

**GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT**

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clauses (ll) and (mm) of clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 38 of the pondicherry village and commune panchayats Act, 1973 (No. 10 of 1973) and of all other powers enabling her in this behalf, the Lieutenant-Governor, Pondicherry hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Pondicherry 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 Pondicherry Village and Commune panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Amendment Rules, 2002.

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

2. Amendment of Rules 19:— In the Pondicherry 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) in rule 19:—

(a) the brackets and figurer “(1)” in the existing sub-rule (1), shall be omitted: and

(b) for sub-rule (2), the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“19A. Admission to polling stations:— The presiding Officer shall regulate the number of electors to be admistted at any one time inside the polling station and shall exclude therefrom all persons other than:—

(a) Polling Officers:

(b) public servants on duty in connection with the election:

(c) persons authorised by the State Election Commission:

(d) candidates, their election agents and subject to the provisions of rule 20, one polling agent for each candidate.

(e) a child in arms accompanying an elector:

(f) a person accompanying a blind or infirm elector who cannot move without help: and

(g) such other persons as the returning officer or the presiding officer may employ under sub-rule (2) of rule sub-rule (1) of rule 25".

2. Amendment of rule 21:— In the said rules, for rule 21, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"21. Arrangements at polling stations:— (1) Out side each polling station there shall be displayed prominently

(a) a notice specifying the polling area the electors of which are entitled to vote at the polling station and, when the polling area has more than one polling station, the particulars of the electors of the electors so entitled: and

(b) a copy of the list of contesting candidates.

(2) 'At each polling station, there shall be set up one or more voting compartments in which electors can record their votes screened from observation.

(3) The returning officer shall provide at each polling stations a sufficient number of ballot boxes, copies of the relevant part of the electoral roll, ballot papers, instruments for stamping the distinguishing mark on ballot papers and articles, necessary for electors to mark the ballot paper."

3. Amendment of rule 25:— In the said rules, for rule 25, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"25. Identification of electors:— (1) The Presiding Officer may employ at the polling station such persons as he thinks fit to help in the identification of the electors or to assist him otherwise in taking the poll.

(2) As each elector enters the polling station, the presiding officer or the polling officer authorised by him in this behalf shall check the elector's name and other particulars with the relevant entry in the electoral roll and then call out the serial number, name and other particulars of the elector.

(3) Where the polling station is situated in a constituency, electors of which have been supplied with identity cards under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the elector shall produce his identity card before the presiding officer or the polling officer authorised by him in this behalf.

(4) In deciding the right of a person to obtain a ballot paper, the presiding officer or the polling officer, as the case may be, shall overlook merely clerical or printing errors in an entry in the electoral roll, if he is satisfied that such person is identical with the elector to whom such entry relates."

4. Insertion of new rule 25A:— In the said rules, after rule 25, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"25A. Facilities for public servants on election duty:—

(1) The provisions of rule 25 shall not apply to any person who produces at the polling station an election duty certificate in Form 12B and asks for the issue of a ballot paper to him although the polling station is different from the one where he is entitled to vote.

(2) On production of such certificate, the presiding Officer shall

- (a) Obtain thereon the signature of the person producing it;
- (b) have the person's name and electoral number as mentioned in the certificate entered at the end of the marked copy of the electoral roll; and
- (c) issue to him a ballot paper, and permit him to vote, in the same manner as for an elector entitled to vote at that polling station."

5. Amendment of rule 26:— In the said rules, for sub-rule (2) of rule 26, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(2) If any elector—

- (a) refuses to allow his left little finger to be inspected or marked in accordance with sub-rule (1) or has already such mark on his left little finger or does any act with a view to removing the ink mark, or
- (b) fails or refuses to produce his identity card as required by sub-rule (3) of rule 25, he shall not be supplied with any ballot paper or allowed to vote."

6. Amendment of rule 28:— In the said rules, for rule 28, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"28. **Issue of ballot papers and voting procedure:—** (1) At the time of issuing a ballot paper to an elector, the polling officer shall

(a) record on its counterfoil the electoral roll number of the elector as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll,

(b) obtain the signature or thumb impression of that elector on the said counterfoil: and

(c) mark the name of the elector in the marked copy of the electoral roll to indicate that a ballot paper has been issued to him without however recording therein the serial number of the ballot paper issued to that elector.

(2) No person in the polling station shall note down the serial numbers of the ballot papers issued to particular elector.

(3) Every elector to whom a ballot paper has been issued under this rule or under any other provision of these rules, shall maintain secrecy of voting within the polling station and for that purpose observe the voting procedure herein after laid down.

(4) The elector on receiving the ballot paper shall forthwith:—

(a) proceed to the voting compartment, and if there are more than one voting compartments to one of the voting compartments,

(b) there, make a mark on the ballot paper with the instrument supplied for the purpose on or near the symbol for which he intends to vote.

(c) fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his vote,

(d) if required, show the Presiding Officer the distinguishing mark on the ballot paper,

(e) insert the folded ballot paper into the ballot boxes,

(f) quit the polling station.

(5) No elector shall be allowed to enter a voting compartment when another elector is inside it.

(5) Every elector shall vote without undue delay. He shall not place anything except a ballot paper in the ballot box. Anything other than ballot paper found in the box at the time of counting of votes, shall be forfeited to the Government.

(6) If an elector to whom a ballot paper has been issued refuses after warning given by the presiding officer to observe the procedure as laid down in sub-rule (4), the ballot paper issued to him shall, whether he has recorded his vote thereon or not; be taken back from him by the presiding officer or a polling officer under the direction of the presiding officer.

(7) After the ballot paper has been taken back, the presiding officer shall record on its back, the words "cancelled voting procedure violated" and put his signature below those words.

(8) All the ballot papers on which the words "cancelled voting procedure violated" are recorded, shall be kept in a separate cover which shall bear on its face the words "Ballot papers voting procedure violated".

(9) Without prejudice to any other penalty to which an elector from whom a ballot paper has been taken back under sub-rule (6), may be liable, the vote, if any, recorded shall not be counted".

7. Insertion of new rule 28A:— In the said rules, after rule 28 as so amended, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"28A. Persons entitled to vote by post:— The following persons shall, subject to their fulfilling the requirements hereinafter specified, be entitled to vote by post at an election in a village panchayat ward, namely:—

- (i) service voters:
- (ii) voters on election duty: and
- (iii) electors subjected to preventive detention."

