

தமிழ்நாடு மாநில தோ்தல் ஆணையம்

சென்னை – 106

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,

Chennai - 106

சட்டபூர்வ ஆணை STATUTORY ORDER

சுருக்கக் குறிப்பு ABSTRACT

ELECTIONS - Panchayats - Conduct of - Hours of Poll - Notified.

S.O.No. 6/2021/TNSEC/PE-1

Dated the 31st August 2021

Read:

S.O. No.17/2019/TNSEC/PEI, dated the 16th October, 2019.

ORDER:

The appended Notification will be published in the <u>Tamil Nadu Government</u> <u>Gazette</u> Extraordinary dated the 1st September 2021.

(தமிழ்நாடு மாநில தேர்தல் ஆணைய ஆணைப்படி) (By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

> E. SUNDARAVALLI செயலாளர்

> > Secretary

Encl.: Notification.

To

The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai 79. (with two copies)

With a request to publish the notification in the extraordinary issue of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette on **01.09.2021** and supply 20 copies to the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.

All District Election Officers/District Collectors (except Chennai)

- with a request to arrange to publish the appended notification in the respective District Gazettes.

All District Election Officers and District Collectors (except Chennai)

All Panchayat Union Commissioners

...through District Election Officer/District Collector concerned.

Copy to

The Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai-9 The Director General of Police, Chennai-4

The Principal Secretary to Govt., Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department, Ch-9 The State Election Officer and Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Ch-15 Computer Programmer - To upload in the website.

Stock File/Spares/ME-I Section .. for documentation.

APPENDIX

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, rule 25 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995, provides that the hours during which the poll will be open for the elections to Panchayats, being not less than ten hours between 7.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.;

WHEREAS, due to prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation and the guidelines (Standard Operating Procedures) are being issued by the Government, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission, as a precautionary measure and to facilitate the electors, having temperature more that 98.4°F with COVID-19 symptoms or undergoing treatment for COVID-19, to exercise franchise, has decided to extend the hours of poll to 12 hours instead of 10 hours in elections to panchayats; and

WHEREAS, a difficulty has thus arisen for the extension of hours of poll;

NOW, THEREFORE, for removing the difficulty, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K of Constitution of India and rule 24 and rule 25 read with rule 143 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995 and in supersession of the Notification No.VI(2)/96 (a-1)/2019, Published in Part VI – Section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 397, dated October 21, 2019, at page 1, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission hereby fixes that the hours of poll in elections to Panchayats, shall be between 7.00 A.M. and 7.00 P.M. on the day notified for poll.

(தமிழ்நாடு மாநில தேர்தல் ஆணைய ஆணைப்படி)

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