

SCHEDULE 1

THE CONSTITUENCY MEMBERS ELECTION RULES

PART III

Stages Common To Contested And Uncontested elections

Decisions as to validity of nomination papers

9.—(1) Where a nomination paper and the candidate's consent to it are delivered in accordance with this Part of these Rules, the candidate shall be deemed to stand nominated unless and until—

- (a) the CRO decides that the nomination paper is invalid, or
- (b) proof is given to the CRO's satisfaction of the candidate's death, or
- (c) the candidate withdraws.

(2) The CRO is entitled to hold a nomination paper invalid only on the grounds either—

- (a) that the particulars of the candidate or the persons subscribing the paper are not as required by law; or
- (b) that the paper is not subscribed as so required.

(3) As soon as practicable after each nomination paper has been delivered, the CRO shall examine it and decide whether the candidate has been validly nominated.

(4) Where the CRO decides that a nomination paper is invalid, he shall endorse and sign on the paper the fact and the reasons for his decision.

(5) The CRO shall, as soon as practicable after making such a decision as is mentioned in paragraph (4), send notice of it to the candidate at his home address as given in his nomination paper.

(6) The CRO's decision that a nomination paper is valid shall be final and shall not be questioned in any proceeding whatsoever.

(7) Subject to paragraph (6), nothing in this rule prevents the validity of a nomination being questioned on an election petition.