

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

No. Elections/GSNMS/2016 Dated: September, 2016

In view of the Judgment and Order dated 08.09.2016 by Hon'ble High Court in writ petition (M/S) no. 7064 of 2001, Hardev Singh and Others vs. Union of India and Others, elections are to be conducted for electing a Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib.

The Hon'ble Court has directed that the elections be conducted within a period of six months.

In view of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Court, the elections for electing Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib are hereby notified and following schedule shall be followed, as far as possible, for conducting the complete elections process.

1. Declaration/notification of words/halkas: – **28-09-2016.**
2. Notice to all Gurudwaras in the notified wards to apply for affiliation with Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib. Only such Gurudwaras will apply affiliation who fulfill the conditions of a Gurudwara is as mentioned in enclosed **Annexure A**. Also, all such Gurudwaras who had earlier got themselves affiliated with Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib will also have to apply afresh as complete and proper record is not available at the office of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib. Application form is **Annexure- B** of this notification.----- **till 26-10-2016**
3. Last date of submitting proper application form with proper postal order of Rs. 10/- in favor of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib should reach the office of Election Officer on or before **26-10-2016**.

4. Publication of list of all Gurudwaras who have applied for affiliation –**02-11-2016**.
5. Notice inviting objections. Objections against affiliation to reach the office of Election officer on or before the **09.11.2016**.
6. Disposal of objection, if any, and approval of affiliation ----**11.11.2016**.
7. Publication of final list of Gurudwaras of each ward/Halka –**11.11.2016**.
8. Election of a delegate/representative from each Gurudwara who has been affiliated with Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib—**15.11.2016 to 29.11.2016**.
9. Qualification of a member of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib is **Annexure C** of this notification.
10. Qualification of a voter/elector is **Annexure D** of this notification.
11. The delegate from a particular Gurudwara should be a bonafide resident of the tehsil where the particular Gurudwara is situated.
12. Submission of list of delegate/representative from each Gurudwara with complete details of the delegate/representative such as address, phone number, mobile number, email address (if any), educational qualifications, criminal record(if any) to be submitted on or before **05-12-2016**. The details to be submitted of each delegate/representative may be reviewed by the Election Officer and in case of requirement of additional detail, necessary information will be issued. The details should reach the office of the Election Officer on **05.12.2016**.
- 13. Election of a representative from each ward.** This election will be held at Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib and will be held group wise. All the wards/halkas will be divided into different groups and the election of the representative of each ward will be held on particular date. **The abovementioned election will start from 10-12-2016 onwards.**

14. Declaration of result of elected members of the Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib: - Next day after conclusion of elections for members of Prabandhak Committee.
15. First meeting of Elected Committee and election of office bearers: Next day after the declaration of result.
16. Date of first meeting of office bearers, constitution of sub-committees will be notified at a later stage.
17. Code of Conduct for the elections is **Annexure- E** of this notification.

Sd/-

(Kanwar Amninder Singh)

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

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
2. Director General of Police, Uttarakhand, Dehradun
3. Commissioner, Kumaon Division, Nainital
4. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Kumaon, Nainital
5. District Judge, Udham Singh Nagar
6. District Magistrate, Udham Singh Nagar
7. Senior Superintendent of Police, Udham Singh Nagar
8. District Magistrate, Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri
9. Senior Superintendent of Police , Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri
10. 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 elections and schedule should be circulated to all the Gurudwaras in the locality where Sri Singh Sabha Gurudwara is

situated. All Gurudwaras, willing to be affiliated with Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib, should fill up the application form as per **Annexure- B.**

11. District Information Officer, Udham Singh Nagar; with a request to give a news item in all leading newspapers having wide circulation in districts of Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri.
12. Newspapers- Dainik Jagran, Amar Ujala, Uttar Ujala, Hindustan (Hindi), Punjab Kesari; for publication the news and the schedule of the elections of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib in such editions which are in circulation in the districts of Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri. Publication be made atleast for two days.
13. Newspaper- Ajit (Punjabi) for publication the news and the schedule of the elections of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib in such editions which are in circulation in the districts of Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri. Publication be made atleast for two days.
14. Notice Boards and other important locations at Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib, Nanakmatta, District: Udham Singh Nagar
15. Important locations at Nanakmatta and Sitarganj.
16. Notice Boards of all Tehsil Offices in the districts of Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Bareilly, Rampur, Pilibhit, Bijnor, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri.
17. Announcement after the religious programme to be held on 30th September, 2016 (Amawasya programme) at Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib.

