

Proceedings
after poll,

74. (1) Forthwith upon the close of the poll the presiding officer shall in the following order—

(a) seal the ballot boxes;

(b) count the number of voters whose names appear in the poll book as having voted and make an entry thereof on the line immediately below the name of the voter, who voted last, thus “The number of voters who voted this election in this polling station is _____” (stating the number), and sign his name thereto;

(c) count the spoiled ballot papers, if any, place them in the special envelope supplied for that purpose and indicate thereon the number of such spoiled ballot papers and seal it up;

(d) count the unused ballot papers, place them with all the stubs of all used ballot papers in the special envelope supplied for that purpose and indicate thereon the number of such unused ballot papers; and

(e) check the number of ballot papers supplied by the returning officer against the number of spoiled ballot papers, if any, the number of unused ballot papers and the number of voters whose names appear in the poll book as having voted, in order to ascertain that all ballot papers are accounted for.

(2) The ballot boxes, poll book, envelopes containing the spoiled and unused ballot papers, official list of voters and other documents used at the poll shall be transmitted to the place notified for the counting of the votes or delivered to the returning officer. The returning officer may specially appoint one or more persons for the purpose of collecting the ballot boxes and papers aforesaid from a given number of polling stations, and such person or persons shall, on delivering the ballot boxes and papers to the returning officer, take the oath in the form set out as Form No. 25 in the Second Schedule.