



Bharat Vikas Parishad

Election Regulations, 2022

1. These regulations, framed by the National Executive Committee of the Bharat Vikas Parishad, exercising the power given to it under the rules, shall be called Bharat Vikas Parishad Election Regulations, 2022, and shall come into effect immediately, superseding the earlier election regulations.

PART-A: ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS

2. The National Council of Bharat Vikas Parishad shall elect the following National office bearers :
 - (i) National President
 - (ii) National Secretary General
 - (iii) National Finance Secretary
3. The term of National office bearers shall be of two years commencing from 1st April immediately followed by the election. As such, the election of National office bearers shall take place after every alternate year.
4. The election of the National Office bearers shall generally be held and completed latest by 31st March in the year in which the term of two years for the office bearers expires. This is to enable the newly elected office bearers to take charge from 1st April, following the election.
5. National Core Committee shall appoint a Returning Officer who will conduct the elections of National Office Bearers.
6. National Secretary General shall provide a list of all the members of the National Council, who are eligible to participate in the election process to the National Organizing Secretary, who shall verify and provide such verified list to the Returning officers so appointed to conduct the elections at National Level, at least 1 month before the date of the meeting of the National Council in which such elections are proposed to be held.
7. National Core Committee at its meeting shall decide the day, date and time of the meeting of National Council for the purpose of holding the elections of National office

bearers. National Secretary General shall send the notice of National Council meeting at least a month prior to the date of meeting.

8. The returning officer shall remain present at the meeting of National Council in which the elections of the National office bearers are proposed to be held and ensure that elections are held in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Parishad and in just and fair manner. In the cases where due to unavoidable reasons, the returning officer is unable to attend the meeting or is absent, the National President shall nominate National Organizing Secretary or in his absence any other member as the returning officer to conduct the elections.
9. The returning officer shall have no right to cast vote at the meeting.
10. A person desirous to be elected as National office bearers shall possess the required experience as provided in Rules as under:
 - (i) **National President:** A person of national stature and reputation in the activities useful to the society;
 - (ii) **National Secretary General:** A person who has been a National Office Bearer continuously for the last five years or more;
 - (iii) **National Finance Secretary:** A person, well versed in financial matters, who has been a National Office Bearer continuously for the last five years or more.
11. The candidate seeking election for any of the position must be present at the meeting.
12. The returning officer shall collect / invite the nomination for various positions. In case no such nomination is received for any of the position, the Returning Officer shall invite such nominations at the meeting. A nomination to be valid shall be proposed by any member of the national council present in the meeting and shall be consented by the person who has been nominated. Valid nominations shall be placed before the meeting for consideration of the members.
13. The nomination for each of the position shall be seconded by at least two members present at the meeting and expressing their desire for the nominee to be elected for the proposed position. A member shall second only one candidate for one position.
14. The returning officer shall make efforts to seek consensus approval. However, in case due to unavoidable differences there is no unanimous approval for a single candidate or there are more than one nomination for one position, the Returning Officer, after the nomination is seconded, shall put the proposal for approval of members by show of hands. The election by secret ballot must be avoided.
15. After ascertaining the votes of National Council, in favour and against, the returning officer shall announce the name of person who secured the majority of votes as elected for the position and such announcement shall be considered as final and the position shall be considered as filled by the person, who has been declared elected by the returning officer.

PART-B: ELECTION OF PRANTIYA OFFICE BEARERS:

16. The Prantiya Council shall elect the following Prantiya office bearers:
 - (i) Prantiya President
 - (ii) Prantiya General Secretary
 - (iii) Prantiya Finance Secretary
17. The tenure of Prantiya Office bearers shall be of one year commencing from 1st April immediately followed by the election. As such, the election of office bearers shall take place after every year.
18. The election of the Prantiya Office bearers shall generally be held and completed by 31st March in the year in which the term of one year for the office bearers expires. This is to enable the newly elected office bearers to take charge from 1st April, following the election.
19. Regional Executive Committee of Parishad shall nominate the Returning officers who will conduct the elections of Prantiya Office bearers of each of the Prant organization operating within the geographical area under charge of Region. No person shall be nominated as returning officer of the Prant wherein he / she is a member of Prantiya Council.
20. All the members of Prantiya council as provided in the Rules, who have paid their membership fees in full for the year in which the elections will be held, at least three months before the close of the year (by 31st December), and whose branch is duly affiliated with the Parishad, shall be eligible to vote and elect the office bearers of Prantiya Organization of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