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Annexure A

Essential conditions to be fulfilled by a Gurudwara for getting affiliated with Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib.

1. There should be proper Prakash and recitation of Sri Guru Granth Sahib as per Sikh Rehat Maryada.
2. There should be a Nishan Sahib with a proper flag of Sikh religion.
3. Guru ka Langar should be available for the Sangat.
4. The Gurudwara should be available for worship by public (Sangat) and it should not be confined to a particular caste, creed or group. The Group should be the place of assembly and worship by Sikh Sangat in particular and public in general.
5. Path and Kirtan at Gurudwara should be as per the Sikh traditions and the Sikh Rehat Maryada (the Code Sikh conduct and conventions) as issued by Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.
6. No activity is carried or conducted at the Gurudwara which is against the Sikh religion Rehat Maryada.
7. There should not be any "Guru- Chela" tradition in the Gurudwara.
8. There should not be a concept of "Gaddi" of the head of the Gurudwara.
9. The Gurudwara should not be run by a trust.
10. There should be a Management Committee in existence (either registered or unregistered) to work for the development and betterment of the Gurudwara on behalf of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.
11. There should be only 'Guru ki Golak'. There should not be any other Golak belonging to any private person, group or association or trust etc., within the premises of the Gurudwara.
12. The Gurudwara should be in existence and fully functional as per Sikh Rehat Maryada for at least five years. The Gurudwara should be in existence and fully functional as per Sikh Rehat Maryada on or before 31-12-2011.

Annexure-B

Application form for affiliation with Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib

1. Name of Gurudwara:
2. Address: (Colony/ Village/Post Office/ Tehsil, District):
3. Phone number with STD Code or permanent and valid mobile number:
4. Email address, if any:
5. Date of establishment:
6. Date of first Prakash of Sri. Guru Granth Sahib:
7. Whether there is Prakash of Sri Guru Granth Sahib on daily basis and recitation of Sri Guru Granth Sahib as per Sikh Rehat Maryada: Yes/ No
8. Whether there is a Nishan Sahib with proper flag of Sikh Religion as the Gurudwara. Yes/ No
9. Whether Guru Ka Langar is available for the Sangat. Yes/ No. If yes, then its timing
10. Is the Gurudwara open for public worship and is a place of assembly and worship of Sikh Sangat. Yes/ No
11. Whether Path and Kirtan is performed at Gurudwara as per Sikh Rehat Maryada: Yes/ No
12. Whether there is any "Guru- Chela" tradition at Gurudwara: Yes/ No
13. Whether the Gurudwara is run by a trust or a family: Yes/ No
14. Whether the Gurudwara is run by any Karsewa group: Yes/ No.
15. Whether there is any other golak other than "Guru ki Golak": Yes/ No
16. Whether there is a Management Committee for managing the affairs of the Gurudwara: Yes/ No. If yes, is it registered or unregistered.

17. Detail of members and office bearers of the Management Committee:

The detail should include Name, father's name, age, address, mobile number, occupation. The detail be given on a separate sheet.

18. Number and date of Postal Order:

I hereby declare that the above information is true and correct to my knowledge and record. No activity is carried or conducted at the Gurudwara which is against the Sikh religion Rehat Maryada.

Accordingly, applied for affiliation with Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib.

Yours Faithfully

(Name and Signature)
President or Secretary

Annexure C

Qualification of a person for being elected as a member of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib.

1. He should observe Sikh Rehat Maryada as provided by Sri Akal Takhat Sahib Amritsar.
2. He should not be an insolvent.
3. He should not be an absconder in any criminal case pending before any court in India.
4. He should be of sound mind.
5. He must be a citizen of India
6. He should not be a paid servant to the Committee/Gurudwara.
7. He should not be less than 35 years of age.
8. He should not be convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude by any competent court in India.
9. He should not be in police or judicial custody at the time of filing of nomination papers for elections or elections.
10. Charges should not have been framed against him in any criminal case.
11. He should be an Amritdhari Sikh.
12. He should be able to read and write Punjabi language in Gurumukhi script. Good knowledge of Hindi and English language will be preferred.
13. He should not have any conflict of interest with either Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib or with any other Gurudwara in India.
14. He should not have been punished for any of his/her activity by either Sri Akal Takht Sahib or by any other Takht or Gurudwara.
(* The pronoun "He" and its derivatives are used for any person whether male or female.)

