

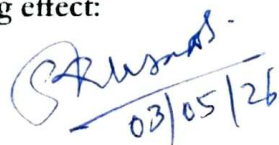
**In the matter of elections to the Board of Governors of the Daly College
Society**

**In the matter of personal hearing after prima facie decision to reject the
election nomination forms**

That, vide order dated 02/05/2026, this office has in principle decided to rejected the election nomination forms submitted by Thakur Sahib Anirudh Pratap Singh Ji Dotria and Thakur Narendra Singh Birdwal both contesting under the founder donor, 2(b)(i) category and therefore, an opportunity of hearing was given to them today, on 03/05/2026.

That, Thakur Sahib Anirudh Pratap Singh Ji Dotria did not appear either in person or through anyone. Hence, the rejection of his election nomination form is hereby confirmed.

That, Thakur Narendra Singh Bidwal also did not appear in person and did not submit any documents. However, on his behalf, Shri Anshuman Srivastava learned counsel submitted objections on his own letter head (without any documents), signed by the lawyer, stating that he is counsel for the candidate Narendra Singh Bidwal although no vakalatama has been filed and no authorisation in original is produced and this time also an email has been allegedly sent by Mr. Narendra Singh Bidwal stating that he has authorized Mr. Anshuman Srivastava, but I am not going into the question whether Mr. Anshuman Shrivastava is duly engaged counsel or not and leaving this issue open. I am now going to decide the objections submitted by Mr. Narendra Singh Bidwal which are to following effect:


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- (i) His first objection is that his nomination form has been rejected on the sole ground that in his Aadhaar Card his name is mentioned as Narendra Singh and not as Narendra Singh Bidwal though Narendra Singh and Narendra Singh Bidwal are same person, and the addition of Bidwal is only a surname / extended name, which does not in any manner alter his identity.
 - (ii) That the nomination papers should not be rejected on trivial or technical grounds.
 - (iii) The election guidelines, if any, relied upon for rejecting the nomination paper have been introduced after the initiation of election process, and post facto framing or applying the guidelines is contrary to settled legal principles.
 - (iv) It has also been stated that no such guidelines were ever provided, communicated, or made available to the candidate at the time of filing of nomination form.
 - (v) It is also stated that in view of aforesaid facts, the reliance on such guidelines raises concerns regarding transparency and fairness and gives rise to reasonable apprehension that the guidelines have been applied selectively or framed in the manner to unjustly reject the nomination.

I have heard Mr. Anshuman Shrivastav, who in oral arguments, also stated the same facts and stated that Bidwal is principal of Thakur Narendra Singh Bidwal.

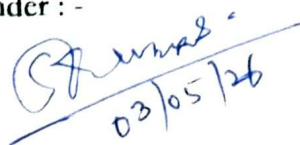
Before deciding the objections, I will also like to put on record that though opportunity of personal hearing was provided only to the aforesaid two candidates whose election nomination forms have been rejected and they have been barred from contesting elections, however, a few persons whose election nomination form



have been accepted like Mr. Rajesh Agarwal, Mr. Jayesh Patel along with his lawyer, Mr. Rohit Jain and Mr. Neeraj Desai also attended the hearing and submitted objections further one Mr. Jai Singh Jhabua also attended the hearing though they were not having any locus. Since their nomination forms have been accepted and further Mr. Jai Singh Jhabua is not even a voter under 2(b)(i) category, he has no business to attend the hearing. However, as they also submitted objections, and to ensure transparency they will be decided vide separate order.

The question that election guidelines were uploaded on 27/04/26 or not is a disputed question of fact and I have therefore called upon the Secretary of the Daly College Society, Dr. (Mrs.) Gunmeet Singh Bindra, who categorically informed me that the guidelines were also uploaded along with order dated 27/04/2026 and on my request she has shown me that beneath the order dated 27/04/2026, the guidelines are also there. As such, I find that the said objection is not sustainable.

I further and state that Section 33 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951 categorically provides that the election nomination form has to be mandatorily be presented by person or his proposer. However, in the present case, the candidate was Thakur Narendra Singh Bidwal and his proposers on nomination forms were Rana Saheb Upendra Singh Ji of Jobat and Rana Narendra Singh ji of Barwani. Hence, it is clear that neither candidate nor his proposer(s) appeared to take or submit the election nomination form which itself is sufficient to reject his nomination particularly when his nomination forms were taken by and submitted by Mr. Jai Singh Jhabua who is not even a voter in said category and has not even produced original of authority letter even today. Section 33 of Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951 is reproduced as under :-


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33. Presentation of nomination paper and requirements for a valid nomination.—(1) On or before the date appointed under clause (a) of Section 30 each candidate shall, either in person or by his proposer, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and three o'clock in the afternoon deliver to the returning officer at the place specified in this behalf in the notice issued under Section 31 a nomination paper completed in the prescribed form and signed by the candidate and by an elector of the constituency as proposer:

In this light, the objections raised are baseless and deserve to be dismissed.

The nomination has not been rejected merely on the ground that the alleged surname / extended name 'Bidwal' is not mentioned in the Aadhaar Card but is rejected primarily on the ground that he has not appeared in person or through his proposer(s) to take or deposit the nomination from which is mandatory as per the provisions of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 as well as the guidelines framed by this office. Further, the form has been taken and deposited by a person who is not even a voter in the said category that too without submitting the original authorization.

The second objection that nomination form should not be rejected on trival or technical ground is true, but here is a case where neither the candidate nor his proposer comes forward to submit the form and neither the original authorization is placed on record till today and further there is a difference in the name as no document has been submitted even today clarifying that his surname / extended name / principality is Bidwal. As such, there are serious doubts about identity of said candidate as despite of giving chance he has failed to produce any document.



The objection pertaining to guidelines being introduced late is also of no consequence since the undersigned have signed the guidelines on 27/04/2026 and have verified that the said guidelines were uploaded under the order dated 27/04/2026 deciding the objections on voters list. Although it was expected of the Society to upload the order and guidelines separately but that being a minor irregularity, it will have no bearing on the matter.

I determine that the alleged concerns regarding transparency and fairness and allegations about guidelines have been applied selectively or framed in manner to unjustly reject the nomination are vague and without any basis as the guidelines are in line with provisions of Representation of Peoples Act, 1951.

Hence, the objections submitted by Mr. Narendra Singh Bidwal are rejected and the Secretary of the Society is now directed to upload this order as well as the list of successful candidates separately on the website of the Society.


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JUSTICE SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA (RETD.)

ELECTION OFFICER

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