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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CHENNAI-600 106.

[LOCAL BODIES ELECTIONS - TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION - CONCESSION TO POLITICAL PARTIES - CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE TAMIL NADU LOCAL BODIES ELECTION SYMBOLS (RESERVATION AND ALLOTMENT) ORDER, 2019 - ISSUED.]

(S.O. No.23/2019/TNSEC/EG-1)

READ:

- 1. S.O.No.14/2019/TNSEC/EG1, dated 06-09-2019.
- 2. S.O.No.16/2019/TNSEC/EG1, dated 30-09-2019

No. VI(2)/98(c)/2019.

ORDER:

An order to provide for specifications, reservation choice and allotment of symbols for the Ordinary Elections, 2019 to Local Bodies in the State of Tamil Nadu and for matters connected therewith issued by the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission in the Statutory Order first read above.

WHEREAS, the Commission in the Statutory Order second read above notified the list of Recognised Political Parties and the symbols reserved for them in TABLE I, the list of Registered - Unrecognised Political Parties who are entitled to have preference over independents in the allotment of free symbols in TABLE I -A and the list(s) of free symbols in Tables 2 to 5 based on the notification issued by the Election Commission of India under the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 and as per the provisions made in the election Rules pertaining to Local Bodies Elections, 2019 in Tamil Nadu;

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of India substituted para 10B in the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968, which provides concession to candidates set up by a registered (unrecognised) parties and to unrecognized parties which were earlier recognized parties more than 6 (six) years back;

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In consonance with para 10B of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India read with rule 33, 34 and 35 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules,1995, rule 31, 32 and 33 of the Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats, Third Grade Municipalities, Municipalities and Corporations (Elections) Rules, 2006 and as per clause 11 of the Tamil Nadu Local Body Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 2019, certain concessions are hereby extended. Accordingly, the following amendment is hereby made to the Tamil Nadu Local Bodies Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 2019.

AMENDMENT

After paragraph 7(1) B, the following paragraph shall be inserted namely:-

"7 (1) C -Concession to candidates set up by registered (unrecognized) parties and to unrecognized parties which were earlier recognized parties more than 6 years back.

If a political party has been allotted with a Common Symbol in the elections conducted by the Election Commission of India and not cancelled subsequently, it may request to Tamil Nadu State Election Commission to continue to avail the same Common Symbol in the Local Body Elections conducted by the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission also:

Provided that an application is made to the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission by the said party for the concession for the allotment of Common Symbol to the candidates set up by it, not later than the third day after the publication in the Official Gazette of the notification calling the election along with the details of No. of wards / offices in which the said party wishes to get concession for the allotment of Common Symbol:

Provided further that the free symbol allotted as a Common Symbol shall not be entitled for the candidates set up by the party other than those wards / offices for which the details has been furnished as per para 2 to the Commission under this provision:

Provided further that if the party does not set up candidates as furnished, the party shall be liable for such action as the Commission may consider appropriate as per existing laws:

Provided further that the free symbol allotted as a common symbol to the candidates of a party under this paragraph shall be available for allotment to candidates set up by the other party or independent candidates in those other wards in which that party has not set up its candidates; and

Provided also that notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 7(1) B, a political party which was earlier a recognized political party and which lost its recognition more than 6 (six) years back will also be eligible under this paragraph to the concession of allotment of the symbol which was earlier reserved for the party as above".

(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai - 600 106, 30th October 2019.

S. PALANISAMY,
Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.