

**GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT**

G.O.Ms.No. 122/2002/LAS.

Pondicherry, the 11-10-2002.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 38 read with sections 17 and 318 of the Pondicherry Village and Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 (No.10 of 1973) and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Lieutenant-Governor, Pondicherry, hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Pondicherry Village Panchayats (Registration of Electors) Rules, 1974, namely:—

1. Short title and Commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Pondicherry Village Panchayats (Registration of Electors) Amendment Rules, 2002.

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

2. Amendment of rule 5.— In the Pondicherry Village Panchayats (Registration of Electors) Rules, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), for rule 5, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“5. Preparation of roll.— (1) The electoral roll of a panchayat village shall be prepared with reference to the qualifying date, by the Electoral Registration Officer by integrating the particulars in the various entries available in such part or portion thereof, of the current electoral roll of the Pondicherry Legislative Assembly and the various amendments issued to it from time to time as they relate to the ward of a ward of a village panchayat or a portion thereof.

(2) The roll shall be divided into as many parts as there are wards so that each ward shall have an equal number of votes as far as practicable.

(3) The number of electors included in any part of the roll shall not ordinarily exceed one thousand and five hundred and in case where it exceeds one thousand and five hundred, it shall be prepared in more than one part in a convenient manner in accordance with the directions issued by the Election Authority from time to time.

(4) The roll shall be prepared.—

(a) before each ordinary or casual election to fill the vacancy in a ward of a commune panchayat or village panchayat or office of the President of the village panchayat :

Provided that in the case of casual election to fill the vacancy in a ward of a commune panchayat or village panchayat or the office of the President of a village panchayat, the Election Authority may for special reasons direct that the roll need not be prepared and the then latest roll shall be adopted; and

(b) before each ordinary election to fill the vacancy in the office of the member or members of a ward or of the President of a village panchayat ;

Provided that in special case, the Election Authority may direct the preparation of the electoral roll in a village panchayat before an election to fill the casual vacancy either in the office of the member or members of a ward or of the President of the village panchayat.

(5) The last part of the roll shall contain the names of every person having a service qualification and of his wife, if any, who are entitled to be included in that roll by virtue of the statement made under rule 7.

(6) The names of any person holding a declared office and of his wife, if any, who are entitled to be included in the roll by virtue of a statement made under rule 7 shall be included in the part of the roll pertaining to the locality in which they would, according to that statement, have been ordinarily resident.”.

3. Insertion of new rule 5A— In the said rules, after rule 5 as so amended, the following rule shall be inserted namely :—

“5A. Electoral roll of a village panchayat and ward of a commune panchayat.— For the purpose of election of :

(a) President of a village panchayat, the rolls of all wards in the panchayat village prepared under rule 5 and put together shall form the electoral roll of that panchayat village; and

(b) member of a commune panchayat, the rolls of the wards of panchayat village comprising the ward of the commune panchayat, prepared under rule 5 and put together shall form the electoral roll of that ward of the commune panchayat.

Explanation.— For the purpose of this rule, the electoral rolls for a panchayat village or ward of a commune panchayat as the case may be need not be prepared or amended separately when once the electoral rolls of all the constituent wards of panchayat villages have been prepared or amended in accordance with these rules.”.

4. Substitution of Forms 7 to 14— In the said rules, for the existing Forms 7 to 14, the following Forms shall be substituted namely :—