

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
PUDUCHERRY**

No.1-30(18-1)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/ 774

Dated.24.9.2021

DIRECTION

Sub: Guidelines for Scrutinizing Nomination Papers by Assistant Returning Officers for election to Municipal councils - Reg.

Government of Puducherry amended the rule 4 (6) of Puducherry Municipal Councils (Conduct of Election of Councillors) Rules, 1974 vide Notification G.O.Ms.No.11/LAS/2006, dt. 27.04.2006 and subsequent Notification G.O. Ms. No.13/LAS/2006, dt. 02.06.2006 and is reproduced hereunder:

“Every Assistant Returning Officer shall, subject to the control of the Returning Officer, be competent to perform all or any of the duties and functions of the Returning Officers as may be directed by the Regional Election Officer or the District Election Officer from time to time.”

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Articles 243-K and 243-ZA of the Constitution of India read with section 15A of the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and in relation to holding of elections the State Election Commissioner, Puducherry directs as follows:-

- (1) The Assistant Returning Officers shall scrutinize the Nomination papers received for the post of Member of ward of Municipal Councils.
- (2) The Returning Officers shall Scrutinize the Nomination papers received for the post of Chairman of Municipal Councils.
- (3) The Returning Officer shall
 - (i) closely monitor the functions of the Assistant Returning Officers when they are in the process of Scrutiny of Nomination papers, and
 - (ii) assign any other duties to a ARO as may be necessary for effectively conducting the elections within his jurisdiction in the manner provided by the Act & Rules or Orders made there under.

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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.
3. All ROs / AROs of Municipalities