

**The Combined Polling Arrangements -
Polling Stations for Various Kinds of Electors in the General Election**

1. The general election consists of elections of 5 geographical constituencies (“GCs”), 24 ordinary functional constituencies (“FCs”), and 4 special functional constituencies (“SFCs”).
2. Each of the 4 SFCs has a small electorate and the voting system applicable to them is different from that applicable to the other 24 FCs.
3. An elector can simply be an elector of the GC, but any elector of the 24 FCs or 4 SFCs is also an elector of one of the 5 GCs.
4. A person cannot be an elector of more than one of the 24 FCs and 4 SFCs.
5. All GC electors are individuals. However, some of the 24 FCs and 4 SFCs have corporate electors. A corporate elector can only cast its FC vote by an authorised representative (“AR”) it has appointed. An AR must be a GC elector (see para. 3.12 of Chapter 3). A person who is an AR for one FC/SFC cannot be AR for another FC/SFC, but he can be an elector of another FC/SFC. Therefore, a person can be an FC/SFC elector and also an AR of another FC/SFC.
6. A one-stop service is provided, so that an elector only needs to go to one polling station to cast all the votes which he is entitled to cast. Under the combined polling arrangement, each GC elector is allocated to a polling station according to his residential address in the final register for GCs, save for registered electors imprisoned or held in custody by the law enforcement agencies who will be assigned to vote at the appropriate dedicated polling stations. Each GC elector will be issued at the polling station or the dedicated polling station the number of ballot papers to which he is entitled as the GC elector, elector and/or AR of an FC/SFC, as the case may be. There will be no other polling station designated for any of the 24 FCs or the 4 SFCs; and their electors and ARs will have to cast their votes in polling stations designated for GCs.

7. A cardboard will be issued to each person at the same time as he is issued with one or more ballot paper, in order to ensure that he must insert the ballot paper(s) issued to him in the ballot boxes before he leaves the polling station. A **white** cardboard will be issued to a person with 1 ballot paper, a **red** cardboard to a person with 2 ballot papers and a **blue** cardboard to a person with 3 ballot papers. The cardboard will have to be handed back by the person to the polling officer manning the ballot boxes at the time immediately before that person inserts his ballot papers into the boxes.

8. There are going to be 2 kinds of ballot boxes in different colour, in any polling station :
 - (a) ballot box for the GCs; and
 - (b) ballot box for the mixed FCs and SFCs.

9. The polling arrangements, in their entirety, consist of only 7 scenarios. Each of the scenarios is explained below, and a table containing the 7 scenarios is also provided for easy reference.

THE 7 SCENARIOS**At a local GC polling station or a dedicated polling station :**

1. **A GC elector who has only his GC vote** - 1 GC ballot paper for the local GC. [The person shall insert his GC ballot paper into the GC ballot box.]
2. **An FC elector/AR** - 1 GC ballot paper for the local GC + 1 FC ballot paper. [The person shall insert his GC ballot paper into the GC ballot box and his FC ballot paper into the FC/SFC ballot box.]
3. **An FC AR who is also an elector of another FC** - 1 GC ballot paper for the local GC + 2 FC ballot papers. [The person shall insert his GC ballot paper into the GC ballot box and his 2 FC ballot papers into the FC/SFC ballot box.]
4. **An SFC elector/AR** - 1 GC ballot paper for the local GC + 1 SFC ballot paper. [The person shall insert his GC ballot paper into the GC ballot box and his SFC ballot paper into the FC/SFC ballot box.]
5. **An SFC AR who is also an elector of an FC** - 1 GC ballot paper for the local GC + 1 SFC ballot paper + 1 FC ballot paper for the appropriate FC. [The person shall insert his GC ballot paper into the GC ballot box, and both his SFC ballot paper and his FC ballot paper into the FC/SFC ballot box.]
6. **An SFC elector who is also an AR of an FC** - the same as in Scenario 5.
7. **An SFC elector who is also an AR of another SFC** - 1 GC ballot paper for the local GC + 1 SFC ballot paper as elector + 1 SFC ballot paper as AR. [The person shall insert his GC ballot paper into the GC ballot box, and his SFC ballot paper and his SFC AR ballot paper into the FC/SFC ballot box.]

The 7 Scenarios of Polling Arrangements

Type of Elector/AR			No. of Ballot Papers Issued	Cardboard Issued
GC	FC	SFC		
Yes			1	white
Yes	Elector or AR		2	red
Yes	Elector and AR		3	blue
Yes		Elector or AR	2	red
Yes	Elector	AR	3	blue
Yes	AR	Elector	3	blue
Yes		Elector and AR	3	blue

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