

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (LA)  
(G.O.Ms.No.55/LAS/96, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 1996)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 read with section 65 of the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973 (No.9 of 1973) and of all other powers enabling her in this behalf, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Puducherry Municipalities (Allotment and Rotation of Reserved Seats and Offices) Rules, 1996.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Act” means the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973 (No.9 of 1973) ;

(b) “section” means a section of the Act;

(c ) “ward” means the territorial constituency notified by the Government under sub-section(1) of section 16 of the Act.

3. *Allotment of reserved seats to be notified in the Gazette.*— The allotment of reserved seats and officers of chairpersons of municipalities made by the Election Commission shall be notified in the Official Gazette.

4. *Ward-wise population of Scheduled Castes.*— The Government shall notify the population of Scheduled Castes for each ward of the municipality in relation to the last census and publish the same in the Official Gazette.

5. *Allotment of reserved seats for Scheduled Castes in municipalities.*— (1) The Election Commission shall arrange the wards in seriatim in the same order as notified for the purpose of delimitation of wards. Thereafter, reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes shall be made by the Election Commission as far as practicable in the ward, where population of the Scheduled Castes is comparatively large to the total population of the ward.

(2) Wards shall be allotted to Scheduled Caste women from among the wards allotted for Scheduled Castes in such manner that allotment of wards for Scheduled Caste Women are not pooled together but widespread as illustrated in rule 6.

6. *Allotment of reserved seats for women after reservation for Scheduled Caste women.*— From among the remaining wards after allotment of wards for Scheduled Castes, as far as practicable, wards shall be allotted for women and Scheduled Caste women in such manner that they are not pooled together but widespread as illustrated below:

**Illustration.**— Out of a total of 10 wards, reservation to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Caste Women (SCW) and Women (W) are made as follows:-

| SCW |   | SC |   | SCW |   | SC |   | W |    | W |  |
|-----|---|----|---|-----|---|----|---|---|----|---|--|
| 1   | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5   | 6 | 7  | 8 | 9 | 10 |   |  |

Provided that the wards preceding and succeeding the wards reserved for Scheduled Caste Women, shall not be allotted for Women.

7. *Allotment of officers of Chairpersons for Scheduled Castes in municipalities.*— (1) The Election Commission shall arrange the municipalities in seriatim in the same order as notified for the purpose of delimitation of wards. Thereafter, reservation of seats of the office of chairperson for Scheduled Castes shall be made by the Election Commission as far as practicable in the municipality, where the population is comparatively large to the total population of the municipality.

(2) Municipalities shall be allotted to Scheduled Caste Women from among the municipalities allotted for Scheduled Castes in such manner that allotment of municipalities for Scheduled Caste Women are not pooled together but widespread as illustrated in rule 8.

8. *Allotment of reserved offices of Chairpersons for women in municipalities.*— From among the remaining municipalities, after allotting the offices of Chairperson in the municipalities for Scheduled Castes, as far as practicable, alternate municipalities shall be allotted for women from among the remaining offices of Chairpersons in such manner that they are not pooled together but widespread as illustrated below.

**Illustration.**— Out of 5 municipalities, reservation for Scheduled Castes(SC) and for Women (W) is made as follows:-

| W |   | W |   | SC |  |
|---|---|---|---|----|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  |  |

9. *Rotation of seats and offices.*— Reservation of seats and offices for Scheduled Castes in Municipalities shall be allotted by rotation at the expiry of each term of office and re-allotted to other wards or municipalities where the percentage of

Scheduled Castes is next larger to the total population of that ward or municipality, as the case may be, by adopting a list of wards or municipalities arranged in the descending order of the percentage of the Scheduled Castes:

Provided that the allotment of seats and offices for Scheduled Caste Women and Women shall also be made by rotation in accordance with the procedure laid down in sub-rule (2) of rule 5 and rule 6 respectively.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)