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Election of Office Bearers: Byelaw 43 D
Schedule of Election (Amendment) ordinance (01/2020)
Issued on Tuesday 16.06.2020

I, Dr Rajan Sharma, National President of Indian Medical Association by the powers vested in me by Bye laws 37 F proclaim the Election of office bearers:

Bye law 43 D-Schedule of Election (Amendment) ordinance (01/2020) on this sixteenth day of June two thousand and twenty.

- There are around 3 lakh members of IMA across India and overseas and around 3000 members of the Central Council / Working Committee.
- As per the Bye-Laws, including Bye-Law 43, the entire process of election is envisaged to be carried out by the mode of Post [inviting nominations, consent or withdrawal, ballot papers etc.]. Further, the names of representatives of Local Branches [who would be members of the Central Council and would therefore, form part of the Electoral College] are also sent by the mode of post.
- Due to the unprecedented situation which has occurred in the present year on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the lockdown declared by the Government of India, the postal services have been severely affected. Having regard to the situation, it is not becoming possible to strictly comply with the timelines specified in Bye-Law 43 for carrying out the Elections.
- In view of this unprecedented situation, and in order to carry out the election process for the current year in an effective manner, it has become necessary and expedient to amend the Election Schedule for the present year.
- The perusal of the "Schedule of Elections" demonstrates that in the usual circumstances every year, the process is envisaged to begin on 1st of July each year and to be completed any time after 31st October, so as to ensure the taking over of the offices by the newly elected office bearers positively on or before 28th of December of each year, which is the fixed date for commencement of the All India Medical Conference every year. It has, therefore, been decided to make all out efforts to hold the process of elections of office-bearers in such a manner that the election process is completed positively before 28.12.2020 and the newly elected office-bearers assume their offices on or before 28.12.2020 and take part in the All India Medical Conference as such. The decision taken in this behalf, needless to state,



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is also dependent upon the possibility of holding the All India Medical Conference from 28th December 2020 onwards.

- Accordingly, the Schedule of Election in Byelaw 43 D stands amended as follows:-

	Existing	as amended
Invite nominations from amongst Central Council Members / Working Committee members on or before-	1 st July	14 th August
Last date for receiving the nominations.	31 st July	14 th September
Scrutiny of valid nominations and informing candidates by regd. Post.	14 th August	30 th September
Submission of consent along with necessary remittance for election OR last date for withdrawal.	31 st August	15 th October
Dispatch of ballot papers latest by -	15 th September	30 th October
Last date of receipt duly filled in Ballot Papers.	31 st October	15 th December
Counting Date -To be decided by Election Commission and candidates to be informed 2 weeks in advance.		

- It is clarified that this amended Schedule of Elections shall apply only for the elections to be carried out in the present year i.e. the 2020 elections. It is reiterated that issuance of this Ordinance is only on account of the impossible conditions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is hoped that we are able to defeat Covid-19 as early as possible and shall be able to implement the Schedule of Elections in its usual terms from the next year.

Dr Rajan Sharma
National President IMA

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