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Notification by the Election Commission of India

NOTIFICATION BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

APPOINTMENT OF DATES FOR POSTPONEMENT OF DATE OF POLL FOR
134. ARAVAKURICHI AND 174. THANJAVUR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

No. SRO G-26/2016.

The following Notification of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001, dated 20th May, 2016 [30 Vaisakha, 1938 (Saka)] is published:-

Whereas, the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu was called by the Governor of Tamil Nadu on 22nd April, 2016, by his notification of the said date under Section 15 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951; and

Whereas, on the same date, the Election Commission also issued notification under Sections 30 and 56 of the said Act fixing, *inter alia*, 16th May, 2016, as the day on which a poll shall be taken in 134-Aravakurichi and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituencies, among others; and

Whereas, the Commission has, for the reasons stated in its two orders No. 464/TN-LA/2016, dated 14th May, 2016 and 15th May, 2016, deferred the date of poll in the said 134-Aravakurichi and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituencies, scheduled to be taken on the 16th May, 2016 (Monday), and has directed that the poll in the said constituencies shall now be taken on 23rd May, 2016 (Monday); and

Whereas, the Commission had constituted two teams of officers for both the constituencies to look into the causes that led to large scale distribution of cash/gifts in the said constituencies and the teams have submitted their reports and based on the said reports the Commission is of the considered opinion that the matter needs further probe as to whether free and fair poll in the said two constituencies can be ensured in the present vitiated atmosphere; and

Whereas, in order to conduct such further probe, it is necessary that the poll scheduled to be taken in the said two constituencies on 23rd May, 2016 be further deferred by three weeks from 23rd May, 2016;

Now, therefore, the Election Commission hereby directs, under Article 324 of the Constitution and Sections 30 and 153 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, read with Section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, that its notification No. 464/TN-LA/2016, dated 22nd April, 2016, as amended, shall be further amended, to the following effect:-

In paragraph (A), for the existing clauses (d) (i), (d) (ii) and (e) (ii), the following clauses shall be substituted:-

(d) (i) the 16th May, 2016 (Monday), as the date on which the poll shall be taken in all Assembly Constituencies in the State of Tamil Nadu, except 134-Aravakurichi and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituencies;

(d) (ii) 13th June, 2016 (Monday), as the date on which poll shall be taken in 134-Aravakurichi and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituencies;

(e) (ii) 20th June, 2016 (Monday), 2016 as the date before which the election shall be completed in 134-Aravakurichi and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituencies;'.

(By Order)

TAPAS KUMAR,
*Senior Principal Secretary,
Election Commission of India.*

Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009,
20th May 2016.

RAJESH LAKHONI,
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Principal Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department.*