

NOTIFICATION

TO ALL MEMBERS and MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION (COA) OF THE GEM AND JEWELLERY EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL (henceforth referred to as "Council") FOR 2026

Subject: Draw of Lots for Reservation Categories – CoA Elections 2026 of the Council.

Dear Members,

This is in reference to the notice issued on 27th July 2026 regarding finalization of the voter list.

Members may take note of the following:

I. RETIRING MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR RE-ELECTION

As per Article 24.6 of the Articles of Association, one-third of the elected members of the Committee of Administration (CoA) shall retire every year. Such retirement shall be determined either by draw of lots or in accordance with seniority, whereby the longest-serving members of the CoA shall retire first. The retiring members shall, however, be eligible for re-election, subject to the provisions of the Articles of Association.

Accordingly, the members as per the following table, are the longest serving in the CoA will be eligible to retire.

Sr.no	Name of the member	Designation	Elected Year
1.	Mr. Anil B. Virani	Diamond Panel	Feb 2025
2.	Mr. Anoop V. Mehta	Diamond Panel	Feb 2025
3.	Mr. Ashish V. Borda	Diamond Panel	Feb 2025
4.	Mr. Manish P. Jiwani	Diamond Panel	Feb 2025
5.	Mr. Dwarka Prasad Khandelwal	Colored Gemstones / Pearls Panel	Feb 2025
6.	Mr. K Srinivasan	Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal Jewellery Panel	Feb 2025
7.	Mr. Mansukhlal V. Kothari	Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal Jewellery Panel	Feb 2025
8.	Mr. Antar Pal Singh	Regional Chairperson - Northern Region	Feb 2025

9.	Mr. Jayantibhai N. Savaliya	Regional Chairperson - Gujarat Region	Feb 2025
10.	Mrs. Khushboo N. Ranawat	Regional Chairperson - Western Region	Feb 2025
11.	Mr, Mahender Kumar Tayal	Regional Chairperson - Southern Region	Feb 2025
12.	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Parekh	Regional Chairperson - Eastern Region	Aug 2022

Out of these twelve (12) members, seven (7) members (one third of CoA members barring Chairman and Vice Chairman) who are not considered for determination of one third number of members as clarified by Ministry of Commerce and Industry Vide letter dated 15th December,2024 shall be identified by draw of lots and shall retire at the ensuing election, with their respective seats becoming vacant and available for election.

Further, as per 24.2 (a) of the Article of Association of the Council, a CoA member may hold office for a maximum of two consecutive terms of three (3) years each, after which the member shall be required to undergo a cooling-off period of two (2) years before becoming eligible to contest again. Also, Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide its letter dated 15th December,2024 have clarified that term will supersede the number of years and a member will have to go for cooling off after two terms (or elected two times) whichever is earlier.

Hence it is clarified that the members who will be drawn in lots will be deemed to have served a term and will serve another term of 3 years or till AGM of 2029 till they go for the period of compulsory cooling off of two years as per article 24.2 of Articles of Association. However, in case if Regional Chairperson Eastern Region, Mr Pankaj Parekh's name is drawn in draw of lots, as he had already served a term of more than two years when he got elected in 2025, he will have to go for cooling off period and will not be eligible to stand for election this year.

III. COMPOSITION OF PANELS

In terms of Article 22(a) and Article 22(b) of the Articles of Association of the Council, the Committee of Administration is empowered to constitute Commodity Panels and determine their composition.

The current composition of the panels is as follows: -

Sr. No	Commodity Panels/Group of Panels	No of Seats
1	Diamond Panel	07
2	Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal	03

3	Colored Gemstones Panel and Pearls Panel	01
4	Silver Jewellery Panel	01
5	Synthetic Stones Panel/Costume/Fashion Jewellery Panel / Sales to Foreign Tourist Panel	01
6	Lab-grown Diamond Panel	01
7	SEZ Panel	01
8	Studded Jewellery Panel	01
	Total	16

In exercise of the aforesaid powers, the Committee of Administration has reviewed and approved the revised composition of the Commodity Panels and the allocation of seats for election to the Committee of Administration in its meeting held on 11th July 2026. The revised composition is placed below for your kind information

Sr. No	Commodity Panels/Group of Panels	No of Seats
1	Diamond Panel	07
2	Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal	02
3	Colored Gemstones Panel & Pearls Panel	01
4	Silver Jewellery Panel	01
5	Synthetic Stones Panel/Costume/Fashion Jewellery Panel / Sales to Foreign Tourist Panel	01
6	Lab-grown Diamond Panel	01
7	SEZ Panel	01
8	Studded Jewellery Panel	02
	Total	16

It is clarified that the above allocation of seats amongst the Commodity Panels is without prejudice to, and in addition to, the reservation requirements prescribed under Article 24.3 of the Articles of Association.

Further, in view of the aforesaid revision in the composition of the Commodity Panels, and considering that one (1) seat of the Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal Panel has been reallocated to the Studded Jewellery Panel, out of the seven (7) seats to be determined by draw of lots under Article 24.6, one (1) retiring seat shall pertain to the Studded Jewellery Panel instead of the Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal Panel. This adjustment is intended to give effect to the revised panel composition approved by the Committee of Administration while maintaining the total number of retiring seats at seven (7).

