

Office of the Election Officer
Election of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta
Sahib
Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib
District Udham Singh Nagar
NOTIFICATION

No. 02/ Elections/GSNMS/2016

Dated: 28th September, 2016

Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand in Writ Petition (M/S) No. 7064 of 2001, Hardev Singh and Others Vs. Union of India and Others has directed that elections of the Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib be conducted within six months. Hon'ble Court has appointed undersigned as election officer in this election. The Hon'ble court has directed that the Election Officer will take steps with regard to the delimitation/re-arrangement of wards/halkas.

It has also been directed that for the elections the registered Memorandum of Association dated 16-11-1987 will act as base guidelines.

It is submitted that in the aforesaid Memorandum of Association there are 26 wards/halkas. The list of these 26 wards/halkas is as below:

1. Jaspur, Bannakhera towards west Haldwani, Rampur Raod.
2. Bajpur, proper and shivpuri towards East Haldwani Rampur Road.
3. Haldwani City, Kaladhoongi, Lamachaur toards west of Haldwani City.
4. Nainital, chorgalia, Golapar.
5. Police Station, Gadarpur Distt. Nainital.
6. Police Station, Rudrapur Distt. Nainital.
7. Bilaspur proper towards west Rampur Rudrapur Road including Mathkhera, Rampur.
8. Bilaspur East Rudrapur Rampur Road, Rampur.
9. Tehsil Kichha, Distt. Nainital.
10. Baheri, Shishgarh, Distt. Bareilly.
11. Bareilly City.
12. Sitarganj towards South Khatima, Kichha Road, Nainital.
13. Sitarganj towards North Khatima Kichha Road, Distt. Nainital.
14. Amaria Police Station, Distt. Pilibhit.

15. Gurudwara Sixth Guru Pratapur and Village Nanakmatta Sahib reserved for Rai Sikh, Distt Nainital
16. Tehsil Khatima except Halka S.N. 15, Nainital
17. Police Station Niuria including Majhola District Pilibhit.
18. Pilibhit proper.
19. Tehsil Puranpur towards North of the Assam Road District Pilibhit.
20. Tehsil Puralpur towards south of the Assam Road District Pilibhit.
21. Shahjahanpur, Nigohi, Puawaian. Banda (Shahjahanpur).
22. Tehsil Lakhimpur Kheri Tehsil Mohammadi (Lakhimpur Kheri) and Palia.
23. Nigasan, Tikonja, Khajuria Sampooran Nagar (Lakhimpur Kheri).
24. Bareilly Line par, Bareilly.
25. Rampur Proper, Suar, Tanda (Rampur)
26. Tehsil Milak (Rampur).

In order to re-arrange or to re-determine wards/halkas to different meetings were held with various interested parties. One meeting was held at Nainital on 24-09-2016 and another meeting was held at the Meeting Hall of the office of the Prabandhak Committee at Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib on 25-09-2016. The information of meeting held on 25-09-2016 was displayed on the Notice Board of the office of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib and announcement was also made at the Gurudwara. Publicity about the meeting was also informed through social media. Accordingly, sufficient number of persons attended the meeting.

In both the meetings the issue of re-determination of wards/halkas was discussed at length and the general consensus of the people was that there should not be any deletion of any ward or halka from the list of 26 wards/halkas already provided in the memorandum of association dated 16-11-1987.

However, it was discussed and pointed out that certain areas such as Kashipur, Ramnagar, Afzalgarh District Bijnor, Lalkuan and Pantnagar are not mentioned in the list of 26 wards/halkas as given in the memorandum of association dated 16-11-1987 and they may be included.

It was also suggested that clarification should be given with regard

to the halka which are already mentioned in the list as there has been change of circumstances since 1987 and with clarification of these halkas the election would be easy.

One delegation of Rai Sikh community also met the undersigned and requested that there should be two wards of Nanakmatta Sahib instead of one. They requested that one ward should be reserved for Rai Sikh community and the other ward should be unreserved. They submitted that two wards are required at Nanakmatta Sahib because of high density of Sikh population in this area and for proper representation of Rai Sikh community in the Prabandhak Committee of the Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib.

