

BPP Trustees' Election

Your Questions Answered

To,
The Editor,
Jame-Jamshed Weekly.
Sir,

As you are aware, the B.P.P 7 Trustees' Election is to take place in October 2008 and, for which the process is on.

Innumerable queries are received as the general Community Members have either doubts and / or wrong conceptions in their mind about the ensuing Trustees' Election.

From the experience we have culled out few common and main and relevant issues / queries which need proper clarification so as to enable the voters to understand in broad proper perspective manner the matter and obviate and avoid unnecessary invalidation of their votes for misconception.

In view of the above, it shall be in the fitness of the matter that you publish in your esteemed *Jame-Jamshed Weekly* dated 7th September, 2008 'Answers to Questions frequently asked by Voters' prepared by the B.P.P.

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Answers to Questions frequently asked by Voters.

Q-1. Has a Member to vote only at his nearest residential booth out of 6 dates for the B.P.P Trustees' voting to take place?

A'-1. A Member - General / Donor can vote on any of the dates at any place he / she desires. However, he can vote only once.

Q-2. Attestation of signature on the Certificate by the Notary or Special Executive Officer?

A-2. If a third person has collected a Member Certificate based on a Letter of Authority, his / her signature on the Certificate is to be duly attested either by a Notary or a Special Executive Officer, before the same becomes valid for him to vote. In case the Certificate is collected personally by a Member, his / her signature is already obtained before the authorized officials of the B.P.P who have signed, and, therefore, there is no question of attestation.

Q-3. If a Member has 2 Certificates, one as a General Member and one as a Donor Member and / or 2 Certificates issued only as a General Member, but on different dates, can he vote twice by virtue of 2 Certificates?

A-3. When a person becomes a Donor Member and was, also, a General Member, earlier, the General Member registration gets automatically cancelled, and he / she has to vote only as a Donor Member.

In case a person has 2 General / Donor Member Certificates, (one issued earlier, and the other issued subsequently), he / she can vote only once, and only one Certificate can be treated as valid.

Q-4. How many crosses a Voter can place in all?

A-4. A Voter can place only 1 cross against each Candidate, and a maximum of 7 crosses - for 7 Candidates, if he desires to vote for all 7. Under no circumstances, a Voter can mark more than 1 cross against any one candidate. In case of more than 7 crosses in total, and, in case of more than 1 cross

on any candidate, the ballot paper will be treated as invalid.

Q-5. Can a Voter place less than 7 crosses?

A-5. Yes. A Voter can even put only 1 cross, if he so desires against only 1 candidate.

Q-6. Is the Donor required to place 2 crosses, as his vote would be treated as double?

A-6. No. A Donor also has to mark only 1 cross each against 7 desired candidates. It is only during the counting, his / her vote will be treated as double.

Q-7. What is the objection for a Member's Certificate to be laminated?

A-7. A laminated Certificate is not acceptable, as it is not possible for the officials of the B.P.P to initial and place a date of voting on the reverse side of a Certificate.

Q-8. Many Members have different Certificates such as, A, B, C Register and Elected Members of the Anjuman Committee, etc and General Register or Donor Register Certificate, which one is applicable for the ensuing Trustees' Election?

A-8. Certificates bearing the caption 'General Register' or 'Donor Register' would be treated as valid for the ensuing Trustees' Election and not the Elected Member of the Anjuman Committee Certificate.

Q-9. Can the voters place any mark like ✓ or X on the ballot paper?

A-9. Voters can place only X against Candidates name otherwise his vote will become invalid. Any notation or remark anywhere on the Ballot Paper, except a cross against the Candidates name, will invalidate the Ballot Paper.

Please also refer to Q-4 on this point.

Q-10. Is voting by proxy permissible?

A-10. No.