IV VACANT POSITIONS FOR 2026 ELECTIONS

Based on the above, the following positions will go for elections of the Council for the year 2026:-

Sr.No	Groups	Number of Vacant Slots
1	Regional Chairperson	5
2	Diamond Panel	4
3	Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal Jewellery Panel	1
4	Colored Gemstones Panel & Pearls Panel	1
5	Silver Jewellery Panel	0
6	Synthetic Stones Panel/Costume/Fashion Jewellery Panel / Sales to Foreign Tourist Panel	0
7	Lab-grown Diamond Panel	0
8	SEZ Panel	0
9	Studded Jewellery Panel	1
TOTAL SLOTS		12

As stated above, the number of members due for retirement comprises twelve (12) of the longest-serving elected members of the Committee of Administration, which exceeds one-third of the total twenty-two (22) elected members of the CoA. Accordingly, in terms of Article 24.6 of the Articles of Association, seven (7) members, being one-third of the total elected members, shall be identified by draw of lots and shall retire at the ensuing election, with their respective seats becoming vacant and available for election.

Further, pursuant to the powers conferred under Articles 22(a) and 22(b) of the Articles of Association and the decision of the Committee of Administration to revise the composition of the Commodity Panels, one (1) of the seven (7) retiring seats shall pertain to the Studded Jewellery Panel, in place of the Gold Jewellery Panel & Other Precious Metal Panel, so as to give effect to the revised panel composition approved by the Committee of Administration.

V. RESERVATION UNDER ARTICLE 24.3

- i) As per Article 24.3(a) At least one third of the seats for the elected members of the Committee shall be reserved for the representatives of MSMEs.
- ii) As per Article 24.3(b) in addition, at least one third of the seats for elected members of the Committee shall be reserved for exporters who fall within the category of export houses, trading houses, star-trading houses and entities granted similar status for the purpose of the Foreign Trade Policy that is in force at the time.
- iii) As per Article 24.3(c) at least three seats (for COA with a size up to 20 members) or five seats (for COA with a size of beyond 20 members), shall be reserved for categories of women entrepreneurs (minimum one), startups, young entrepreneurs (less than 40 years of age as on 31st March of the year of election); or North Eastern/Hill Regions to ensure their suitable representation in the Committee.
- iv) As per Article 24.3(d) for the purposes of reservation as stated in paragraph (c), at least one seat shall be reserved for a woman entrepreneur.
- v) As per Article 24.3(e) if the categories mentioned in (a), (b) and (c) are represented/elected through either of the above or overlapping categories, this will be sufficient for meeting the requirements mentioned under these provisions.
- vi) As per Article 24.3(f) where any seat reserved under clause (c) of this Article cannot be filled up by candidates of that reserved category through election process, the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the respective Councils, shall nominate suitable representatives of the respective categories.
- vii) As per Article 24.3(g) the Council shall send a report to the Department of Commerce within 45 days after conclusion of election process.
- viii) As per Article 24.3 of the Articles of Association, reservation shall apply only to the seven (7) vacant positions. The proportional vertical and horizontal reservations for these positions shall be determined through draw of lots out of 12 members due to be retired as mentioned above.

VI. DRAW OF LOTS – SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES

In view of the above, it may be noted that the process for drawing of lots shall be conducted on **Saturday, 1st August 2026 at 10.00 AM through Hybrid mode i.e. (Physical as well as Online)** at "Conference Room", The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Tower D, D2b, Bharat Diamond Bourse, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 by the undersigned in the capacity of Returning Officer, as appointed on July 11, 2026 by the CoA of Council vide Article 24.7(b) of the AoA and under the supervision of the Observer as appointed by DoC vide Article 9.1(c) of the AoA through a letter dated July 15, 2026 for the purpose of determining the distribution of vacancies into different categories of reservation as mandated by the AoA of Council.

For members opting to participate online, the requisite link for accessing the Event is provided below:

<https://gjepec.zoom.us/j/88176886926?pwd=kN5OmZlF31zbCVax0twLwasycSZkqo.1>

Kindly note the following instructions for the seamless execution of the Event:

1. **Physical Participation:** Members attending physically are requested to arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time to facilitate registration and ensure adherence to procedural protocols.
2. **Online Participation:** Members participating online are advised to join the meeting through the provided link at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time to ensure adequate connectivity and any technical issues are resolved before the start of draw of lots. Please ensure that your devices have a stable internet connection and necessary software for access.
3. **Confidentiality and Conduct:** The Event will be conducted in accordance with the principles of fairness, transparency, and impartiality. Members are expected to maintain decorum and comply with the instructions as may be issued by the Council from time to time.
4. **Technical Support:** For any queries or technical assistance related to online participation, please contact: -

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Your participation and cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Regards,

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For The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council

Encl: [Annexure 1](#): Chronology of Draw of Lots

[Annexure 2](#): Clarification provided by Ministry on the Bye Laws

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