8. Amendment of rule 29.— In the said rules, for rule 29, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

29. Intimation by voters on election duty :— (1) A voter on election duty who wishes to vote by post at an election shall send an application in Form 11 to the Returning Officer so as to reach him atleast seven days or such shorter period as the Returning Officer may allow before the date of poll, and if the Returning Officer is satisfied that the applicant is a voter on election duty, he shall issue a postal ballot paper to him.

(2) Where such a voter, being a polling officer, Presiding, Officer or other public servant on election duty in the ward of which he is an elector, wishes to vote in person at an election in a village panchayat ward and not by post, he shall send an application in Form 12A to the Returning Officer so as to reach him at least four days, or such shorter period as the Returning Officer may allow, before the date of poll; and if the Returning Officer is satisfied that the applicant is such public servant and voter on election duty in the ward, he shall

- (a) issue to the applicant an election duty certificate in Form 12B.
- (b) mark 'EDC' against his name in the marked copy of the electoral roll to indicate that an election duty certificate has been issued to him: and
- (c) ensure that he is not allowed to vote at the polling station where he would otherwise have been entitled to vote."

9. Insertion of new rules 29A, 29B, 29C, 29D and 29E :- In the said rules, after rules 29 as so amended, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:-

"29A. Electors under preventive detention:- The Election Authority shall, within 15 days of the calling of an election ascertain and intimate to the Returning Officer the names of the elector, if any, subjected to preventive detention together with their addresses and electoral roll numbers and the particulars about their places of detention.

(2) Any elector subjected to preventive detention may, within 15 days of the calling of an election, send an intimation to the Returning Officer that he wishes to vote by post, specifying his name, address, electoral roll number and place of detention.

(3) The Returning Officer shall issue a postal ballot paper to every elector subjected to preventive detention whose name has been intimated to him under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2).

29B. Form of postal ballot paper:- A postal ballot paper shall be in the same form as the ordinary ballot paper with the words "postal ballot paper" stamped on the reverse. Every postal ballot paper shall have a counterfoil attached thereto and the said ballot paper and the counterfoil shall be in such form and the particulars therein shall be in such language as the Election Authority may direct.

29C. Issue of ballot paper:- (1) A postal ballot paper shall be sent by post under certificate of posting to the Elector together with

- (a) a declaration in Form 13
- (b) a cover in Form 13-A
- (c) a large cover addressed to the Returning Officer in Form 13-B : and
- (d) instruction for the guidance of the elector in Form 13-C

Provided that the Returning Officer may in the case of a voter on election duty deliver the ballot paper and forms, or cause them to be delivered, to such voter personally.

(2) The Returning Officer shall at the same time

- (a) record on the counterfoil of the ballot paper the electoral roll number of the elector as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll;
- (b) mark the name of the elector in the marked copy of the electoral roll to indicate that a ballot paper has been issued to him, without however recording therein the serial number of the ballot paper issued to that elector; and

(c) ensure that the elector is not allowed to vote at a polling station.

(3) Every officer under whose care or through whom a postal ballot paper is sent shall ensure its delivery to the addressee without delay.

(4) After ballot papers have been issued to all the electors entitled to vote by post, the Returning Officer shall seal up in a packet that part of the marked copy of the electoral roll which relates to service voters and record on the packet a brief description of its contents and the date on which it was sealed and send the other relevant part of the marked copy to the several Presiding Officers for recording the serial numbers of ballot papers issued to the electors at the polling stations.

29D. Recording of vote:— (1) An elector who has received a postal ballot paper and desires to vote shall record his vote on the ballot paper in accordance with the directions contained in Part I of Form 13–C and then enclose it in the cover in Form 13–A.

(2) The elector shall sign the declaration in Form 13 in the presence of, and have signature attested by a stipendiary magistrate or such other Officer specified below as may be appropriate, to whom he is personally known or to whose satisfaction he has been identified:—

(a) in the case of a service voter, such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the commanding officer of the unit, ship or establishment in which the voter or her husband as the case may be, is employed or such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the diplomatic or consular representative of India in the country in which such voter is resident;

(b) in the case of a voter on election duty, any gazetted Officer or the Presiding Officer of the polling station at which he is on election duty

(c) in the case of an elector under preventive detention, the Superintendent of the jail in which the elector is under detention: and

(d) in any other case, such officer as may be notified in this behalf by the Government

29E. Assistance to illiterate or infirm voters:— (1) If an elector is unable through illiteracy, blindness or other physical infirmity to record his vote on a postal ballot paper and sign the declaration, he shall take the ballot papers together with the declaration and the covers received by him to an officer competent to attest his signature under sub-rule (2) of rule 29D and request the officer to record his vote and sign his declaration on his behalf.

(2) Such Officer shall thereupon mark the ballot paper in accordance with the wishes the wishes of the elector in his presence, sign the declaration on his behalf and complete the appropriate certificate contained in Form 13."

10. Amendment of rule 30:— In the said rules , in rule 30,

(a) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) If the Presiding Officer is satisfied that owing to blindness or other physical infirmity an elector is unable to recognise symbols on the ballot paper or to make a mark thereon without assistance, the Presiding Officer shall permit the elector to take with him a companion of not less than eighteen years of age to the voting compartment for recording the vote on the ballot paper on his behalf and in accordance with his wishes, if necessary, for folding the ballot paper so as to conceal the vote and inserting it into the ballot box provided that no person shall be permitted to act as the companion of more than one elector at any polling station on the same day: Provided further that before any person is permitted to act as the companion of an elector on any day under this rule, the companion shall be required to declare in Form 13D that he shall keep the secrecy of the vote recorded by him on behalf of the elector, and that he has not already acted as the companion of any other elector, at any polling station on that day."

11. Insertion of new rules 30A, 30B, 30C and 30D:— After rule 30 of the said rules as so amended, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:—

"30A. Re-issue of ballot paper:— (1) when a postal ballot paper and other papers sent under rule 29c are for any reason returned undelivered, the Returning Officer may reissue them by post under certificate of posting or deliver them or cause them to be delivered to the elector personally on a request being made by him.

(2) If any elector has inadvertently dealt with the ballot paper or any of the other papers sent to him under rule 29C in such a manner as they cannot conveniently be used, a second set of the papers shall be issued to him after he has returned the spoilt papers and satisfied the Returning Officer of the inadvertence.

