

**A PAMPHLET
SHOWING ILLUSTRATIVE CASES
OF
VALID AND INVALID
ORDINARY BALLOT PAPERS**

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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NOTE




The Commission has brought out this Pamphlet showing illustrative cases of valid and invalid ordinary ballot papers for the guidance of the Returning Officers/ Assistant Returning Officers/Counting Supervisors and Counting Assistants at the time of counting of votes. The Returning Officer is required to scrutinise ballot papers on the basis of the provisions of Rule 55 of the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2001. The detailed instructions regarding counting of votes are incorporated in Chapter XII of the Hand Book for Returning Officers 2013 edition.

The ballot papers to be used in the poll will contain the Sl. No. of ballot paper, particulars of election, year of election followed by the number and name of the panchayat constituency on the upper part of the ballot papers above the candidates name and symbols. But for the purpose of illustration only the names of candidates and symbols is shown in this pamphlet. As it is not possible to visualise all kind of valid and invalid markings, the specimens given in the pamphlet are not exhaustive, but only illustrative.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES OF
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INVALID CASE-IX

This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.

MARTIN RIBA	
DR. MITO YOMCHA	
SONIA RONYA	




Handwritten marks: 'SRS' and 'SRS' are written over the DR. MITO YOMCHA and SONIA RONYA rows respectively.

Marks are so made as to render it doubtful as to which candidate the vote has been given.

VALID CASE-II

[INVALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]

This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle initially by the Counting Party and on scrutiny by the Returning Officer will be accepted.






MARTIN RIBA	
DR. MITO YOMCHA	
SONIA RONYA	

Handwritten mark: A large black smudge is present over the DR. MITO YOMCHA row.

Mark in column of candidate 1 and a smudge elsewhere.

INVALID CASE-VII

This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.






<p>MARTIN RIBA</p> 		<p>SL NO : 27</p> 		<p>SONIA RONYA</p> 
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Voter identifiable (serial No. of voter).

VALID CASE-IV

[VALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]

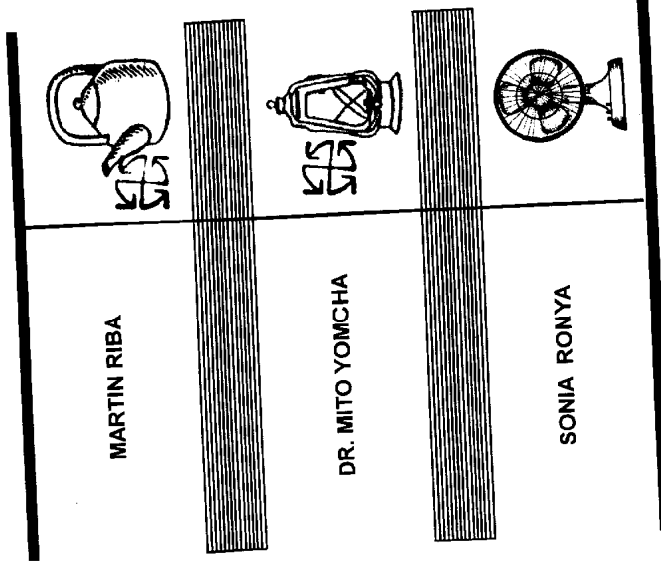
This should be treated as valid vote by the Counting Parties themselves.

<p>MARTIN RIBA</p> 		<p>DR. MITO YOMCHA</p> 		<p>SONIA RONYA</p> 
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Mark partially in column of candidate 1 and rest in shaded area.

INVALID CASE-V

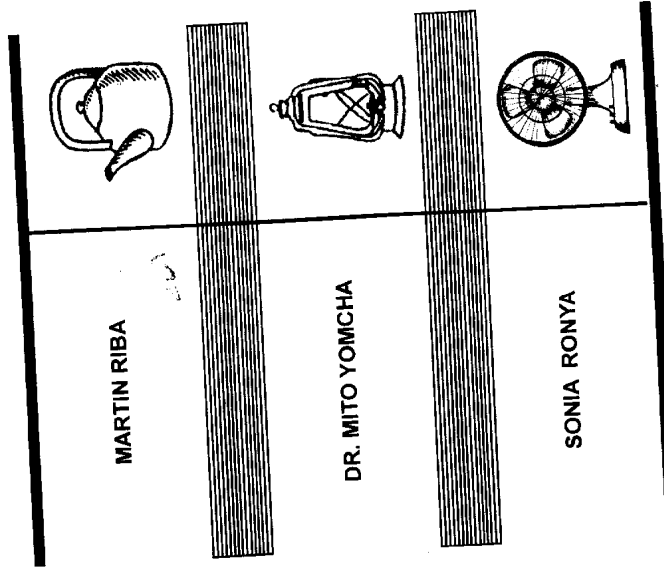
This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.



