



**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA  
PANCHAYAT DEPARTMENT**

**THE TRIPURA PANCHAYATS  
(Conduct of Election)  
RULES, 1993.**



# THE TRIPURA PANCHAYATS ( CONDUCT OF ELECTION ) RULES, 1993.

( As amended upto June, 1999 )

## PART - I

### PRELIMINARY

#### Short Title and Commencement :

- (1) These rules may be called the **TRIPURA PANCHAYATS ( CONDUCT OF ELECTION ) RULES, 1993** ;
- (2) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette ;

#### Definition :

- (1) In these rules, unless the contest otherwise requires -
  - (a) 'Act' means the Tripura Panchayats Act, 1993 (Tripura Act No. 7 of 1993 ) ;
  - (b) 'Ballot Box' includes any box, bag or other receptable in use for the insertion of Ballot papers by voters ;
  - (c) "Counter Foil" means the counter foil attached to a Ballot paper printed under the provisions of these rules ;
  - (d) "District Election Officer" and "Sub-Divisional Election Officer" means an Officer appointed under sub-section (4) of Section 176 ;
  - (e) "Election" in relation to election of any member of a Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad means any person entitled to vote at that election ;
  - (f) "Election Roll" in relation to any election of a Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad means the list maintained under Section 177 by the Returning Officer for that election.
  - (g) "Electoral Roll Number" of a person means -
    - (i) the serial number of the entry in the electoral roll in respect of the person ; and

- (ii) the serial number of the part of electoral roll in which such entries occurs ; and
  - (iii) the name of the constituency to which the Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad and the member of the constituency to which the electoral roll relates;
  - (h) "Form" means a form appended to these rules and includes a manuscript, or type written or cyclostyled copy and also a translated copy in Bengali thereof ;
  - (i) "Marked copy of the electoral roll" means the copy of the electoral roll set a part for the purpose of marking the names of electors to whom Ballot papers are issued at an election ;
  - (j) "Polling Station" in relation of election of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad means the place fixed for taking poll of the election ;
  - (k) "Presiding Officer" includes –
    - (i) any Polling Officer performing any of the functions of a Presiding Officer under sub-section (8) of Section 176 ;
    - (l) "Returning Officer" means an Officer appointed under sub-section (6) of Section 176 and includes an Asstt. Returning Officer appointed under sub-section (7) of Section 176 performing any function he is authorized to perform under sub-section (7) of Section 176 ;
  - (m) "Section" means a Section of the Act ;
  - (n) "Polling agent " means a polling agent appointed under these rules and includes a candidate and the election agent of a candidate and includes a relief polling agent.
- (2) The expression used in these rules and not otherwise defined shall have the same meaning as are respectively assigned to them in the Act.
- (3) The General Clauses Act, 1966 shall apply for the interpretation of this rules as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the legislature of the State of Tripura.



## PART – II

### GENERAL PROVISION

**\*[ 3. Date of Poll for Election :**

The State Election Commission shall, at the same time or as soon as may be after specifying a date before which an election is to be held in pursuance of notification under sub-section (1) of Section 17 or sub-section (1) of Section 74 or sub-section (1) of Section 126, and after consultation with the State Government, appointed the date and time of poll for any election or bye-election of Panchayats. ]

**\*\* [ 4. Appointment of dates for nomination etc.**

As soon as the notification calling upon a constituency to elect a member or members is issued, the State Election Commissioner shall, after consulting the State Government, by notification published in the gazette of Tripura, appoint –

- (a) the last date for making nominations, which shall be the seventh days after the date of publication of the first mentioned notification or, if that day is a public holiday, the next succeeding day which is not a public holiday ;
- (b) the date for the scrutiny of nominations, which shall be (the day immediately following ) the last date for making nominations or, if that day is a public holiday, the next succeeding day which is not a public holiday ;
- (c) the last date for the withdrawal of candidatures, which shall be the second day after the date for the scrutiny of nominations or, if that day is a public holiday, the next succeeding day which is not a public holiday ;
- (d) the date or dates on which a poll shall, if necessary be taken, which or the first of which shall be a date not earlier than the fifteenth day after the last date for the withdrawal of candidature ; and
- (e) the date before which the election shall be completed.

**4A Public Notice of Election :**

On the issue of a notification under sub-rule (1) of Rule 4, the Returning Officer of Gram Panchayat Constituency, or Panchayat Samiti constituency, or, as the case may be, Zilla Parishad constituency shall give public notice of the intended Election in Form 1, inviting nominations of candidates for such Election and specifying the place at which the nomination papers are to be delivered. ]

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\* [ ] *The Provision of Rule 3 within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-141)-GL/PR/94, dated 27-6-94.*

\*\* [ ] *The Provisions of Rule 4 & 4A within the square brackets have been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-99.*



## 5. Nomination of Candidates :

(1) Any person, if not otherwise disqualified under the provisions of the Act or any order made there under, may be nominated as a candidate for election to a Gram Panchayat for not more than one seat from any constituency in a Gram, if his name is included in the electoral roll of that constituency or any other constituency pertaining to the area comprised in that Gram.