(3) The Returning Officer shall cancel the spoilt papers so returned and keep them in separate packet after noting thereon the particulars of the election and the serial numbers of the cancelled ballot papers.

30B. Return of ballot paper:— (1) After an elector has recorded his vote and made his declaration under rule 29D or rule 29E, he shall return the ballot paper and declaration to the returning Officer in accordance with the instructions communicated to him in Part II of Form 13C so as to reach the Returning Officer before the hour fixed for commencement of counting of votes.

(2) If any cover containing a postal ballot paper is received by the Returning Officer after the expiry of the time fixed in sub-rule (1), he shall note thereon the date and time of its receipt and shall keep all such covers together in a separate packet.

(3) The Returning Officer shall keep in safe custody until the commencement of the counting of votes all covers containing postal ballot papers received by him.

30C. Challenge of identity:– (1) Any contesting candidate, election agent or polling agent may challenge the identity of a person claiming to be a particular elector by first depositing a sum of two rupees in cash with the Presiding Officer for each such challenge.

(2) On such deposit being made, the Presiding Officer shall

- (a) warn the person challenged of the penalty for personation
- (b) read the relevant entry in the electoral roll in full and ask him whether he is the person referred to in that entry;
- (c) enter his name and address in the list of challenged votes in Form 14A ; and
- (d) require him to affix his signature in the said list.

(3) The Presiding Officer shall thereafter hold a summary inquiry into the challenge and may for that purpose

- (a) require the challenger to adduce evidence in proof of the challenge and the person challenged to adduce evidence in proof of his identity;
- (b) put to the person challenged any questions necessary for the purpose of establishing his identity and require him to answer them on oath; and
- (c) administer an oath to the person challenged and any other person offering to give evidence.

(4) If after the inquiry, the Presiding Officer considers that the challenge has not been established, he shall allow the person challenged to vote; and if he considers that the challenge has been established, he shall debar the person challenged from voting.

(5) If the Presiding Officer is of the opinion that the challenge is frivolous or has not been made in good faith, he shall direct that the deposit made under sub-rule (1) be forfeited to the Government, and in any other case, he shall return it to the challenger at the conclusion of the inquiry.

30D. Tendered Votes:– (1) If a person representing himself to be a particular elector applies for a ballot paper after another person has already voted as such elector, he shall on satisfactorily answering such questions relating to his identity as the Presiding Officer may ask, be entitled, subject to the following provisions of this rule, to mark a ballot paper (hereinafter referred to in these rules as a “tendered ballot paper”) in the same manner as any other elector.

(2) Every such person shall, before being supplied with a tendered ballot paper, sign his name against the entry relating to him in a list in Form 14B

(3) A tendered ballot paper shall be the same as the other ballot papers used at the polling except that it shall be

- (a) serially the last in the bundle of ballot papers issued for use at the polling station: and
- (b) along with the counterfoil endorsed on the back with the words “tendered ballot paper” by the presiding officer in his ownhand and signed by him.

(4) The elector, after marking tendered ballot paper in the voting compartment and folding it, shall; instead of putting it into the ballot box, give it to the Presiding officer who shall place it in a cover specially kept for the purpose.

Explanation:– In cases falling under this rule to which rule 30C is also applicable, the provisions of this rule as well as rule 30C shall be followed.

12. Amendment of rule 31:– In the said rules, in sub-rule (2) of rule 31, after the words “and the ballot paper so returned”, the words “and the counterfoil of such ballot paper” shall be inserted.

13. Amendment of rule 34:– In the said rules, for sub-rules (3), (4) and (5) of rule 34, the following shall be substituted namely:–

“(3) The Presiding Officer shall then make up into Separate packets and seal with his own seal and seals of such candidates or agents as may desire to affix their seals:–

- (i) the marked copy of the electoral roll;
- (ii) the counterfoils of the used ballot papers;
- (iii) the ballot papers signed in full by the presiding officer under sub-rule (2) of rule 27 not issued to the voters;
- (iv) any other ballot papers not issued to voters;
- (v) ballot papers cancelled for violation of voting procedure under rule 28;

- (vi) any other cancelled ballot papers;
- (vii) the cover containing the tendered ballot papers and the list in Form 14B
- (viii) the list of challenged votes; and
- (ix) any other papers directed by the Election Authority to be kept in a sealed packet.

(4) Each packet shall be numbered and shall bear a note as to its contents, the number and the name of the polling station and the number of the ward. Where no vote has been recorded at any polling station, the Presiding Officer shall submit a nil report together with the statement in Form 15 referred to in sub-rule (5).

(5) The packets shall be accompanied by a statement in Part I of Form 15 made by the Presiding Officer showing the number of ballot papers entrusted to him and accounting for them under the heads of ballot papers received, not used, issued to voters, cancelled and tendered ballot papers, and enclosed in a separate cover with the words "Ballot paper Account" superscribed thereon."

14. Amendment of rule 35:— In the said rules, the existing rule 35 shall be renumbered as sub-rule (1) thereof and after the said sub-rule (1) as so renumbered, the following shall be inserted, namely:—

"(2) The Returning Officer shall make adequate arrangements for the safe transport of all ballot boxes, packets and other papers and for their safe custody until the commencement of the counting of votes."

15. insertion of new rules 35A to 35X:— In the said rules, after rule 35, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:—

VOTING BY ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES

35A. Design of electronic Voting Machines:— Every electronic voting machine (hereinafter referred to as the voting machine) shall have a control unit and a balloting unit and shall be of such designs as may be approved by the Election Commission.

35B. Preparation of voting machine by the returning Officer:—

(1) The balloting unit of the voting machine shall contain such particulars and in such language or languages as the Election Commission may specify.

(2) The names of the candidates shall be arranged on the balloting unit in the same order in which they appear in the list of the contesting candidates.

(3) If two or more candidates bear the same name, they shall be distinguished by the addition of their occupation or residence or in some other manner.

(4) subject to the foregoing provisions of this rule, the returning officer shall,

(a) fix the table containing the names and symbols of the contesting candidates in the balloting unit and secure that unit with his seal and the seals of such of the contesting candidates or their election agents present as are desirous of affixing the same;

(b) set the number of contesting candidates and close the candidate set section in the control unit and secure it with his seal and the seals of such of the contesting candidates or their election agents present as are desirous of affixing the same.

