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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CHENNAI

[LOCAL BODIES ELECTIONS—TNSEC—PREFERENCE TO REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE MATTER OF ALLOTMENT OF TREE SYMBOLES—CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE TAMIL NADU LOCAL BODIES ELECTION SYMBOLS (RESERVATION AND ALLOTMENT) ORDER 2011 - ISSUED.]

(S.O. No. 51/2012/TNSEC/ME1.)

No. VI(2)/280(a)/2012.

READ : 1. S.O.No. 25/2011/TNSEC/EG2, dated 9th September 2011.

2. S.O.No. 26/2011/TNSEC/EG2, dated 10th September 2011.

Order:

An order to provide for specifications, reservation choice and allotment of symbols on elections to Local Bodies in the State of Tamil Nadu and for matters connected therewith issued by the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission in the Statutory Order first read above.

(2) Whereas, the commission in the Statutory Order second read above notified the list of Recognised Political Parties and the symbols reserved for them in TABLE-I, the list of Registered – Unrecognised Political Parties who are entitled to have preference over independents in the allotment of free symbols in TABLE 1 -A and the list(s) of free symbols in tables 2 to 5 in accordance with the rules 33, 34 and 35 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995 and rules 31, 32 and 33 of the Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats, Third Grade Municipalities, Municipalities and Corporations (Elections) Rules, 2006.

(3) Whereas, as per the "Tamil Nadu Local Bodies Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2011 issued by this Commission, the term 'Registered Unrecognised Political Party' means and includes:—

(i) every political party which had previously been recognized by the Election Commission of India as a National Party under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 and subsequently lost its status as National Party.

(ii) every political party which has been recognized by the Election Commission of India as a State Party in any State other than Tamil Nadu under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968; and

(iii) every political party having its Head Office in the State of Tamil Nadu which is registered with the Election Commission of India but not recognized either as a National Party or as a State Party in Tamil Nadu by the Election Commission of India under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968;

(4) Whereas, certain Political Parties registered with the Election Commission of India and having their head office in other States have made their representation to the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission to extend preferential treatment to the said parties in the matter of allotment of free symbols over independents as has been given in the neighbouring States.

(5) Whereas, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission after careful consideration has decided to extend such preferential treatment to the registered parties having their head offices in other States in the allotment of free symbols.

(6) Whereas, considering the above, it has become expedient for the Commission to extend such preference to the Political Parties registered with the Election Commission of India and having Head Office in other States in the matter of allotment of free symbols over independents.

(7) Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India read with relevant sections of the Acts and rules 33, 34 and 35 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995, rules 31, 32 and 33 of the Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats, Third Grade Municipalities, Municipalities and Corporations (Elections) Rules, 2006, the following amendments are ordered in the Symbol Orders issued by the Commission *vide* S.O.No. 25/2011/TNSEC/EG2, dated 9.9.2011:—

After (k) (iii) of clause 1 under para "2. Definition and Interpretation" of the Tamil Nadu Local Body Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2011, the following shall be inserted:—

"(iv) political parties registered with the Election Commission of India and having their head office in other States and have not recognized either as a National Party or as a State Party by the Election Commission of India under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968:

Provided such Parties should make an application to the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission with its office address in Tamil Nadu, bye-laws, office bearers, etc.."

(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai-600 106,
1st November 2012.

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Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.