

(b) If the number of votes so far counted for the two or more lowest candidates are equal, there shall be first distributed the ballots so far counted for the candidate who received the smallest number of votes at the last preceding stage at which the candidates in question had an unequal number of votes, but if the number of votes counted for them has been the same at all the preceding stages, the returning officer shall select at his discretion the candidate whose ballots are to be first distributed.

(c) If the sum of the votes counted for the two or more lowest candidates is less than the whole number of votes so far counted for the candidate then standing next above such two or more lowest candidates, the whole of the votes so far counted for such two or more lowest candidates shall be distributed together.

(d) If there has been counted for the candidate standing highest in the poll a number of votes exceeding the sum of all those so far counted for all the other continuing candidates, the candidate so standing highest in the poll shall be declared elected without any further distribution of votes.

Notice to
be given.

“(25) The result of any distribution of ballots, the number of non-transferable ballots and the names of the candidates from and to whom every transfer of votes has been made shall be recorded and public notice thereof given by the returning officer.

Mistakes or
miscalculations.

“(26) If, at any time before any such notice has been given, any candidate or the agent of any candidate considers that a mistake has been made in the distribution or any calculation based thereon, and requests that it be made over again, it shall be so made, but such second distribution or calculation shall be final unless the result differs from that obtained on the first.

Objections by
candidates.

“(27) If at any time an objection has been made by or on behalf of any candidate to the conduct of the proceedings, the returning officer shall, at the request of such candidate, include a statement of it and of his decision thereon in the public notice next following such decision.

Result sheet.

“(28) After each stage of the count the returning officer shall complete and publish a result sheet showing the standing of the several candidates at each successive stage of the count and the number of votes, if any, transferred to each candidate at each stage.”

10. Section fifty-four of the said Act is amended by inserting the following subsection immediately after subsection eight thereof:—

Recount in
transferable
vote
elections.

“(8a) If the election is one to which the provisions of this Act relating to the transfer of votes apply and the ballots have been examined by the returning officer as