## **Press Note**

The Gurudwara Elections to the post of members of committee in Delhi have been notified and scheduled to be held on 26/02/2017. A detailed schedule of the elections is under:

(a) Issue of Notification for filing the Nomination Paper : 01<sup>st</sup> of February, 2017, Wednesday

(b) Last date of making the Nomination : 08<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017, Wednesday

(c) Scrutiny of Nomination : 09<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017, Thursday

(d) Last date of withdrawal of candidates : 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017, Saturday

(e) Date of poll, if necessary : 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017, Sunday

(f) Date of counting of Votes : 01st of March, 2017, Wednesday

(g) Date before which the election process :  $02^{\text{nd}}$  of March, 2017, Thursday

Shall be completed

There are total 46 wards and around 560 polling stations throughout Delhi for smooth conduct of election process. The electoral roll for each ward has been uploaded on the Directorate's website along with the list of 23 Returning Officers for each ward. To observe the conduct of gurudwara elections 25 Observers have also been appointed. Around 3000 polling officials will be performing various duties while conducting the Gurudwara Elections this year.

There are a total of 3,80,091 electors, out of which 1,92,691 are male electors and 1,87,400 are female electors as on 28.12.2016. During last Gurudwara Elections held in the year 2013, the male and female voters were 2,10,718 and 2,00,500 respectively.

Two new initiatives have been taken by the Directorate of Gurudwara Elections in GE-2017 for the first time i.e.

- 1) A massive drive has been undertaken to incorporate the photos of electors in the electoral roll as far as possible for ensuring transparency and tackle impersonation.
- 2) Distribution of Voter slips to the electors well be done well in advance for facilitating the electors and to ensure wider participation during GE-2017.

Directorate of Gurudwara office and Delhi Police has also setting up one control room each in the office premises of Directorate of Gurdwara Elections for lodging complaints/grievances and in order to facilitate the general public at large. The Directorate of Gurdwara control room numbers are 23379001, 23379002, 23379003.

With the notification of Gurudwara elections on 01.02.2017, the Modal Code of Conduct has also come into force and accordingly Director (Gurudwara Elections) appeals to the religious parties and all other stakeholders to abide by the Modal Code of Conduct and to cooperate with the Directorate of Gurdwara Elections, Delhi for successfully conducting the election in a fair, impartial and transparent manner.

All the information related to Gurudwara Elections – 2017 is available on the Directorate's website at www.gurudwara.delhigovt.nic.in.