In the State of Uttarakhand, the total Sikh population as per 2011 census is 2.34%. If we peruse the District wise population of Sikh religion as per 2011 census the highest population is in District Udham Singh Nagar at 9.87% followed by Dehradun with 2.15% and thereafter District Nainital with 1.82%. In District Udham Singh Nagar the highest Sikh population is in the Tehsil Bajpur with 6.85% followed by Sitarganj 4.87% thereafter Kichha 4.52 %, Rudrapur 3.17%, Kashipur 1.87% and so on and so forth.

Nanakmatta the situated in Tehsil Sitarganj and as per the memorandum of association of 1987 there are two seats of Sitarganj and one seat of Nanakmatta. Effectively, there are three wards in one Tehsil of Sitarganj. Both the seats of Sitarganj are unreserved.

Going by the data of Sikh population, as per the census of 2011, I am of the view that sufficient representation is already available to Tehsil Sitarganj and further creation of wards/halkas in Tehsil Sitarganj might create further problems and the election process could be hampered. The elected committee will have the liberty to again look at the aspect of delimitation of wards/halkas and the Elected Committee may consider creation of new wards within one Tehsil or breaking one ward into two or more wards.

I am of the view that since as per the direction of the Hon'ble Court the election is to be completed within the period of six months, therefore, the wards as mentioned in the memorandum of association of 1987 may be maintained and some

other wards may be added. At the same time, the wards already available in the 1987 memorandum of association may be explained and clarified so that there is no doubt about the territorial extent of the ward/halka.

Accordingly, following wards are being declared for the purpose of election of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib.

1. Tehsil Jaspur and Afzalgarh in District Bijnor.
2. Tehsil Bajpur including Banna Khera and Shiv Puri.
3. Tehsil Haldwani excluding Chorgalia Golapar but including Lamachaur and Tehsil Kaladhungi.
4. Tehsil Nainital, Chorgalia Golapar, Tehsil Lalkuan and Pantnagar.
5. Tehsil Kashipur and Tehsil Ramnagar.
6. Tehsil Gadarpur including Dineshpur.
7. Rudrapur: complete Nagar Palika area and the complete area of territorial jurisdiction of Police Station Rudrapur.
8. Bilaspur proper towards west Rampur road including Mathkhera, District Rampur.
9. Bilaspur East Rampur road.
10. Tehsil Kichha excluding Rudrapur Nagar Palika and Rudrapur Police Station area.
11. Baheri, Shishgarh, District Bareilly.
12. Bareilly city.
13. Sitarganj towards South Khatima, Kichha road.
14. Sitarganj towards North Khatima, Kichha road.
15. Amaria Police Station District Pilibhit.
16. Territorial area of Police Station Nanakmatta in Tehsil Sitarganj and Tehsil Khatima, Pratappur including both the historical Gurudwaras of Sixth Guru. Reserved for Rai Sikh.
17. Tehsil Khatima except such areas which have been covered at serial number 16 as within Police Station Nanakmatta.
18. Police Station Niuria including Majhola District Pilibhit.
19. Pilibhit city.
20. Tehsil Puranpur towards north of the Assam Road District Pilibhit.

21. Tehsil Purnapur towards south of the Assam Road District Pilibhit.
22. Shahjahanpur Nigohi, Puawaian. Banda (Shahjahanpur).
23. Tehsil Lakhimpur Kheri Tehsil Mohammadi (Lakhimpur Kheri) and Palia.
24. Nigasan, Tikonja, Khajuria Sampooran Nagar (Lakhimpur Kheri).
25. Bareilly Line par, Bareilly.
26. Rampur Proper, Suar, Tanda (Rampur)
27. Tehsil Milak (Rampur).

Sd/-

(Kanwar Amninder Singh)

Election Officer

Copy be sent to the following for information and necessary action:

1. District Magistrate, Udham Singh Nagar
2. Senior Superintendent of Police, Udham Singh Nagar
3. All Sri Singh Sabha Gurudwaras and other Prominent Gurudwaras situated in the districts of Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri. The information about the wards should be circulated to all the Gurudwaras in the locality where Sri Singh Sabha Gurudwara is situated.
4. Notice Boards and other important locations at Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib, Nanakmatta, District: Udham Singh Nagar
5. Important locations at Nanakmatta and Sitarganj.
6. Notice Boards of all Tehsil Offices in the districts of Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri.
7. Announcement after the religious programme to be held on 30th September, 2016 (Amawasya programme) at Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib.

Sd/-

Election Officer