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Lecture-13



LECTURE 13: OFFICERS AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Presiding Officer: The district election officer appoints a presiding officer for each polling station. If a polling officer is absent from the polling station, the presiding officer may appoint any person who is present at the polling station other than a person who has been employed by or on behalf of, or has been otherwise working for, a candidate in or about the election, to be the polling officer during the absence of the former officer, and inform the district election officer accordingly.

Same person can be the presiding officer for more than one polling station in the same premises. It is the general duty of the presiding officer at a polling station to keep order thereat and to see that the poll is fairly taken.

Polling Officer: A polling officer performs all or any of the functions of a presiding officer based upon his direction.

If the presiding officer is absent from the polling station due to illness or other unavoidable cause, his functions shall be performed by such polling officer as has been previously authorized by the district election officer to perform such functions during any such absence. It is the duty of the polling officers at a polling station to assist the presiding officer for such station in the performance of his functions.

The returning officer, assistant returning officer, presiding officer, polling officer, and any other officer appointed so and any police officer designated for the time being by the State Government, for the conduct of any election shall be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission during the election period and such officers shall be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission.