

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (LA)

(G.O.Ms.No.60/LAS/96, dated 4th September 1996)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11, read with section 38 of the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayat Act, 1973 (No.10 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 Village and Commune Panchayats (Allotment and Rotation of Reserved Seats and Offices) Rules, 1996.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

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

(a) “Act” means the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 (No.10 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 12 of the Act.

3. *Allotment of reserved seats to be notified in the Gazette.*— The allotment of reserved seats and offices of chairpersons at all levels of panchayats 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 Village Panchayat and for each ward of the Commune Panchayat in relation to the last census and publish the same in the Official Gazette.

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

Provided that the arrangement of Commune Panchayats in seriatim shall be as detailed below:-

(1) Ariankuppam	(2) Bahour	(3) Mannadipet
(4) Nettapakkam	(5) Villianur	(6) Kottucherry
(7) Nedungadu	(8) Neravy	(9) T.R. Pattinam
(10) Thirunallar		

(2) Panchayats shall be allotted to Scheduled Caste Women from among the panchayats allotted for Scheduled Castes in such manner that allotment of panchayats 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 panchayats.—
From among the remaining panchayats, after allotting the offices of chairperson in the panchayats for Scheduled Castes, as far as practicable, alternate panchayats shall be allotted for Women and Scheduled Caste Women from among

the remaining offices of chairpersons in such manner that they are not pooled together but widespread as illustrated below:

Illustration.— In a Commune Panchayat, out of a total of 10 village panchayats, reservation to Scheduled Caste Women, shall not be allotted for Women.

9. Rotation of seats and offices.— Reservation of seats and offices for Scheduled Castes in panchayats shall be allotted by rotation at the expiry of each term of office and re-allotted to other wards or panchayats where the percentage of Scheduled Castes is next larger to the total population of that ward or Panchayat, as the case may be, by adopting a list of wards or panchayats 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.