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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CHENNAI.

[ELECTIONS – CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS TO PANCHAYATS - BALLOT PAPERS - SPECIFICATIONS - NOTIFIED.]

(S.O. No.13/2016/TNSEC/PE-1)

READ:

S.O. No. 93/2011/TNSEC/PE-1, dated the 29th September, 2011.

No. VI(2)/120(a-1)/2016.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 49 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995 and in supersession of the Notification No.VI(2)/473(a-3)/2011, Published at Part VI – Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary No.369, dated September 30, 2011, at Pages 2 to 4, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission hereby directs that the ballot papers for the various elections to the Offices of the Panchayats shall conform to the following specifications:-

I. The colour of the ballot paper for the different elections shall be as given in the following Table:-

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<i>Serial Number.</i>	<i>Institution.</i>	<i>Election.</i>	<i>Colour of the ballot paper.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Village Panchayat	Member	White / Blue
2.	Village Panchayat	President	Pink
3.	Panchayat Union	Member	Green
4.	District Panchayat	Member	Yellow

- II. There shall be a counterfoil provided at the top of the ballot paper and its depth shall not ordinarily exceed 15 ems. The counterfoil shall contain the following:-
- A. space for stitching at the top-centre of the counterfoil;
 - B. a black border of 1 em at the top of the counterfoil;
 - C. in the case of elections listed in Serial Number 1 and 2 of the above table, the Village Panchayat, Ward Number shall be printed immediately below item B above with sufficient space for writing name of the Village Panchayat and number of the Ward No.;
 - D. in the case of elections listed in Serial Number 3 and 4 of the above table, the name and particulars of the Panchayat, Ward No., month and year of election and whether it is ordinary or casual shall be printed immediately below item B above;
 - E. "Electoral Roll Part No." and "Serial No. of Elector", one below the other on the left-hand side;
 - F. place for signature or thumb impression of elector just above the words "Signature/thumb impression", on the right-hand side;
 - G. one block of lines of 1 em with a perforated rule/disjointed straight line below, separating the ballot paper from the counterfoil.
- III. There shall be one block of lines or shades of 1 em below the perforated rule/disjointed straight line on the ballot paper.
- IV. In the case of elections listed in Serial Numbers 1 and 2 of the above table, the front face of the ballot paper will contain the expression of Village Panchayat Ward Member Election and Village Panchayat President Election respectively. The ballot papers shall contain the symbols allotted to the contesting candidates.
- V. In the case of elections listed in Serial Numbers 3 and 4 of the above table, the front face of the ballot paper will contain the name and particulars of the Panchayat, Ward No., month and year of election and whether it is ordinary or casual. The ballot papers shall contain the names of the candidates in Tamil along with the symbols allotted to them.
- VI. Serial number of the ballot paper shall be printed on the left-hand side either on the front or on the back, as may be convenient and also in the counterfoil.
- VII. The width of the ballot paper will be between 3 inch and 4 inch as may be considered convenient for printing the ballot paper.
- VIII. In the case of the ballot papers for the elections listed in Serial Numbers 3 and 4 of the above Table, the name of the candidate, in Tamil, will appear on the left side and his symbol on the right side within a panel, in the ballot papers.
- IX. The width of the space allotted to each candidate will be 6½ ems and the width of the shaded area between the space allotted to any two candidates will be 3 ems. There will be a thick black border of 1 em width at the bottom.
- X. The size of each symbol will be not more than 9 ems x 5½ ems.
- XI.
- (a) In the case of the ballot papers for the elections listed in Serial Numbers 1 and 2 of the above Table, the symbols may be arranged in one or more columns as may be convenient.
 - (b) In the case of elections listed in Serial Number 3 and 4 of the above Table the number of candidates in one column should not ordinarily exceed nine. Where the number of contesting candidates exceeds nine, the ballot paper shall be printed in two or more columns depending upon the number of contesting candidates.
 - (c) The width of the ballot paper and its counterfoil shall be dependent upon the number of columns which are provided on the ballot paper. Each column shall be separated from the other by a shaded area of 2½ ems width from top to bottom.

- (d) In the case of elections listed in Serial Numbers 3 and 4 of the above Table, the names of the contesting candidates and/or their symbols will appear in the correct order of arrangement in Tamil alphabet one below the other in those columns, starting with the name/symbol of the candidate at serial number 1 in the list of contesting candidates appearing at serial number 1 in the first column, candidate at serial number 10 in the list of contesting candidates as the first candidate in the second column, and so on. If the number of contesting candidates is not exactly divisible by the number of candidates in each column, the end panel on the right side of the ballot paper which do not contain the name of any candidate shall be completely shaded.

- XII. The ballot papers will be stitched into bundles of fifty, with consecutive serial numbers. It should be ensured that the serial numbers on each ballot paper and its counterfoil are identical.

[ELECTIONS – PANCHAYATS, TOWN PANCHAYATS, MUNICIPALITIES AND CORPORATIONS -
CONDUCT OF - HOURS OF POLL - NOTIFIED.]

(S.O. No.15/2016/TNSEC/PE-1)

READ:

S.O. No. 40/2011/TNSEC/PE, dated the 16th September, 2011.

No. VI(2)/120(a-2)/2016.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 24 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995 and Rule 22 of the Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats, Third Grade Municipalities, Municipalities and Corporations (Elections) Rules, 2006 and in supersession of the Notification No.VI(2)/457(i-3)/2011, Published at Part VI – Section 2 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, No.349, dated September 19, 2011, at Page 4, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission hereby directs that the hours of poll in elections to Panchayats, Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations shall be 10 hours between 7.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M. on the day notified for poll.

[ELECTIONS – PANCHAYATS, TOWN PANCHAYATS, THIRD GRADE MUNICIPALITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND
CORPORATIONS - CONDUCT OF - ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS - DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS -
DIRECTIONS - NOTIFICATION OF.]

(S.O. No.16/2016/TNSEC/ME-1)

READ:

S.O. No. 23/2011/TNSEC/ME-1, dated the 7th September, 2011.

No. VI(2)/120(a-3)/2016.

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of rule 10 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995 and sub-rule (2) of rule 11 of the Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats, Third Grade Municipalities, Municipalities and Corporations (Elections) Rules, 2006 and in supersession of the earlier Notifications, the State Election Commission hereby directs that the Assistant Returning Officer appointed under the said Rules to assist the Returning Officer shall, subject to the control of the Returning Officer, be competent to perform all the duties and functions of the Returning Officer except the following:-

1. Issue of notice of election; and
2. Declaration of result of election other than the Office of Councillor in respect of the Corporation.

(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai-106,
7th September 2016.

T.S. RAJASEKAR,
Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.