

## SCHEDULE 5

### Assembly election rules

## PART 3

### Contested elections

#### *General provisions*

#### **The ballot paper at a regional election**

**25.**—(1) At a regional election, the ballot of every voter shall consist of a ballot paper.

(2) The following, namely—

- (a) the persons shown in the statement of persons nominated standing nominated as individual candidates; and
- (b) the registered political parties which have submitted a party list and are shown in the statement of persons nominated as standing nominated, together with the party list candidates appearing on the party list of each such party and as standing nominated,

and no others, shall be entitled to have their names and descriptions inserted in the ballot paper.

(3) Every ballot paper shall be in form CL in Schedule 10, and shall be printed in accordance with the directions in form CL1 in that Schedule, and—

- (a) shall contain the names and descriptions of the individual candidates shown in the statement of persons nominated;
- (b) shall contain the names or, as the case may be, descriptions of the registered political parties shown in the statement of persons nominated together with the names of the candidates included on those parties' lists;
- (c) shall be capable of being folded up; and
- (d) shall have a number and other unique identifying mark printed on the back (together with a mark or other distinguishing feature by which the Assembly constituency can be identified in which the vote is to be given in relation to the ballot paper).

(4) The order of—

- (a) the names of the individual candidates; and
- (b) the names or, as the case may be, descriptions of the registered political parties (together with, in respect of each such name (or names) or, as the case may be, description of a registered political party, the names of its party list candidates),

in the ballot paper shall be the same order as in the statement of persons nominated.

(5) If a certificate received by the regional returning officer under rule 8(1) has requested that the registered political party's registered emblem (or, as the case may be, one of the party's registered emblems) is to be shown on the ballot paper against the party's description, the ballot paper shall contain that emblem in that way.