35C. Arrangements at the Polling Stations:— (1) Outside each polling station there shall be displayed prominently:—

(a) a notice specifying the polling area, the electors of which are entitled to vote at the polling station and, when the polling area has more than one polling station, the particulars of the electors so entitled, and

(b) a copy of the list of contesting candidates

(2) At each polling station there shall be set up one or more voting compartments in which the electors can record their votes free from observation.

(3) The returning Officer shall provide at each polling station one voting machine and copies of relevant part of the electoral roll and such other election material as may be necessary for taking the poll

(4) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule(3) the Returning Officer may, with the previous approval of the state Election commission, provide one common voting machine for two or more polling stations located in the same premises.

35D. Admission to polling stations:— The Presiding Officer shall regulate the number of electors, to be admitted at any one time inside the polling station and shall exclude therefrom all persons other than

- (a) Polling Officers:
- (b) Public servants on duty in connection with the election
- (c) persons authorised by the State Election Commission;
- (d) candidates, their election agents and subject to the provisions of rule 20 one polling agent of each candidate;
- (e) a child in arms accompanying an elector;
- (f) a person accompanying a blind or infirm elector who cannot move without help: and
- (g) such other person as the Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer may employ under sub-rule (2) of rule 35G or sub-rule (1) of rule 35H

35E. Preparation of voting machine for poll:— (1) The control unit and balloting unit of every voting machine used at polling station shall bear a label marked with

- (a) the serial number, if any, and the name of the ward
- (b) the serial number and name of the polling station or stations as the case may be;
- (c) the serial number of the unit, and
- (d) the date of poll

(2) Immediately before the commencement of the poll, the presiding Officer shall demonstrate to the polling agents and other persons present that no vote has been already recorded in the voting machine and it bears the label referred to in sub-rule (4)

(3) A paper seal shall be used for securing the control unit of the voting machine, and the presiding officer shall affix his own signature on the paper seal and obtain thereon the signature of such of the polling agents present as desirous of affixing the same.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall thereafter fix the paper seal so signed in the space meant therefor in the control unit of the voting machine and shall secure and seal the same.

(5) The seal used for securing the control unit shall be fixed in such manner that after the unit has been sealed, it is not possible to press the "result button" without breaking the seal.

(6) The control unit shall be closed and secured and placed in full view of the presiding officer and the polling agents and the balloting unit placed in the voting compartment.

35F. Marked copy of electoral roll:– Immediately before the commencement of the poll, the presiding officer shall also demonstrate to the polling agents and others present that the marked copy of the electoral roll to be used during the poll does not contain;–

(a) any entry other than that made in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 29 and

(b) any mark other than the mark made in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-rule (20) of rule 29C

35G. Facilities for women electors:– (1) Where a polling station is for both men and women electors, the presiding officer may direct that they shall be admitted into the polling station alternately in separate batches.

(2) The Returning Officer or the presiding officer may appoint a woman to serve as an attendant at any polling station to assist women electors and also to assist the presiding officer generally in taking the poll in respect of women electors, and in particular to help frisking any woman electors in case it become necessary.

35H. Identification of electors:– (1) The presiding Officer may employ at the polling station such persons as he thinks fit to help in the identification of the electors or to assist him otherwise in taking the poll.

(2) As each elector enters the polling station, the Presiding officer or the polling officer authorised by him in this behalf shall check the elector's name and other particulars with the relevant entry in the electoral roll and then call out the serial number, name and other particulars of the elector.

(3) Where the polling station is situated in a constituency electors of which have been supplied with identity cards under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules 1960 the elector shall produce his identity card before the presiding officer or the polling officer authorised by him in this behalf.

(4) In deciding the right of a person to cast his vote, the presiding officer or the polling officer, as the case may be shall overlook the clerical or printing errors in an entry in the electoral roll if he is satisfied that such person is identical with the elector to whom such entry relates.

35I. Facilities for public servants on election duty:– (1) The provisions of rule 35H shall not apply to any person who produces at the polling station an election duty certificate in Form 12B and seeks permission to cast his vote at that polling station although it is different from the one where he is entitled to vote.

(2) On production of such certificate, the presiding Officer shall:—

- (a) obtain thereon, the signature of the person producing it;
- (b) have the person's name and electoral roll number as mentioned in the certificate entered at the end of the marked copy of the electoral roll; and
- (c) permit him to cast his vote in the same manner as for an elector entitled to vote at that polling station

35J. Challenging of Identity:— (1) Any polling agent may challenge the identity of a person claiming to be a particular elector by first depositing a sum of two rupees in cash with the presiding officer for each such challenge.

(2) On such deposit being made the presiding Officer shall:—

- (a) warn the person challenged of the penalty for personation;
- (b) read the relevant entry in the electoral roll in full and ask him whether he is the person referred to in that entry.
- (c) enter his name and address in the list of challenged votes in Form 14–A; and
- (d) require him to affix his signature in the said list

(3) The Presiding Officer shall thereafter hold a summary inquiry into the challenge and may for that purpose:—

- (a) require the challenger to adduce evidence in proof of the challenge and the person challenged to adduce evidence in proof of his identity;
- (b) put to the person challenged any questions necessary for the purpose of establishing his identity and require him to answer them on oath, and
- (c) administer an oath to the person challenged and any other person offering to give evidence

(4) If, after the inquiry, the presiding officer considers that the challenge has not been established he shall allow the person challenged to vote, and if he considers that the challenge has been established, he shall debar the person challenged to vote, and if he considers that the challenge has been established, he shall debar the person challenged from voting.

(5) If the presiding Officer is of the opinion that the challenge is frivolous or has not been made in good faith, he shall direct that the deposit made under sub-rule (1) be forfeited to Government and in any other case, returned to the challenger at the conclusion of the inquiry.

35K. Safeguards against personation:— (1) Every elector about whose identity the presiding officer or the polling officer, as the case may be, is satisfied, shall allow his left little finger to be inspected by the presiding officer or polling officer and an indelible ink mark to be put on the back of the left little finger immediately above the root of the nail on the skin.

(2) If any elector:—

(a) refuse to allow his left little finger to be inspected or marked in accordance with sub-rule (1) or has already such a mark on his left little finger or does any act with a view to removing the ink mark or

(b) fails or refuses to produce his identity card as required by sub-rule (3) of Rule 35H he shall not be allowed to vote.

