

Southern Railway

No.U/P.694/SBE-III/2024

Divisional Office,
Personnel Branch,
Madurai,dt.07.11.2024.

All Supervisory Officials/MDU Division

Sub: Secret Ballot Election- 2024- Postal Ballot - Short Leave/Permission for Casting Vote – Issue of special passes - Reg

Ref: 1.Railway Boards Letter No. 2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 09.09.2024

2.PCPO/MAS letter No.P(L)694/SBE/2024/I dated 10.09.2024

3. This office letter of even number dated 28.10.2024.

Kind reference is invited to this office letter referred above wherein Postal Ballot applications were invited from staff falling under the following categories. The last date for receipt of postal ballot request at this office from all categories of PBS beneficiaries is **on or before 13.11.2024**.

- Those booked on Secret Ballot Election (SBE) Duty
- Railway Servants undergoing training.
- Railway servants likely to be away on Train running/Escort duties/Ticket checking duties during the dates of polling.
- Railway Servants on deputation.

2. In connection with casting of vote by all eligible voters of Madurai Division during **election to be held on 04.12.24, 05.12.2024 and 06.12.24(exclusively for Running Staff)**, the following stipulations mentioned in the Final Modalities for holding Secret Ballot Election- III are brought to the notice of all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action accordingly.

16.28 Short Leave/Permission for Casting Vote: Railway Servants should invariably be spared to enable them to cast vote by allowing short leave. The Controlling Supervisor-in-charge shall decide the extent of short leave which should be sufficient to allow a Railway Servant to cast her/his vote and return to duty. However, a judicious approach is required to ensure that crucial and sensitive train operations work does not suffer.

16.29 The Supervisor In-charge shall decide the duration of short leave to Track Staff, Construction staff and “Track Machine Organization” Staff and also to all essential staff of various categories, keeping in view local conditions and exigencies.

3. In terms of Railway Board letter No.2024/E(W)/01/07/3 dated 07.11.2024, necessary special passes may be issued in favour of those railway employees who are required to undertake journey for casting vote in the SBE from the station of duty to the station where booth is located and back. Such special passes will be for self only and of the class to which employee is entitled to travel on duty.

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Divisional Personnel Officer/MDU &
Asst. Presiding Officer.

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