

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT

G.O.Ms.No.43/LAS/2004

Puducherry, dated the 09.11.2004

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 38 of the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 (No.10 of 1973) and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement: (1) These rules may be called the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Amendment Rules, 2004.

(2) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Insertion of new rules 16A, 16B and 16C:- In the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978, (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) after rule 16, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:-

"16A. Notification by the Election Commission on party based elections:- For the purpose of these rules, the Election Commission shall notify from time to time , the election which shall be held on party basis and shall print on the ballot paper, the names of the contesting candidates with their respective symbols.

16B. Recognition of political parties:- Every political party recognized by the Election Commission of India as a National party or as a State party in the Union territory of Puducherry under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) order, 1968, shall be a recognized political party for the purpose of election under these rules.

16C. Publication of a list of recognized parties and their symbols:- For the purpose of these rules, the Election Commission shall publish by notification, a list of recognized political parties and their symbols and a list of free symbols."

3. Amendment of rule 17:- In rule 17 of the said rules -

(a) in sub-rule (1), the sentence "These symbols shall be free symbols", occurring therein shall be omitted.

(b) after sub-rule(1) as so amended, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-
"Provided that free symbols shall be allotted to the candidates contesting for election as President and Members of Village Panchayats."

4. Amendment of Form-1:- In Form-I appended to the said rules, in the declaration thereunder, for item (b) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(b) that I am a citizen of India;

(c) that I am sponsored at the election by the party;

(d) that the symbols I have chosen in the order of preference in respect of the election to the member of the Commune Panchayat are

(i) (ii)..... (iii)
..... (strike out if not applicable)".

(By Order of the Lieutenant-Governor)