(3) Any reference in this rule to the left little finger of an elector shall, in the case where the elector has his left little finger missing, be construed as a reference to any other finger to his left hand, and shall, in the case where all the fingers on his left hand, and shall, in the case where all the fingers of his left hand are missing, be construed as a reference to the little finger or any other finger of his right hand, and shall in the case where all his fingers of both the hands are missing be construed as a reference to such extremity of his left or right arm as he possesses.

35L. Procedure for voting by voting machines:— (1) Before permitting an elector to vote, the polling Officer shall:—

(a) record the electoral roll number of the elector as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll in a register of voters in Form 15A;

(b) obtain the signature or the thumb impression of the elector on the said register of votes; and

(c) mark the name of the elector in the marked copy of the electoral roll to indicate that he has been allowed to vote provided that an elector shall be allowed to vote unless he has his signature or thumb impression on the register of votes

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (3) of rule 2 it shall be necessary for any presiding officer or polling officer or any other officer to attest the thumb impression of the elector on the register of voters.

35M. Maintenance of secrecy of voting by electors within the polling station and voting procedures:—

(1) Every elector who has been permitted to vote under rule 35L shall maintain secrecy of voting within the polling station and for that purpose observe the voting procedure hereinafter laid down.

(2) Immediately on being permitted to vote the elector shall proceed to the presiding officer or the polling officer incharge of the control unit of the voting machine who shall, by pressing the appropriate button on the control unit, activate the balloting unit, for recording of elector's vote

(3) The elector shall thereafter forthwith—

(a) proceed to the voting compartment;

(b) record his vote by pressing the button on the balloting unit against the name and symbol of the candidate for whom he intends to vote; and

(c) come out of the voting compartment and leave the polling station.

(4) Every elector shall vote without undue delay

(5) No elector shall be allowed to enter the voting compartment when another elector is inside it

(6) If an elector who has been permitted to vote under rule 35L or rule 35—P refuses after warning given by the Presiding Officer to observe the procedure laid down in sub-rule (3) of the said rules, the presiding officer or a polling officer under the direction of the presiding officer shall not allow such elector to vote.

(7) Where an elector is not allowed to vote under sub-rule (6) a remark to the effect that voting procedure has been violated shall be made against the elector's name in the register of voters in Form-15A by the Presiding Officer under his signature.

35N. Recording of votes of blind or infirm electors:—

(1) If the presiding officer is satisfied that owing to blindness or other physical infirmities an elector is unable to recognise the symbol on the balloting unit of the voting machine or unable to record his vote by pressing the appropriate button thereon without assistance the presiding officer shall permit the elector to take with him a companion of not less than eighteen years of age to the voting compartment for recording the vote on his behalf and in accordance with his wishes;

provided that no person shall be permitted to act as the companion of more than one elector at any polling station on the same day.

provided further that before any person is permitted to act as the companion of an elector on any day under this rule that person shall be required to declare that he will keep secret the vote recorded by him on behalf of the elector and that he has not already acted as the companion of any other elector at any other polling station on that day.

(2) The presiding officer shall keep a record in Form 14 of all cases under this rule.

35O. Elector deciding not to vote:– If an elector, after his electoral number has been duly entered in the register of voters in Form–15–A and has put his signature or thumb impression thereon as required under sub-rule (1) of rule 35L decided not to record his vote, a remark to this effect shall be made against the said entry in Form. 15–A by the presiding Officer and the signature or thumb impression of the elector shall be obtained against such remark.

35P. Tendered Votes:– (1) If a person representing himself to be a particular elector seeks to vote after another person has already voted as such elector, he shall, on satisfactorily answering such questions relating to his identity as the presiding officer may ask, be, instead of being allowed to vote through the balloting unit, supplied with a tendered ballot paper which shall be of such design and the particulars of which shall be in such language or languages as the state Election Commission may specify.

(2) Every such elector shall before being supplied with tendered ballot paper write his name against the entry relating to him in Form 14B.

(3) On receiving the ballot the shall forthwith–

- (a) proceed to the voting compartment;
- (b) record there his vote on the ballot paper by placing a cross mark 'X' with the instrument of article supplied for the purpose on or near the symbol of the candidate for whom he intends to vote.
- (c) fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his vote
- (d) show to the presiding officer, if required, the distinguishing mark on the ballot paper.
- (e) give it to the presiding officer who shall place it in a cover specially kept for the purpose; and
- (f) leave the polling station

(4) If owing to blindness or physical infirmities, such elector is unable to record his vote without assistance, the presiding officer shall permit him to take with him a companion, subject to the same conditions and after following the same procedure as laid down in rule 35N for recording the vote in accordance with his wishes.

35Q. Presiding Officer's entry in the voting compartment during Poll:— (1) The Presiding Officer may whenever he considers it necessary to do so, enter the voting compartment during poll and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the balloting unit is not tampered or interfered with in any way.

(2) If the presiding officer has reason to suspect that an elector who has entered the voting compartment is tampering or otherwise interfering with the balloting unit or has remained inside the voting compartment for unduly long period, he shall enter the voting compartment and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the smooth and orderly progress of the poll.

(3) Where the presiding officer enters the voting compartment under this rule, he shall permit the polling agents present to accompany him if they so desire.

35R. Closing of Poll:— (1) The presiding officer shall close a polling station at the hour fixed in that behalf under sub clause (v) of clause (d) of sub-rule (1) of rule 10 or clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 33 and shall not thereafter admit any elector into the polling station;

provided that all electors present at the polling station before it is closed shall be allowed to cast their votes.

(2) If any question arises whether an elector was present at the polling station before it was closed it shall be decided by the presiding officer and his decision shall be final.

35S. Account of votes recorded:— (1) The presiding officer shall be at the close of the poll prepare an account of votes recorded in Form 15B and enclose it in a separate cover with the words Accounts of votes Recorded superscribed thereon.

(2) The presiding officer shall furnish to every polling agent present at the close of the poll a true copy of the entries made in Form 15-B after obtaining a receipt from the said polling agent therefor and shall attest it as a true copy.

35T. Sealing of voting machine after poll:— (1) As soon as practicable after the closing of the poll, the presiding officer shall close the control unit to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shall detach the balloting unit from control unit.

(2) The control unit and the balloting unit shall thereafter be sealed, and secured separately in such manner as the Election Commission may direct and the seal used for securing them shall be so affixed that it will not be possible to open the units without breaking the seals.

(3) The polling agents present at the polling station, who desire to affix their seals, shall also be permitted to do so.

