2100000	1800000	300000
33-M&S	1500000	1200000	300000
<b>Total:-</b>	<b>85,40,000</b>	<b>71,30,000</b>	<b>14,10,000</b>
	(85.40 Lakh)	(71.30 Lakh)	(14.10 Lakh)

## Budget for 50-Arki and 65-Jubbai Kotkhai

File of Additional budget amounting to Rs. 1,92,90,000/- has already been sent to Finance Department.

**Total Expenditure of 3 ACS of Vidhan Sabha = 2.78 Crore**

# Postal Ballot facility

Postal ballot facility will be provided to the service voters, employees/manpower deputed on election/poll duties as well as to the absentee voters strictly as per Commission's instructions and directions.

## Data on postal ballots especially the new categories

**Essential Services:-** The State Government of HP has been requested on dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 to decide and intimate the categories employed in essential services in various departments/organizations of HP Government. The information is still awaited.

**80 plus voters:-** Approximately 34760 80 plus voters will be provided postal ballot facilities during bye-elections as per detail below.

No. and Name of PC/AC going for	80 plus voters
2- Mandi PC	28928
8-Fatehpur	2433
50-Arki	1828
65-Jubbal Kotkhai	1571
Total	34760



# Postal Ballot facility (contd...)

**PwDs Voters:-** Approximately 18270 PwDs voters will be provided postal ballot facilities during bye-elections as per detail below.

No. and Name of PC/AC going for	PwDs voters
2- Mandi PC	15748
8-Fatehpur	685
50-Arki	920
65-Jubbal Kotkhai	917
Total	18270

- **Awareness generation on new optional facility.**

Awareness campaign will be launched through SVEEP activities.

- **System to issue and collect PB**

Procedure prescribed by the Election Commission vide this letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 will be adopted for issuance and collection of Postal Ballot Paper to employees on election duty and Absentee Voters.

## Requirement, availability and allocation of machines.

### Availability of M-3 EVMs and VVPATs for Bye-Election from 2-Mandi P.C.

Sr. No.	Name of the District	No. of Polling Stations	Availability of EVMs and VVPATs			FLC Ok Units			Defective during FLC		
			BU	CU	VVPAT	BU	CU	VVPAT	BU	CU	VVPAT
1	Chamba	156	239	239	239	238	238	232	1	2	7
2	Lahaul and Spiti	92	140	140	140	139	139	132	1	6	8
3	Kullu	604	918	918	918	910	910	841	8	31	77
4	Mandi	1228	1870	1870	1870	1866	1866	1704	4	87	167
5	Shimla	156	237	237	237	236	236	222	1	9	15
6	Kinnaur	129	196	196	196	195	195	190	1	9	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>2365</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>3584</b>	<b>3456</b>	<b>3319</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>281</b>

## Availability of M-3 EVMs and VVPATs for Vidhan Sabha Bye-Election-2021

Sr. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Assembly Constituency	No. of Polling Stations	Availability of EVMs and VVPATs			FLC Ok Units			Defective during FLC		
				BU	CU	VVPAT	BU	CU	VVPAT	BU	CU	VVPAT
1	Kangra	8-Fatehpur	136	408	394	347	299	295	287	1	5	13
2	Shimla	65-Jubbal Kotkhai	140	280	280	280	272	278	260	8	2	20
<b>Total</b>			<b>276</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>

**Requirement of M-3 EVMs and VVPATs from bye-election 50- Arki A.C. has been send to the ECI, detail is as under:**

Sr. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Assembly Constituency	No. of Polling Stations	Requirement of M-3 EVMs and VVPATs		
				BU	CU	VVPAT
1	Shimla	50-Arki	160	320	320	320

The Election Commission of India has allocated M-3 EVMs 320 BUs, 320 CUs and 320 VVPATs for Bye-Election from 50-Arki Assembly Constituency from Rajasthan State which are being collected.

## Transport and storage arrangements

All the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India have been sent to all the District Election Officers (DCs). During the transportation all the concerned DEOs are following these instructions i.e. GPS system should be installed in all vehicles for inter-state or intra state movement of EVMs. CCTV has been installed in District warehouses. Fire- Extinguisher have also been installed. All the arrangements have been made by the concerned District warehouse. The EVMs& VVPAT will be stored at RO/ARO strong room after 1<sup>st</sup> Randomization.