Multiple Voting.

VALID CASE-VI
[VALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]




This should be treated as valid vote by the Counting Parties themselves.



Indistinct mark for candidate 1.

INVALID CASE-III

This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.




MARTIN RIBA	
DR. MITO YOMCHA	
SONIA RONYA	

Mark not made with instrument supplied.

VALID CASE-VIII

[VALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]




This should be treated as valid vote by the Counting Parties themselves.

MARTIN RIBA	
DR. MITO YOMCHA	
SONIA RONYA	

Indistinct mark in column of candidate 1 only and hence intention clear (mark partially in column of candidate 1 and the rest outside).




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INVALID CASES
INVALID CASE-I

This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.

MARTIN RIBA	
DR. MITO YOMCHA	
SONIA RONYA	

No mark.

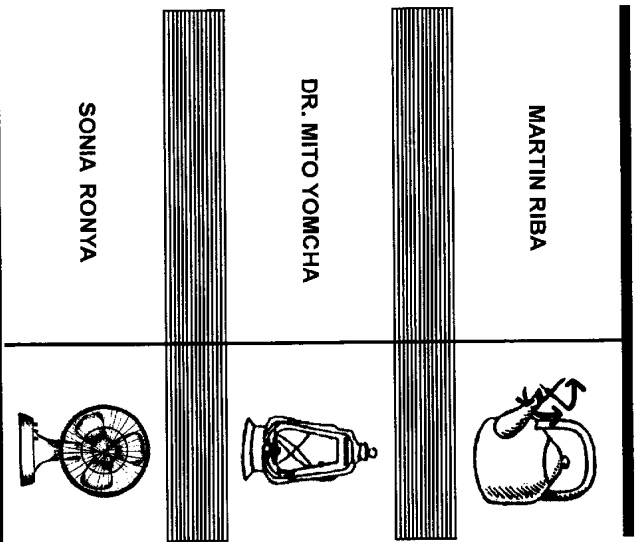
INVALID CASE-II
This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.

MARTIN RIBA	
DR. MITO YOMCHA	
SONIA RONYA	

Mark not made with instrument supplied.

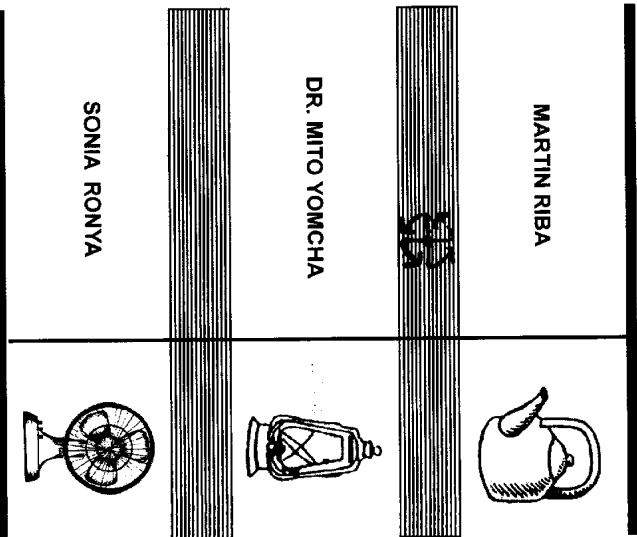
**VALID CASE-VII
[VALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]**

This should be treated as valid vote by the Counting Parties themselves.



Indistinct mark for candidate 1 only and hence intention clear (mark may be impression of edge of rubber stamp).

