

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
PUDUCHERRY**

No.1-30(22-1)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/

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**DIRECTION**

Sub: Preparation of list of Contesting Candidates for Election to Municipal Councils –  
Reg.

Rule 19 of the Puducherry Municipal Councils (Conduct of Election of Councillors) Rules, 1974, stipulates the procedure to be followed for preparation and publication of list of contesting candidates for Election to Municipal councils.

2. Accordingly, the Commission lays down the following directions for preparation of list of contesting candidates:-

- (i) Returning Officer (RO) shall prepare the list of all contesting candidates in the Form - 7.
- (ii) The List shall be prepared in the languages mentioned below –
  - a) English and Tamil for Puducherry & Karaikal Region
  - b) English and Malayalam for Mahe Region
  - c) English and Telugu for Yanam Region
- (iii) While preparing the list of contesting candidates, the following order of arrangements of candidates in regional language alphabets may be adopted
  1. Candidates set up by National Parties.
  2. Candidates set up by State Parties.
  3. Candidates set up by Registered but unrecognized parties.
  4. Independent Candidates.
- (iv) RO shall publish the list on the notice board in his office and Municipal office and in two or more conspicuous places in each ward for which the election is to be held.
- (v) RO shall supply a copy of list to each of contesting candidates or his election agent.
- (vi) RO shall publish the list in the Official Gazette.
- (vii) The names of candidates shall be arranged on the balloting unit in the same order in which they appear in the list of the contesting candidates as stipulated in Rule 49B of said rules.

3. This instruction may be brought to the notice of ROs/AROs and be followed without any deviation.

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(ROY P THOMAS)  
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

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All Returning Officers of Municipalities.