

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
PUDUCHERRY**

No.1-30(17)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/ 758

Dated.23.9.2021

DIRECTION

Sub: Civic Elections - Provision of Facilities for Observers.

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In order to ensure free and fair polls as well as to manage the conduct of elections in a smooth, efficient and effective manner, the Commission appoints and deploys observers to assist the commission in discharging of its constitutional responsibilities for the superintendence, direction and control of the process of elections.

2. The Commission issues the following instructions in the matter of providing facilities to the Observers:

- i. Arrangements for boarding, lodging, transport and security of the Observers in the outlying regions shall be arranged by the District/Regional Election Officers concerned. These expenses will be met out of contingencies for election by the DEO/REO.
- ii. The DEO/REO will provide the stationeries, secretarial assistance, and other requirements of the Observers for their effective functioning.
- iii. Specific facilities will also be provided for the Observers in the Counting centres. RO should provide a separate table for the Observer(s) at each counting centre.
- iv. Observers in all regions shall be provided with an Escort Officers who must have a clear knowledge of the area of constituency. ROs shall ensure that the Escort Officer should also be able to act as an interpreter for interaction of the Observers with the local people and officials.

- v. The ROs shall provide each Observer with a folder containing the following:
- (a) A Map of the Municipality / Commune Panchayats (showing also the boundaries of wards);
 - (b) List of Polling Stations as made available to the Political Parties and contesting candidates in terms of the provisions of Hand Book for the ROs;
 - (c) Table of contents of Electoral Roll of each ward;
 - (d) Such other documents as are essential.
- vi. The Observers should be housed in Government Guest Houses located in the region for which they are functioning as Observers.
3. DEOs/REOs shall ensure compliance with these directions without fail.

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(ROY P THOMAS)
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

To

- 1. The District Election Officer, Puducherry / Karaikal.
- 2. The Regional Election Officer, Mahe / Yanam.

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All Observers