35U. Seal of other packets:— (1) The presiding Officer shall then make into separate packets,—

- (a) The marked copy of the electoral roll;
- (b) the register of voters in Form 15A;
- (c) the cover containing the tendered ballot papers and the list in Form 14B;
- (d) the list of challenged votes; and
- (e) any other papers directed by the State Election Commission to be kept in a sealed packet

(2) Each packet shall be sealed with the seal of the Presiding Officer and with the seal either of the candidate or his election agent or his polling agent who may be present at the polling station and may desire to affix his seal thereon.

35V. Transmission of voting machines, etc., to the returning Officer:— (1) The presiding Officer shall then deliver or cause to be delivered to the Returning officer at such place as the returning officer may direct,—

- (a) the voting machine;
- (b) the account of votes recorded in Form 15B
- (c) the sealed packets referred to in rule 35U; and
- (d) all other papers used at the poll

(2) The returning Officer shall make adequate arrangements for the safe transport of the voting machine, packets and other papers for their safe custody until the commencement of the counting of votes.

35W. Procedure on adjournment of poll:— If the poll at any polling station adjourned under sub-rule (1) of rule 32, the provision of rules 35S to 35V shall, as far as practicable, apply as if the poll was closed at the hour fixed in that behalf under rule 10.

(2) When an adjourned poll is recommended under sub-rule (2) of rule 32 the electors who have already voted at the poll so adjourned shall not be allowed to vote again.

(3) The returning officer shall provide the presiding officer of the polling station at which such adjourned poll is held, with the sealed packet containing the marked copy of the electoral roll, register of voters in Form 15A and a new voting machine.

(4) The presiding officer shall open the sealed packet in the presence of the polling agents present and use the marked copy of the electoral roll for marking the names of the electors who are allowed to vote at the adjourned poll.

(5) The provisions of rules 35A to 35V shall apply in relation to the conduct of an adjourned poll before it was so adjourned.

35X. Closing of voting machine in case of booth capturing:— Where the presiding officer is of opinion that booth capturing is taking place at a polling station or at a place fixed for the poll, he shall immediately close the control unit of the voting machine to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shall detach the balloting unit from the control unit.

16. Insertion of new rules 41A to 41D:— In the said rules, after rule 41, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:—

41A. Counting of votes where electronic voting machines have been used – in relation to counting of votes at a polling station where voting machine has been used:—

(1) the provisions of rules 36, 41, 44, 45, 46 and 47 and in lieu of rules 37, 38, 39, 40 and 43 the following rules shall respectively apply, namely:—

41B. Scrutiny and inspection of voting machines— (1) The returning Officer may have the control units of the voting machines used at more than one polling station taken up for scrutiny and inspection and votes recorded in such units counted simultaneously.

(2) Before the votes recorded in any control unit of a voting machine are counted under sub-rule (1), the candidate or his election agent or his counting agent present at the counting table shall be allowed to inspect the paper seal and such other vital seals as might have been affixed on the unit and to satisfy themselves that the seals are intact.

(3) The returning officer shall satisfy himself that none of the voting machines has in fact been tampered with,

(4) If the returning officer is satisfied that any voting machine has in fact been tampered with he shall not count the votes recorded in that machine and shall follow the procedure laid down in rule 32 or rule 33 as may be applicable in respect of the polling station where that machine was used.

41C. Counting of votes:— (1) After the returning officer is satisfied that a voting machine has in fact not been tampered with, he shall have the votes recorded therein counted by pressing the appropriate button marked "Result" provided in the control unit whereby the total votes polled and votes polled by each candidate shall be displayed in respect of each such candidate on the display panel provided for the purpose in the unit

(2) As the votes polled by each candidate are displayed on the control unit, the returning officer shall have,—

- (a) the number of such votes recorded separately in respect of each candidate in Part-II on Form 15-B.
- (b) Part-II of Form 15-B completed in other respects and signed by the counting supervisor and also by the candidates or their election agents or their counting agents present; and
- (c) corresponding entries made in a result sheet in Form-17 and the particulars so entered in the result sheet announced.

41D. Sealing of voting machines:— (1) After the result of voting recorded in a control unit has been ascertained candidate wise and entered in Part II of Form 15-B and Form 17 under rule 41C the returning officer shall reseal the unit with his seal and the seals of such of the candidates or their election agents present who may desire to affix the seals thereon so however that the result of voting recorded in the unit is not obliterated and the unit retains the memory of such result.

(2) The control unit so sealed shall be kept in specially prepared boxes on which the returning officer shall record the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) the name of the constituency;
- (b) the particulars of polling station or station where the control unit has been used
- (c) serial number of the control unit,
- (d) date of poll; and
- (e) date of counting;
- (ii) the provisions of rules 37(5) (a) and 41 and 42 shall so far as may be apply in relation to voting by voting machines and any reference in those rules to

(a) ballot paper shall be construed as including a reference to such voting machine

(b) any rule shall be construed as a reference to the corresponding rules 35-A to 35-X or as the case may be to rules 41B or 41C or 41D.”

17. **Amendment of Form 1.** – In the said rules, for Form 1, the following shall be substituted, namely:–

FORM-1
Nomination Paper
(See rule 11)

Election as { Member from ward No. of Village Panchayat
President of Village Panchayat
Council member from Village Panchayat of Commune panchayat
*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

I hereby nominate as a candidate for the above election from

1. Full name of the proposer
2. Electoral roll number of the proposer*
3. Name of the candidate's father/husband
4. Full postal address of the candidate
5. Electoral roll number of candidate*

Date

Signature of the proposer

*Here insert–

- (i) name of the panchayat;
- (ii) the number of the ward;
- (iii) the serial number of the part of the electoral roll or the serial number of the street in which the name of the proposer or the candidate as the case may be has been entered; and
- (iv) the serial number of the entry in that part or street.

Illustration–

Thirukanur Village panchayat No. 9 Part 19 No. 358

(Tobe filled by the candidate)

I, the above mentioned candidate assent to this nomination and hereby declare that I have completeedyears of age.

Date :

Signature of the candidate

Note : (1) It should be clearly understood that under section 41 of the Pondicherry Village Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 and rule 11(6) of the Pondicherry Village and Commune panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978 a person who stands for election to any of the following, namely:—

- (i) a member of commune panchayat council;
- (ii) a member of village panchayat;
- (iii) a president of village panchayat; shall not be eligible to stand for the other two.

