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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CHENNAI-600 106.

[ELECTIONS - PANCHAYATS - CONDUCT OF - HOURS OF POLL NOTIFIED.]

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

READ:

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

No. VI(2)/83(a)/2021.

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 than 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.

(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai-600 106,
1st September 2021.

E. SUNDARAVALLI,
Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.