

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
PUDUCHERRY**

No.1-30(21)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/ 856

Dated. 02.10.2021

ORDER

1. Whereas, Rules 35H(3) 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 and 49H(3) of Puducherry Municipal Councils (Conduct of election of councillors) Rules 1974, as amended time to time, stipulates that the polling station situated in an 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; and

2. Whereas, Section 9A(1) of the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayat Act, 1973 read with Rule 15A of Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973, empowers this Commission to superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the Panchayats and Municipal councils; and

3. Now, therefore, the State Election Commission hereby directs that for the Civic Election to the Union Territory of Puducherry which have been scheduled to conduct in three phases on 21.10.2021, 25.10.2021 and 28.10.2021, all electors who have been issued EPIC shall produce the EPIC for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity:-

- (i) Aadhaar Card;
- (ii) MNREGA Job Card;
- (iii) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post office;
- (iv) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the Scheme of Ministry of Labour;
- (v) Driving / Conductor License issued by Transport Authority;
- (vi) PAN Card;
- (vii) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR;
- (viii) Indian Passport;
- (ix) Pension document with photograph;
- (x) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies;
- (xi) Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs;

- (xii) Student Identity Card issued by Government Recognized Institutions;
- (xiii) Arms Licence;
- (xiv) Property Document such as Pattas, Registered Deeds with Photograph etc.;
- (xv) Ex-Servicemen's Widow / Dependent Certificate with Photograph;
- (xvi) Railway / Bus Pass with Photograph;
- (xvii) Certificate of Physical Handicap with photograph obtained from Competent Authority; and
- (xviii) Freedom Fighter Identity Card.

4. In the case of EPIC, clerical errors, spelling mistakes, etc. should be ignored provided the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC. If an elector produces an EPIC which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer, such EPIC shall also be accepted for identification provided the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting. If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents mentioned in Para 3 above.

5. Notwithstanding anything in Para 3 above, overseas electors who are registered in the electoral roll under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the particulars in their Indian Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) in the polling station.

6. DEO, REO, and ROs are instructed to bring this order to the knowledge of all stakeholders concerned.


(ROY P THOMAS)
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

To

1. The DEOs, Puducherry / Karaikal.
2. The REOs, Mahe / Yanam.
3. All ROs of Municipalities and Commune Panchayats.