Provided that an affiliated Branch which has more than 150 primary members and has paid the affiliation fees and/or other dues, shall be eligible to nominate 2 additional members to the Prantiya Council.
21. A Primary Member shall have one vote for one position. Associate Member shall have no right to vote.
22. Prantiya General Secretary shall provide the updated list of members of Prantiya Council as per rules, including the names of office bearers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) of each of the Affiliated Branches holding the post for the current year and additional representatives as stated in Regulation-21 of Part-B, who have paid their dues and are eligible to participate in the election process at the meeting of Prantiya Council. Prantiya Organising Secretary shall verify the list and provide the same to the returning officer appointed by the Regional Executive Committee at least 1 month before the date of the meeting of Prantiya Council in which the elections are proposed to be held..

23. Office bearers and additional representatives of Affiliated Branches, who have not paid their affiliation fees and / or other dues to Parishad, shall not be entitled to participate in the meeting of Prantiya Council and election process.
24. Prantiya Executive Committee at its meeting shall decide the day, date and time for the meeting of Prantiya Council for the purpose of holding the election of office bearers. Prantiya General Secretary shall send the notice of Prantiya Council Meeting at least a month prior to the date of meeting.
25. The returning officers shall remain present at the meeting of Prantiya Council where the election of the office bearers are proposed to be held and ensure that elections are held in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Parishad and in just and fair manner. In the cases where due to unavoidable reasons, the returning officer so nominated by the Regional Executive Committee is unable to attend the meeting or is absent, the Prantiya President shall nominate Prantiya Organizing Secretary and in his/her absence any other member as the returning officer to conduct the election.
26. The returning officer shall have no voting right at the meeting where he / she is responsible to conduct the elections.
27. A person who has been an office bearer of an Affiliated Branch, operating within the geographical area of Prant, for at least one term shall be entitled to be elected as a Prantiya office bearer.
28. The candidate seeking election for any of the post must be present at the meeting.
29. The returning officer shall collect / invite the nomination for various posts. In case no such nomination is received for any of the post, the returning officer shall invite such nominations at the meeting itself. A nomination to be valid shall be proposed by any member of the prantiya council present in the meeting and shall be consented by the person who has been nominated. Valid nominations shall be placed before the meeting for consideration of the members.
30. The nomination for each of the post shall be seconded by at least two members present at the meeting and expressing their desire in favour of the nominee to be elected for the proposed post. A member shall second only one candidate for one post.
31. The returning officer shall make efforts to seek consensus approval. However, in case due to unavoidable differences there is no unanimous approval for a single candidate or there is more than one nomination for one post, the returning officer, shall put the proposal for approval of members by show of hands. The election by secret ballot must be avoided.
32. After ascertaining the votes of Prantiya Council, in favour and against, the returning officer shall announce the name of person who secured the majority of votes as elected for the post and such announcement shall be considered as final and the post shall be

considered as filled by the person, who has been declared elected by the returning officer.

