

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
PUDUCHERRY**

No.1-30(18-2)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/ 775

Dated.24.9.2021

DIRECTION

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

In pursuance of rule 6(2) of Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Council and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978 as amended time to time, the State Election Commissioner, Puducherry hereby directs that –

- (1) The Assistant Returning Officers shall Scrutinize the Nomination papers received for the post of Member of Ward of Village Panchayats.
- (2) The Returning Officers shall scrutinize the rest of the Nomination papers viz. the Nominations received for the post of (i) President of Village Panchayats (ii) Member of Commune Panchayat 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 ARO as may be necessary for effectively conducting the election within his jurisdiction in the manner provided by the Acts & 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 Panchayats