(2) A member or president of village panchayat and a member of commune panchayat council shall not be eligible to stand for any one of the above three elections.

Further declaration to be made by a schedule caste candidate

I hereby declare that I am a member of the caste which is a scheduled caste of the Union territory of Pondicherry

Pondicherry

Signature of the candidate

Date :

(To be filled by the Returning Officer)

Serial number of nomination paper;

The nomination was delivered to me at my office at

(hour) on (date) by the candidate / proposer.

Date :

Returning Officer

Decision of Returning Officer accepting or rejecting the nomination paper.

I have examined this nomination paper in accordance with rule 14 of the Pondicherry Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978 and decide as follows :

Date :

Returning Officer

.....(Perforation).....

Receipt for nomination paper and notice of scrutiny

(To be handed over to the person presenting the nomination paper)

Serial number of nomination paper:

Ward No.....of thevillage
Panchayat

The nomination paper ofa candidate for election fromvillage
panchyatCommune Panchayat council

was delivered to me at my office at(hour)on(date) by the candidate/
proposer#

All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at(hour) on(date) at
.....(place)

Date :

Returning Officer

strike off one of the alternatives.

18. **Insertion of new Form 12A and 12B :-** In the said rules, after Form 12, the following Forms shall be inserted, namely:—

“FORM 12–A
[See rule 29 (2)]

To

The Returning Officer for the ward No..... of
the.....

Sir,

I intend to cast my vote in person in the ensuing election to the
.....from the Ward No.

My name is entered at serial number in part No. of the electoral
roll for ward No.of

I request that an Election Duty Certificate in Form 12–B may be issued to enable me to
vote at the polling station where I may be on duty on the polling day. It may be sent to me at the
following address:—

.....
.....

Yours faithfully,
.....

Place :
Date :

FORM 12-B
[See rule 29 (2) (a)]
Election duty Certificate

Certified that _____ is an elector
in the ward No has electoral roll No
that by reason of his being on election duty, he is unable to vote at the polling station where he is
entitled to vote and that he is therefore hereby authorised to vote at any polling station in the said
ward where he may be on duty on the date of poll.

Place :

Signature :

Date :

Returning Officer

19. Insertion of new Forms 13–A, 13–B, 13–C, and 13–D:– Inthe said rules, after Form–13, the following Forms shall be inserted, namely :–

FORM–13A

COVER

[See rule 29C (1) (b)]

COVER

A

NOT TO BE OPENED BEFORE COUNTING ELECTION

to the *

POSTAL BALLOT PAPER

Serial Number of ballot paper

* Appropriate particulars of the election to be inserted here.

FORM—13B

COVER

(To be used at an election to the Municipal Councils of the Union Territory of Pondicherry)

[See rule 29 (1) (c)]

COVER B	<p>[Every officer under whose care or through whom a postal ballot paper is sent shall ensure its delivery to the addressee without delay-Rule 36 (3) of the Pondicherry Municipal Councils (Conduct of Election of Councillors) Rules, 1974]</p> <p>ELECTION—IMMEDIATE</p> <p>POSTAL BALLOT PAPER</p> <p>*For the Ward No..... of the Municipal Council</p> <p>of</p> <p>(NOT TO BE OPENED BEFORE COUNTING)</p> <p>Signature of sender.</p> <p>** To</p> <p>The Returning Officer</p>	SERVICE UNPAID
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* Returning Officer to insert here the name of the appropriate Ward No. of the Municipal Council.

** Returning Officer to mention here his full postal address.

FORM-13C
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF ELECTORS
[See rule 29C (1) (d)]

Election to the. *

The persons whose names are printed on the ballot paper sent here with are candidates at the above election. If you desire to vote; you should record your vote in accordance with the directions given in Part I below and then follow the instructions detailed in Part II.

PART-I DIRECTIONS TO ELECTORS.

1. The number of members to be elected is one.
2. You have only one vote.
3. You must not vote for more than one candidate, if you do, your ballot paper will be rejected.
4. Record the vote by placing clearly a mark opposite the name of the candidate to whom you wish to give that vote
5. The marks should be so placed as to indicate clearly and beyond doubt to which candidate you are given your vote. If the mark is so placed as to make it doubtful to which candidate you have given the vote that vote will be invalid.
6. An elector shall obtain the attestation of his signature on the declaration in Form 13 by a stipendiary magistrate or
 - (a) If he is a member of the armed forces of the Union or of an armed police force of a State but is serving outside the state, by such officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the Commanding Officer of the unit, ship or establishment in which the voter or her husband, as the case may be, is employed, or he is employed under the Government of India in a post outside India, by such Officer as may be appointed in this behalf by the diplomatic or consular representative of India in the country in which such voter is resident;
 - (b) If he is on election duty, by any Gazetted Officer or by the Presiding Officer of the Polling Station in which he is on election duty; and
 - (c) If he is under preventive detention, by the Superintendent of Jail in, which he is under detention,

* Appropriate particulars of the election to be inserted here,

PART II – INSTRUCTION FOR ELECTORS

(a) After you have recorded your vote on the ballot paper, place the ballot paper in the smaller cover marked 'A' sent herewith. Close the cover and secure it by seal or otherwise.

(b) you have then to sign the declaration in Form 13 also sent herewith in the presence of a stipendiary magistrate or any other officer competent to attest your signature (See direction 6 above.) Take the declaration to any such officer and sign it in his presence after he has been satisfied about your identity. The officer will attest your signature and return the declaration to you. you must not show your ballot paper to the attesting Officer not tell him how you have voted.

(c) If you are unable to mark the ballot paper and sign the declaration your self in the manner indicated above by reason of illiteracy, blindness or other infirmity, you are entitled to have your vote marked and the declaration signed on your behalf by any officer referred to in item (b). Such an officer will at your request mark the ballot paper in your presence and in accordance with your wishes. He will also complete the necessary certificate in this behalf.

(d) After your declaration has been signed and your signature has been attested in accordance with item (b) or item (c), place the declaration in Form 13 as also the smaller cover marked 'A' containing the ballot paper in the larger cover marked 'B' After closing the larger cover, send it to the Returning Officer by post or by messenger. You have give in your full signature in the space provided on the cover marked 'B' but no postage stamp need be affixed by you.

