

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
PUDUCHERRY**

No.1-30(22-2)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/ 858

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DIRECTION

Sub: Preparation of list of Contesting Candidates for Election to Panchayats at all level
– Reg.

Rule 17 of the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayat (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978, stipulates the procedure to be followed for preparation and publication of list of contesting candidates for Election to Panchayats at all level.

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-6.
- (ii) The list shall be prepared in the English and Tamil languages.
- (iii) While preparing the list of contesting candidates, the following order of arrangements of candidates in Tamil 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 in the following places according to election to be held –
 - a) **For Election of Member of Commune Panchayat:** Office of RO, Commune Panchayat, taluk, sub-taluk office, and two or more conspicuous places in the commune panchayat which the RO considers necessary;
 - b) **For Election of President of Village Panchayat:** notice board of the Panchayat, where there is one or more conspicuous places in the panchayat for which the election is to be held; and
 - c) **For Election of Member of Village Panchayat:** notice board of the Panchayat, where there is one or more conspicuous places in the ward for which the election is to be held;

- (v) 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 35B 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

To

All Returning Officers of Commune Panchayats.