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# COVID Mitigation Plan

# COVID Mitigation Plan

- State/District COVID mitigation plan in case persistence of COVID-19 during Bye Election.
- All the necessary arrangements to meet the COVID situation is in hand and work in progress
- Appointment of Health Nodal Officer at State, District and AC Level.
- Meeting with Health authorities at State/District and AC level for proper and advance coordination and assistance.
- Requirement of Thermal Scanners, Sanitizers, Soap and provision of waters at polling booth , Gloves , face-shields , masks etc is being assessed and demand placed to the Health Department or authorized Firms by the concerned DEOs (DCs). Accordingly directions have been issued to all the DEOs.
- Instructions regarding maintenance social distance at places for receiving nomination papers, training venue, dispatch and collection centers, polling stations as per the extent COVID-19 guidelines of State Govt. and Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The large Halls/Rooms for training purpose in decentralized/shift manner, dispatch/collection centers, randomization of EVM/VVPATs storage place for EVM/VVPATs and counting centers are being identified.
- Provision of sufficient number of polling/counting/poll related staff as reserve will be ensured
- Implementation of broad guidelines for conduct of General/Bye Election during COVID-19 issued by the commission during August 2020 and subsequently will be ensured in toto.

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# Issues/Concerns

## Issues & Challenges

- Opening of roads during rainy season and landslides and restoration of approach roads to Polling Stations.
- Movement of Polling Parties in snow bound areas if there is snow fall.
- Poor connectivity of landline/mobile and internet in tribal areas – Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti and Chamba(partly).
- Finally, the Election machinery in the State is always remained fully prepared with complete dedication and commitment for the conduct of free, fair and peaceful elections and to carry out other activities in accordance with the directions of the Election Commission of India.





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Important Events in next  
Year 2022

# Biennial Elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha):-

- There are 3 seats allocated to Himachal Pradesh to represent Rajya Sabha. Due to the Rajya Sabha being the permanent house of the Parliament and the tenure of each member is 6 years, 1/3rd of the total members retire every 2 year period.
- Rajya Sabha Elections were held during the year, 2020, for one seat vacated by Smt. Viplove Thakur on 09.04.2020.
- Ms. Indu Bala Goswami was declared elected on 18.03.2020 in uncontested election. Presently, the following members are representing the Rajya Sabha from Himachal Pradesh:-

Sh. Anand Sharma, INC	=	From 03-04-2016
Sh. Jagat Prakash Nadda, BJP	=	From 03-04-2018
Ms. Indu Bala Goswami, BJP	=	From 10-04-2020
- Now, one (1) seat is going to be vacant from Himachal Pradesh in the month of April, 2022, when Sh. Anand Sharma will vacate the seat on completion of his term in Rajya Sabha on 02.04.2022.
- The preliminary preparations will start during the month of March-April,2022 onwards.

# Elections to the office of President/Vice-President of India

- The elections to the office of President/ Vice-President of India were held during the year of 2017. The announcement was made on 07-06-2017. The date of Poll for the election of President was 17-07-2017 and counting of votes held on 20-07-2017.
- Similarly, the date for making nominations for the election to the office of Vice-President of India was 18-07-2017 and the date of Poll was 05-08-2017.

As per Constitutional provisions, the term of office of the President/ Vice-President of India is 5 years. Therefore, the elections to the office of President/ Vice-President of India are due to be held in the month of June/ July, 2022 and the preliminary preparations will start during the month of April-May 2022 onwards.

## General Elections to Vidhan Sabha - 2022

- The general election to the Vidhan Sabha was announced on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 by the Election Commission of India. General Election to 13<sup>th</sup> Vidhan Sabha was conducted in a single phase. The process for filing nominations commenced from 16.10.2017 and poll was conducted with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail System (VVPATs) on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The counting of votes in all the 68 Assembly Constituencies was undertaken on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
- The General Election to constitute the 14<sup>th</sup> Vidhan Sabha are due in the month October-November 2022 and the preliminary preparations will start six month before i.e. March-April 2022 onwards.



**Thanks**