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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 –
AMENDMENTS - ISSUED.]

(S.O. No. 13/2021/TNSEC/PE-1, dated 8th September 2021.)

READ:

S.O. No.6/2021/TNSEC/PE-1, dated 31st August, 2021.

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

WHEREAS due to prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has, inter-alia, fixed hours for poll under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and rule 24 and rule 25 read with rule 143 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995, between 7.00 A.M. and 7.00 P.M. on the day notified for poll of Panchayat elections;

WHEREAS, during the meeting with all recognised political parties held on 06.09.2021 the representatives of all the parties requested the hours of poll may be reconsidered and suggested to revise the hours for poll, taking into consideration of prevailing ground realities; and

WHEREAS, most of the District Election Officer/District Collectors also suggested in the video conference held on 08.09.2021 that the hours of poll may be fixed between 7.00 A.M. and 6.00 P.M. and further suggested that the last one hour between 5.00 P.M. and 6.00 P.M. may be exclusively fixed for the electors, having temperature more than 98.4°F with COVID-19 symptoms or undergoing treatment for COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and rule 24 and rule 25 read with rule 143 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Elections) Rules, 1995 the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission hereby makes the following amendment to the Notification issued in the Statutory Order read above, published in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary No.391, Part VI – Section 2, Dated 1.9.2021 vide Notification No.VI(2)/83(a)/2021 and the District Gazette, Dated 1st September 2021.

AMENDMENT

In the said Notification, in last para, for the expression "between 7.00 A.M. and 7.00 P.M. on the day notified for poll", the expression "between 7.00 A.M. and 6.00 P.M. and fixes the last one hour between 5.00 P.M. and 6.00 P.M. exclusively for the electors having temperature more than 98.4°F with COVID-19 symptoms or undergoing treatment for COVID-19, on the day notified for poll" shall be substituted.

(By Order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai-600 106,
13th September 2021.

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