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Government of India  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
**Office of the Returning Officer for the VCI election**

To,

1. All the Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary to all State Governments and Union Territories,
2. State Veterinary Councils of All States and Union Territories
- 3 Veterinary Council of India, New Delhi
4. Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
5. Vice Chancellors of All State Veterinary Universities,
6. Principals of the College of Veterinary Sciences

Subject: Conducting of Election of 11 members in the Veterinary Council of India regarding

Dear Sir/ Madam,

1. The Central Government conducts the election of 11 members of the Veterinary Council of India under clause (g) of sub-section 3 of Section 3 of Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 and as per the Indian Veterinary Council Rules, 1985 (as amended time to time). Accordingly, the Central Government issued notification S.O. 4701(E) dated 25.10.2023 calling upon the election to the Veterinary Council of India. This time the High Court of Delhi has directed vide its order dated 21.12.2023 in WP (C) 16633/2023 & CM Appl 66968/2023 (Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma versus Union of India & ANR) that the elections will be supervised by the undersigned.
2. The dates for nomination, scrutiny, withdrawal and election have been duly notified vide Notification No. S.O. 1758(E) dated 20.04.2024.
3. Now, after withdrawal, the final list of contesting candidates has been published vide S.O. 1973(E) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 (Published on 10.05.2024).
4. In accordance with the amendment to the Indian Veterinary Council Rules, 1985 in 2017, the election will be held through the online voting portal <https://evotevci.dahd.gov.in>. The portal is now made public and can be visited by all interested, for information. The window for exercising the vote will be opened only on the date of election and will remain inaccessible till then. On the date fixed for voting, i.e. 08.06.2024, votes may be cast **between 7 AM to 7 PM**. All eligible voters may take notice that they should cast their votes individually through their own devices through the registered mobile number recorded in the electoral rolls.

5. Eligible voters are cautioned against sharing OTP etc. with others; as such activity may tantamount to interference in fair and free election process.

6. The Counting will be held on **09.06.2024 at 10.30 AM** on wards at Committee Room, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chander Lok Building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001.

7. All the Contesting candidates should not use Government machinery and systems for propaganda or for canvassing votes as this may be in violation of service conduct.

8. It is requested that all concerned may be intimated through your channel so that the Veterinarians can exercise their voting rights freely. All are requested to help in the successful conduct of the election in a transparent manner.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Justice (Retd) Asha Menon)  
Returning Officer