

1. What is LSP NRI district ?

NRI district is a special voting district and electoral college for LSP state-wide internal elections. It consists of all NRI voting members of Lok Satta party from a state. This is initially being implemented in Andhra Pradesh Lok Satta Party state-wide internal elections. There are 23 administrative districts in Andhra Pradesh and hence there will be 24 electoral districts in total in A.P. state elections.

Lok Satta Party member who satisfies the following criteria becomes member of NRI district:

- Citizenship: Has to be an Indian citizen and currently resides outside India and be able to show the proof of foreign residence if it is needed.
- Residence in state (Andhra Pradesh for this election purpose): Maintains residence in the state and be able to provide proof of address with documents like passport/voter ID card/driver license/rental agreement/power bill/phone bill/bank statement either on their name or on immediate family members.
- Membership: Has paid either \$20 LSP NRI active membership or \$200 LSP NRI executive membership.

NRI district members elect delegates who in turn vote for state level president and state committees. NRI district will not have district office bearers and committees like other 23 districts have. **Every fifteen NRIs have one delegate vote for state president elections. Every forty five NRIs have one delegate vote for state office bearer elections.** This is true internal democracy and commitment to NRI voting in Lok Satta party.

2. What are the timelines and procedure for NRI district elections ?

The election process and timelines will be finalized and can be modified by election authority on March 15th 2013.

Memberships: Last date to register is Jan 31st, 2013. Members can vote for electing delegates for state level elections. Voter list will be finalized by Feb 15th, 2013. One member can not contest for multiple positions and can only contest for one position. e.g. State president or NRI vice president. Register for membership at <http://members.loksatta.org>

Elections for delegates - Phase 1: NRI Delegates are NRI members who are elected by other members of NRI district and represent other NRI members in state elections. **All elected delegates can vote for state president and top third delegates among them can vote for state office bearers.** Once final elections are completed, only office bearers and president elected by delegates, not actual delegates, will represent party. They will be part of general council of the party. Number of these delegates will be 1/15th of members of NRI district. e.g. If NRI district has 2000 members, the number of delegates elected will be $2000/15 = 133$.

NRI district is divided into four zones - east coast US, west coast US, central US and rest of the

world (outside US and India). Zone is similar to constituency in India for our election purpose. Voters will be notified of their zone. The delegate proportions are same for each sub zone. e.g. If a zone has 200 members, the number of delegates elected will be $200/15 = 13$.

Timelines

- March 18th 2013 - March 20th 2013 - Dates to send nominations for delegates to nrivoting@loksatta.org email address.
- March 22nd 2013 - Last date to withdraw nominations and evaluate the eligibility.
- March 25th 2013 - Last date to send profiles that can be sent out to voters.
- March 28th 2013 - Polling day.
- March 30th 2013 - Results.

Elections for state president - Phase 2:

NRI delegates along with presidential delegates from other districts will elect state president. Contestants can be from any district including NRI district.

Timelines

- March 18th 2013 - March 20th 2013 - Dates to send nominations for state president to the office of the Independent Electoral Authority of Lok Satta party at Hyderabad.
- March 22nd - Last date to withdraw nominations and evaluate the eligibility.
- April 5th 2013 - Polling day. (It could be changed to April 6th or 7th based on how elections go in other districts).
- April 8th 2013 - Results.

Elections for state office bearers including vice president of NRIs - Phase 3:

NRI super delegates along with similar state level delegates from other districts will elect state office bearers/vice presidents. Contestants can be from any district including NRI district. Voters are from all districts including NRI district.

NRI Superdelegates are most popular delegates in NRI district and their number will $1/45$ th of members of NRI district. (e.g. If NRI zone has 200 members, the number of super delegates will be $200/45 = 4$ and so top four winners among 13 delegates will be super delegates from that zone).

Timelines

- April 12th 2013 - Last date to send nominations to the office of the Independent Electoral Authority of Lok Satta party at Hyderabad..
- April 13th 2013 - Last date to withdraw nominations and evaluate the eligibility.
- April 14th 2013 - Polling day.
- April 15th 2013 - Results will be sent to state election authority.

Election officers and offices

- Elections for NRI district will be conducted online. Sri Sreekanth Godey will act as NRI district election officer. He can be reached as sgodey@gmail.com or nrvoting@loksatta.org
- State district elections will be supervised by independent election authority comprised of Sri K Madhava Rao, Sri Kalanidhi Satyanarayana Murthy, Sri M Padmanabha Reddy and Sri Karthik Chandra and their contact details are provided at <http://loksatta.org/partyelections>

3. What is the difference between elected vice president of NRIs and nominated NRI representatives ?

Vice president of NRIs is one of the state office bearers. It not only needs to work with members of NRI district but also with members of other districts. This role is like party's face to NRIs.

NRI district will not elect district level board in this elections. Sorting out logistics, legal and technical issues is needed to make sure the district functions like the way other districts do. People For Lok Satta is currently filling that role as organisation of NRI supporters. **Party will have two additional members in state committee based on recommendations from them and vice president of NRIs.** These additional two representatives are permanent invitees and they will not have voting power. They may not have support from other districts like vice president of NRIs has. They are like face of NRIs in the state.