Part-C: ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS OF AFFILIATED BRANCHES

33. In accordance with Affiliation Regulations prescribed by Bharat Vikas Parishad, the general body of an Affiliated Branch, consisting of its Primary Members, shall elect the following office bearers at its General Body meeting duly called for the purpose of holding elections.
 - (i) President
 - (ii) Secretary
 - (iv) Treasurer
34. The tenure of the office bearers of an Affiliated Branch shall be one year commencing from 1st April immediately followed by the election. As such, the election of office bearers shall take place after every year.
35. The election of the office bearers of Affiliated Branch shall generally be held and completed by 31st March in the year in which the term of one year for the office bearers expires. This is to enable the newly elected office bearers to take charge from 1st April, following the election.
36. Prantiya Executive Committee shall nominate Prantiya Organising Secretary or any other member of its executive committee to oversee / supervise the elections of the office bearers by Affiliated Branch operating within the geographical area of the Prant. No person shall be nominated as election observer / supervisor who himself / herself is a member of General Body of Affiliated Branch whose election is being observed / supervised by him / her.
37. All Primary members who have paid their membership fees in full for the year in which the elections will be held at least three months before the close of the year (by December) shall be eligible to participate in election process and voting to elect the office bearers of the Affiliated Branch.
38. A Primary Member shall have one vote for one position. Associate Member shall have no right to vote.
39. Secretary / Organizing Secretary of affiliated Branch of Parishad shall prepare list of all its primary members who have paid their dues to the Association and who are eligible to participate in the election process at the meeting of the General Body. President of the Affiliated Branch shall verify the list of eligible members and provide the same to the Returning Officer appointed by the Prantiya Executive Committee at least 1 month before the date of General Body Meeting where election of the office bearers is proposed to be considered.

40. Executive Body of the Affiliated Branch shall decide the day, date and time for holding the General Body meeting of Affiliated Branch for the purpose of conducting the elections of its office bearers. Secretary of the Affiliated Branch shall send the notice of General Body meeting at least 15 days prior to the date of meeting.
41. The Returning Officer shall remain present at the General Body Meeting of the Affiliated Branch where the election of the office bearers are proposed to be held and ensure that elections are held in accordance with the constitution of the Affiliated and / or Rules and Regulations prescribed by Parishad, in just and fair manner. In the cases where due to unavoidable reasons, the Returning Officer so nominated by the Prantiya Executive Committee is unable to attend the meeting or is absent, the President of the Affiliated Branch shall nominate it's Organizing Secretary and in his absence any other member as the Returning Officer.
42. The Returning Officer shall have no voting right to vote at the meeting where is / she is responsible to conduct the elections.
43. A person who is a Primary Member of the affiliated Branch shall be entitled to be elected as an office bearer of the affiliated Branch.
44. The candidate seeking election for any of the position must be present at the meeting.
45. The Returning Officer shall collect / invite the nomination for various positions. In case no such nomination is received for any of the position, the Returning Officer shall invite such nominations at the meeting itself. A nomination to be valid shall be proposed by any member of the general body present in the meeting and shall be consented by the person who has been nominated.. Valid nominations shall be placed before the meeting for consideration of the members.
46. The nomination for each of the position shall be seconded by at least two members present at the meeting and expressing their desire for the nominee to be elected for the proposed position. A member shall second only one candidate for one position.
47. The Returning Officer shall make efforts to seek consensus approval. However, in case due to unavoidable differences there is no unanimous approval for a single candidate or there is more than one nomination for one position, the returning officer, after the nomination is seconded, shall put the proposal for approval of members by show of hands. The election by secret ballot must be avoided.
48. After ascertaining the votes of the General Body, in favour and against, the election officer / supervisor shall announce the name of person who secured the majority of votes as elected for the position and such announcement shall be considered as final and the position shall be considered as filled by the person, who has been declared elected by the election officer / supervisor.

PART-D DISPUTE RESOLUTION

49. In case of any doubt or dispute in respect of election or continuation in office of an office bearer, or any challenge to process of election or the procedure adopted by a returning officer, in case of Part-B and Part-C, the same shall be referred to the National Core Committee, within 30 days and the National Core Committee after seeking a report from the concerned Prant or Region shall appoint a sole arbitrator to decide the dispute, whose decision shall be final and binding. In case such a matter arises in respect of Part-A, the same shall be referred for arbitration to the National Organizing Secretary, whose decision shall be final and binding.