(e) You must ensure that the cover reaches the Returning Officer beforeP.M. on *

(f) Please note that:—

- (i) If you fail to get your declaration attested or certified in the manner indicated above, your ballot paper will be rejected; and
- (ii) If the cover reaches the Returning Officer afterP.M. on the your vote will not be counted.

*Here specify the hour and date fixed for the commencement of the counting of votes.

FORM-13D

[See rule 30 (1)]

DECLARATION BY THE COMPANION OF BLIND OR INFIRM ELECTOR

Election to the *

No. and Name of the polling station,

I, son of aged resident**
hereby declare that:-

(a) I have not acted as companion of any other elector at any polling station today: and

(b) I will keep secret the vote recorded by me on behalf of ***

Signature of Companion

* Appropriate particulars of the election to be inserted here.

** Full address to be given.

*** Name and Electoral roll number of elector to be given.

20. **Insertion of new Forms 14A and 14B:**– In the said rules after form 14, the following Forms shall be inserted, namely:–

FORM-14A
[See rule 30C]
LIST OF CHALLENGED VOTES

Election to the *

Polling Station

Sl. No. of entry	Name of elector	Sl. No. of part of roll	Elector's name in that part	Signature or thumb impression of the person challenged	Address of person challenged
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Name of Identifier, if any		Name of Challenger		Order of Presiding Officer	Signature of challenger on receiving refund of deposit
(7)		(8)		(9)	(10)

Place :

Date :

Signature of Presiding Officer

*Appropriate particulars of the election to be inserted here.

FORM-14B
[See rule 30 D]
LIST OF TENDERED VOTES

Election to the *

Number and Name of polling station

Part number, serial number and name of elector	Address of elector	Serial number of tendered ballot paper	Serial number of the ballot paper issued to the person who has already voted	Signature or thumb impression of person tendering vote
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Date :

Signature of Presiding Officer

* Appropriate particulars of the election to
be inserted here."

21. In the said rules after Form 14B, the following forms shall be inserted, namely:–

FORM–15

[See rule 34(5) and 40 (3)]

Election as { * Members from ward No.....ofVillage Panchayat
President ofVillage Panchayat
Council member fromVillage Panchayat of
..... Commune Panchayat
* Strike out whichever is not applicable

Part I – Ballot paper Account

Name of Commune PanchayatName of Village panchayat number and name
of polling station No. of ward

	Serial Nos.	Total No.
	
	From	To
1. Ballot papers received		
2. Ballot papers unused (i.e not issued to voters)–		
(a) with the signature of Presiding Officer		
(b) Without the signature of Presiding Officer	
* Total : (a+b)	
3. *Ballot papers used at the polling station (1-2=3)	
4. *Ballot papers used at the polling station but NOT INSERTED INTO THE BALLOT BOX :		
(a) Ballot papers cancelled for violation of voting procedure under rule 28(6)		

- (b) Ballot papers cancelled for other reasons
- (c) Ballot papers used as tendered ballot papers

Total : (a+b+c)

5 *Ballot papers to be found in the ballot box (3-4=5)

* (Serial numbers need not be given)

Date.....

Signature of the Presiding Officer

PART II – Result of Counting

I.	Name of candidate	Number of valid votes cast
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
etc.		

II. Rejected Ballot Papers

III. Total

Whether the total number of ballot paper shown against item No. III above tallies with the total shown against item No.5 of Part I or any discrepancy noticed between these two totals

Place

Date

Signature of the Counting Supervisor

Place

Date

Signature of the Returning Officer

FORM-15A

[See rule 35L]

Register of Voters

Election as { Members of ward No.....ofVillage Panchayat
President ofVillage panchayat
Members of ward No.....ofCommune Panchayat council

Name of polling staion
of Electoral Roll

Sl. No.of the elector in the electoral roll	Signature/thumb impression of elector	Remarks
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Signature of the Presiding Officer

FORM-15B

[See rule 35S]

Part I – Account of votes recorded

Election as { Member of ward No.....ofVillage Panchayat
President ofVillage Panchayat
Member of ward No.....of.....Commune Panchayat council

No, and name of Polling station.....

Part No. of electoral roll.....

Identification No. of voting control unit.....

Machine used at the polling station balloting unit (Sl. No.....)

1. Total No. of electors assigned to the polling station:
2. Total No. of voters as entered in the register of voters :
3. Total No. of voters deciding not to record votes under rule 35 O :
4. No of voters not allowed to vote under rule 35M :
5. Total No. of votes recorded in voting machine :
6. Whether the total No. of votes as shown against item 5 tallies with the total No. of voters as shown against item 2 minus No. of voters deciding not to record votes as against item 3 minus No. of voters as against item 4(2-3-4) or any discrepancy noticed :
7. No of voters to whom tendered ballot papers were issued under rule 35P

Serial No.

From

To

(a) Received for use

(b) Issued to electors

(c) Not used and returned

8. Account of paper seals

Serial Number

From To Total

- (a) Paper seals supplied
- (b) Paper seals used
- (c) Unused paper seals
returned (a-b)
- (d) Serial number of paper seals
damaged, if any.....

Place :

Signature of the Presiding
Officer

Date :

Polling Station

Sl. No.	Name of Polling agents	Signature
1.....		
2.....		
3.....		
4.....		
5.....		

PART II – Result of counting

Sl. No.	Name of the Candidate	No. of votes recorded
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
etc.		
Total		

Whether the total No. of votes shown above tallies with the total No. of votes shown against item 5 of Part I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals :

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Counting
Supervisor

Sl.No.	Name of candidate/election agent/ counting agent	full signature
1.....		
2.....		
3.....		
4.....		
5.....		
etc.		

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Returning Officer

22. In the said rules, for Form-17, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

FORM-17

[See rules 40(3), 41(1), (4) & (5) and 42]

Election as { * Member of ward No.....ofVillage Panchayat
President ofVillage Panchayat
Council member from.....Village Panchayat of
.....Commune Panchayat

*Strikeout whichever is not applicable

Final Result Sheet

Sl.No.	Name	Number of valid votes cast in favour of			Number of		
		A	B	C	Valid votes	Rejected votes	Tendered votes
No. of votes recorded at Polling stations							
No. of votes recorded on postal ballot papers							
Total							

Place :

Date :

Returning Officer"

23. In the said rules in Form-18, after the entry "Total number of rejected votes" the entry "Total number of Tendered votes" shall be inserted.

(By Order of the Lieutenant-Governor)