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**TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,**

Chennai - 106

**சட்டபூர்வ ஆணை  
STATUTORY ORDER**

**சுருக்கக் குறிப்பு  
ABSTRACT**

ELECTIONS – Conduct of Elections to Panchayats - Ballot Papers - Specifications – Notified.

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

Dated the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Read:

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

**ORDER:**

The appended Notification will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary dated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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**(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)**

*T.S. Rajasekar*

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**Secretary**

Encl.: Notification.

To

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With a request to publish the notification in the extraordinary issue of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette without fail on 8.9.2016 and supply 50 copies to the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.

All the Returning Officers of Dist. Panchayat and Panchayat Union Wards.

All the Asst. Returning Officers of Dist. Panchayat and Pt. Union Wards.

All the Returning Officers (Village Panchayats)/Block Development Offrs.

All the Secretaries of District Panchayats

All the District Election Officers/District Collectors (except Chennai)

All the Assistant Directors of Rural Development

The State Election Officer/Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Ch - 15

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Election Officers/  
Dist. Collectors  
concerned

**APPENDIX**

**NOTIFICATION**

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:-

**THE TABLE**

Serial Number (1)	Institution (2)	Election (3)	Colour of the ballot paper (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:-

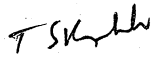
- A. space for stitching at the top-centre of the counterfoil;
- B. a black border of 1 em at the top of the counterfoil;
- C. in the case of elections listed in Serial Number 1 and 2 of the above table, the Village Panchayat, Ward Number shall be printed immediately below item B above with sufficient 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 Number 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 Number 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 Number 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 Number 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 Number 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.

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