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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CHENNAI.

[ELECTIONS— ORDINARY ELECTIONS— WARD No. 7 OF EZHUDESAM TOWN PANCHAYAT, KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT— WARD MEMBER ELECTION—FRESH NOTIFICATION ISSUED—COMMENCEMENT OF COUNTING OF VOTES— AMENDMENT ISSUED—REGARDING.]

(S.O. No. 117/2011/TNSEC/ME-1.)

READ.

- 1. This Commission's S.O.No. 114/2011/TNSEC/ME1, dated 8-11-2011.
- From the Returning Officer/Executive Officer, Ezhudesam Town Panchayat L.r.Rc.No. 110/2011, dated 23-11-2011.

No. VI(2)/591(a)/2011.

Whereas, the ordinary election to fill up the office of the Ward Member of Ward No. 7 in Ezhudesam Town Panchayat, Kanniyakumari District was, *inter-alia*, notified to be held in accordance with the programme of election fixed in the notification of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission published with S.O. No. 114/2011/TNSEC/ME-1, dated 8th November 2011;

Whereas, in the Statutory Order read above, the date and hours of poll has been fixed as 27th November 2011 from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and the date of commencement of counting of votes has been fixed on 29th November 2011 at 8.00 a.m.;

Whereas, the Returning Officer/Executive Officer, Ezhudesam Town Panchayat, Kanniyakumari District in the reference second read above has reported that the election process in respect of elections to ward member in Ward No. 7 of Ezhudesam Town Panchayat is going on and that no official (service voters) residing in the jurisdiction of said ward has been appointed for election duty and the officials appointed for this election duty are the residents of other wards/areas and no postal ballot papers are required to be used in the said election;

Whereas, inasmuch as no postal ballot papers are required and only one polling station is involved for the said election, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has decided to have the counting process of counting of votes at the same premises

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where the poll is to take place and on the same day of poll that is on 27th November 2011 to complete the process immediately and to save time. Besides this, it will be a cost effective reform expedient to be considered in view of the circumstances mentioned above:

Whereas, it has been inter-alia notified in S.O.No. 114/2011/TNSEC/ME-1, dated 8th November 2011 that the commencement of counting of votes is 29th November 2011. Hence, a partial modification has to be issued in respect of election to be held on 27th November 2011 to Ward No. 7 of Ezhudesam Town Panchayat of Kanniyakumari District in view of the above decisions;

Now, therefore, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission hereby issues a partial modification to the said S.O.No. 114/2011/TNSEC/ME-1, dated 8th November 2011 duly ordering that the counting of votes will be held in the same premises where election is to be held in respect of Ward No. 7 of Ezhudesam Town Panchayat and the counting of votes will also commence soon after the completion of poll *i.e.* on 27th November 2011 instead of 29th November 2011;

The Returning Officer shall issue due notice to the contesting candidates and election agents in this regard basides arranging/ensuring adequate bandhobust by police authorities.

The District Election Officer/District Collector shall issue suitable directions and ensure all required and elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of elections in a free and fair manner.

(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai-600 106, 24th November 2011.

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V.M. XAVIER CHRISSO NAYAGAM, Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.