Part VI—Section 2
Notifications or Orders of interest to a section of the public issued by Heads of Departments, etc.

NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

TAMIL NADU STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CHENNAI.

[ELECTIONS-PANCHAYATS, TOWN PANCHAYATS, MUNICIPALITIES AND CORPORATIONS-CONDUCT OF-SENSITIVE BOOTHS-VIDEOGRAPHY ARRANGEMENTS-DIRECTIONS ISSUED.]

(S.No. 98/2011/TNSEC/EG2.)

No. VI(2)/511(c)/2011.

Whereas, the superintendents, directions and control of all elections to Local Bodies in the State of Tamil Nadu are vested in the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission as per the powers conferred by Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India read with relevant sections of The Acts.

Whereas, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has already notified that the elections to Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu will be held in two phases on 17th October 2011 and 19th October 2011.

Whereas, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has already issued detailed instructions vide Circular No. C-68/EG2, dated 9th October 2011 on various aspects including the identification of sensitive polling stations in consultation with the police authorities and to ensure videography arrangements by the District Election Officer/District Collectors for which required funds have already been allotted to the Districts as advance.

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Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras while disposing of a batch of WPs in its order dated 14th October 2011, inter alia ordered that (i) the polling in all booths in the Chennai City Municipal Corporation area shall be compulsorily videographed. Simultaneously, the respondents shall examine the feasibility of webcasting the election in the Chennai City Municipal Corporation area and the same if found feasible shall be implemented, which shall be in addition to videography, (ii) the State Election Commissioner shall issue a notification by 15th October 2011 indicating the sensitive booths in the rest of the State (except Chennai Corporation) where videographing of the polling shall be compulsorily done and giving a direction to the respective District Collectors to webcast the polling process, if found feasible.

Whereas, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has already issued detailed instructions to the District Election Officer/Commissioner of Corporation, Chennai to make necessary arrangements to videograph/webcast in all the polling stations located in Chennai Corporation area and further instructed to comply with orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, in this regard.
Whereas, it has become expedient to issue a notification indicating the sensitive booths in all the Districts except Chennai Corporation by the Commission and to direct that videography arrangements shall compulsorily be done and also to give directions to the respective District Collectors to webcast the polling process, if found feasible.

Now, therefore the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission hereby indicates that the list of sensitive booths as reported by the District Election Officers/District Collectors in the table annexed. It is directed that the videographing of the polling shall be compulsorily done in the said polling booths. Further, it is also directed to webcast the polling process, if found feasible.

The District Election Officers/District Collectors are hereby empowered to add any number of polling stations under sensitive category duly considering the ground realities.

(By order of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission)

Chennai-600 106, 14th October 2011.

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