ANNEXURE D

Qualification of a voter/ elector

1. He should be either a Keshdhari or Amritdhari Sikh.
2. He should be of sound mind.
3. He should be more than twenty one years of age as on 31-07-2016.
4. He should not be involved in any activity which is against the basic principles of Sikh religion.

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Annexure-E

Code of conduct for candidates either contesting for being elected as Delegate or member of the Prabandhak Committee or office bearers of the Prabandhak Committee.

1. No candidate shall be involved in any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and groups.
2. The candidate should refrain from the criticism of any other candidate or any other person during the course of canvassing or elections.
3. There shall be no canvassing by any candidate within the premises of any Gurudwara.
4. The canvassing shall stop 24 hours before the election of delegate of a Gurudwara and 48 hours before the election of a representative of a ward/halka.
5. The candidates or their supporters shall not involve in corrupt practices and offences such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing within 100 meters of polling station, transporting voters to and from polling station.
6. The candidates or their supporters shall not try to influence the voters by distributing liquor, money or any other item either on the polling day or 24 or 48 hours before the polling as the case may be.
7. The candidate and its supporter shall not allure the voters through any immoral or illegal activity.
8. On the day of election of representative of a ward, the candidate (delegate from a Gurudwara) shall inform the police authorities at Police Station, Nanakmatta about the number of vehicles and approximate number of persons and supporters accompanying the delegate.

9. Similar information will also be given by the elected members of the Prabandhak Committee at the time of election of office bearers of the Prabandhak Committee.
10. Fire arms and other weapons shall not be carried or displayed or used during the complete process of election and even after the declaration of results. In case any fire arms and any other weapon is displayed or is found with any candidate or supporter, the same shall be seized by the police authorities. Kirpan carried for religious purpose shall be exempted but the same shall not be used for any illegal act.
11. The candidates should cooperate with the police authorities and the officers and staff deployed for election process.
12. Any meeting or procession by any candidate should be in a peaceful manner and should not cause nuisance and disturbance to general public.
13. Any person contesting for being elected as delegate of any Gurudwara will have to fill a nomination paper as per **Annexure 1** of this code.
14. In case of unanimous election of any person as delegate of a Gurudwara, the nomination paper will have to be filled up for maintaining record to the delegate.
15. The polling for election of a delegate, election of a representative of a ward and election of office bearers will be by way of a secret ballot.
16. On the day of counting of votes concerned delegate or elected Member of Prabandhak Committee may nominate one counting agent to be present during the time of counting.
17. For nominating a counting agent a delegate as per **Annexure 2** shall be filled up and signed by the delegate/ elected member and the person nominated as counting agent.
18. For the electing of a delegate of a Gurudwara, the Management Committee of the said Gurudwara shall appoint an election officer.

19. The person appointed as election officer should be a respectable and educated person of the area voting having undisputed integrity and no criminal record.
20. Such election officer shall get the elections conducted for the delegate in a fair, transparent and secure manner. In case of any difficulty, the Management Committee of the Gurudwara or the election officer appointed by the Management Committee may contact the election officer appointed by the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand in Writ Petition (M/S) 7064 of 2001, Hardev Singh and others Vs. Union of India and Others.
21. Complaint against any candidate (delegate or elected member of Prabandhak Committee) can be made to the election officer appointed by the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand in Writ Petition (M/S) 7064 of 2001, Hardev Singh and others Vs. Union of India and Others.
22. All candidates and the supporters shall cooperate to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and complete freedom to the voters to exercise their voting right without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction.
23. The candidate should provide suitable badges or identity cards to their authorized workers/ volunteers.
24. No eatables should be served even in the form of langar by the candidates or their supporters on the day of polling either for the election of delegate or election of member of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib or at the time of election of office bearers.
25. The nomination papers of persons contesting for delegate of any Gurudwara should be sent to the office of Election Officer at Gurudwara Sri. Nanakmatta Sahib. However, a copy of the nomination paper be preserved at the concerned Gurudwara.
26. The polling should be held in polling booths. The polling booths should be situated at an independent place but not any Gurudwara and should

be easily approachable. The polling booth should be neat, clean and suitable for polling. The counting of votes should be a safe and secure place. The polling should be on one day only and from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The date of polling/ election of a delegate should be informed well in advance to all the concerned persons.

27. The nomination of a person for delegate should be proposed by atleast two Keshdhari or Amritdhari Sikhs.
28. The nomination of a delegate for member of Prabandhak Committee of Gurudwara Sri Nanakmatta Sahib should be proposed by atleast two Amritdhari Sikhs.