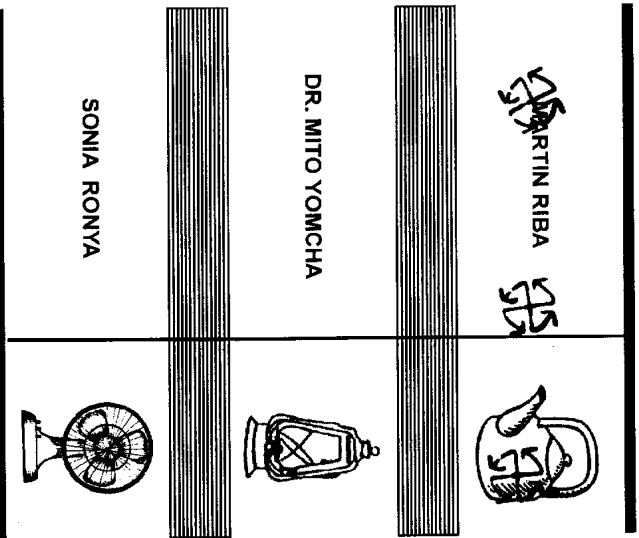
INVALID CASE-IV
This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.



Mark in shaded area (Mark on back also will come under this category).

**VALID CASE-V
[INVALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]**

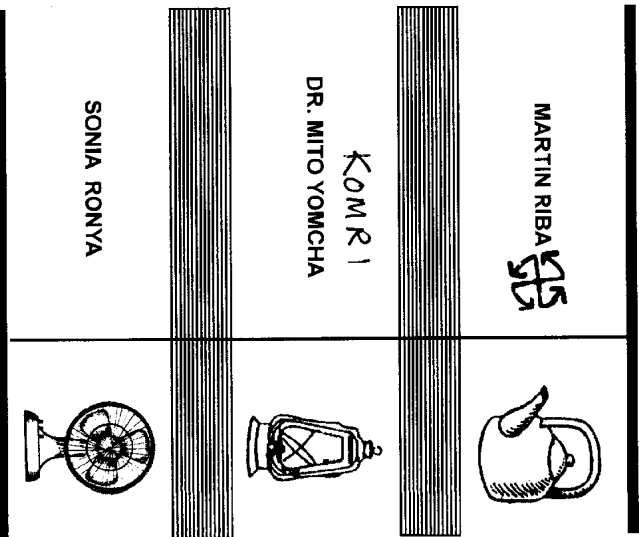
This should be treated as valid vote by the Counting Parties themselves.



More than one mark in column of candidate 1.

INVALID CASE-VI





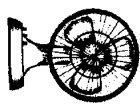
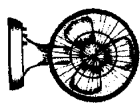
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Voter identifiable (signature or name).





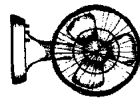
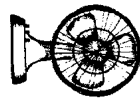
**VALID CASE-III
[VALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]**

This should be treated as valid vote by the Counting Parties themselves.

MARTIN RIBA 	
DR. MITO YOMCHA 	
SONIA RONYA 	

Clear marks for candidate 1 and major portion of one mark in shaded area.

INVALID CASE-VIII
This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.

MARTIN RIBA 	
DR. MITO YOMCHA M I N G C H A 	
SONIA RONYA 	

Voter identifiable (Signature or name).

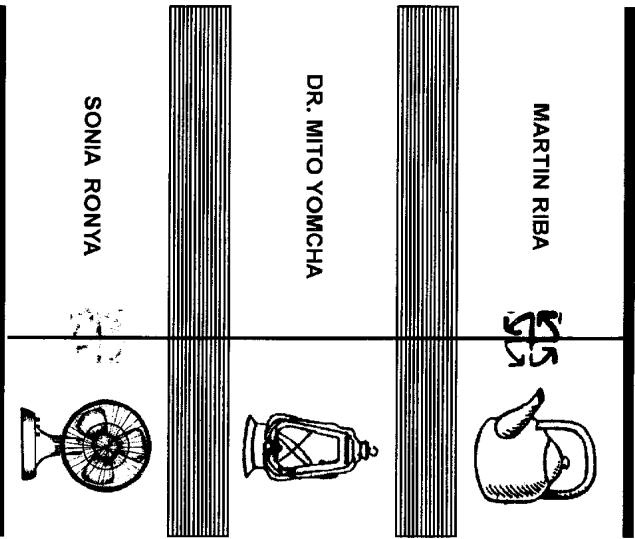
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VALID CASES

VALID CASE-1

[VALID VOTE FOR CANDIDATE 1]

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Original mark (Anticlockwise manner) in column of candidate 1 and impression (Clockwise manner) due to wrong folding in column of candidate 3.

INVALID CASE-X
This will be put in the "Doubtful" bundle by the Counting Party and rejected by the Returning Officer.



The mark is at the back of the ballot paper.

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