(2) Any person, if not otherwise disqualified under the provisions of this Act or any order made thereunder may be nominated as a candidate for election to a Panchayat Samiti for not more than one constituency if his name is included in the electoral roll for Panchayat election pertaining to the area comprised in that Panchayat Samiti.

(3) Any person, if not otherwise disqualified under the provisions of this Act or any order made thereunder may be nominated as a candidate for election to Zilla Parishad for not more than one constituency if his name is included in the electora\*[ roll ] for Panchayat Election pertaining to the area comprised in that Zilla Parishad.

(4) Nomination papers in form 2A or 2B or 2C shall be supplied by the Returning Officer to any voter on demand.

## 6. Presentation of Nomination Papers and requirement for Valid Nomination :

(1) On any of the dates fixed for filling nomination under clause (a) of Rule 4, each candidate shall either in person or by his proposer deliver to the Returning Officer during the time and at the place specified in the order under rule 4, a nomination paper duly completed and signed by the candidate and by a voter of the constituency as proposer :

Provided that for the purpose of nomination for election from a constituency or a seat, as the case may be, reserved for the Sch. Castes or the Sch. Tribes person, the nomination paper shall be accompanied by a copy of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes certificate granted by a competent authority and that the original copy of such certificate shall be produced at the time of delivery of such nomination paper to the Returning Officer.

\*\*[ Provided further that a candidate not set up by a recognized Political Party, shall not be deemed to be duly nominated for election from a constituency in the following scales :-

(a) for constituencies of the Gram Panchayats, two proposers where number of voters in the constituency is upto one hundred. Where number of voters in the constituency is between 101 to 250, three proposers. Where number of voters in the constituency is above 250, five proposer ;

(b) in case of the constituencies of the Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad, five proposers. ]

\* [ ] The word within the square brackets has been inserted by amendment vide Panchayats Department Notification No.F.6(1-141)/GL/PR/94, dated 23-6-1994.

\*\* [ ] The Provisions within the square brackets has been inserted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.



(2) Any person whose name is entered in the voter list of the constituency for which the candidate is nominated and who is not otherwise disqualified may subscribe as proposer :

Provided that he shall not subscribe as proposer for more than one nomination.

(3) Every nomination paper presented to the Returning Officer shall be in Form 2A in case of Gram Panchayat, Form 2B in case of Panchayat Samiti and Form 2C in case of Zilla Parishad.

Provided that a failure to complete or defects in completing the declaration as to the symbol in a nomination paper in Form 2A or 2B or 2C shall not be deemed to be a defect of substantial character within the meaning of sub-rule (4) or rule 15.

(4) Nothing in this rule shall prevent any candidate from being nominated by more than one nomination papers for election in the same constituency.

Provided that not more than four nomination papers shall be presented by or on behalf of any candidate or accepted by the Returning Officer for election in the same constituency.

(5) On the presentation of a nomination paper, the Returning Officer shall satisfy himself that the names and the numbers in the list of voters of the candidate and his proposer as entered in the Nomination paper are the same as those entered in the electoral roll referred to in Section 177 :

Provided that the Returning Officer shall permit any clerical or technical error in the nomination paper in regard to the same name or numbers to be corrected in order to bring them into conformity with the corresponding entries in the voter list and where necessary may direct that any clerical or printing error in the said entries shall be overlooked.

#### 7. Classification of Symbols :

(1) For the purpose of these rules symbol are either reserved or free.

(2) A reserved symbol is a symbol which is reserved by Election Commission of India for a recognized political party for exclusive allotment to a contesting candidate or candidates set up by that party.

#### 8. Classification of Recognised Political Party :

For the purpose of these rules, recognised political party means a political party recognized by the Election Commission of India as a National Party or a State party of this State.

#### 9. Symbol for Election :

\*[ (1) The State Election Commissioner shall notify before every General Election a revised scheduled of free symbols keeping in view up-dated list of free symbols notified by the Election Commission of India which may be chosen by the candidates at the election in a constituency. ]

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\*[ ] *The Provision within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



(2) Where at any such election more nomination papers than one are delivered by or on behalf of the candidate, the declaration as to symbol made in the nomination paper first delivered, and no other declaration as to symbols, shall be taken into consideration under rule 18 even if the first nomination paper has been rejected.

10. **Choice of Reserved Symbols by a Candidate :**

A candidate set up by a recognized political party at any election in any constituency shall choose, and shall be allotted only the symbol reserved for that party.

11. When a candidate shall be deemed to be set up by a Political Party :

(1) For the purpose of these rules a candidate shall be deemed to be set up by a recognized political party if, -

(a) The candidate has made a declaration to that effect in his nomination paper ; and

\*[(b) A notice in writing shall be submitted in the format prescribed by State Election Commission to that effect so as to reach not later than the closing time of making nomination being delivered to the Returning Officer of the constituency with copy to the Sub-Divisional Election Officer, i.e. Sub-Divisional Officer of the concerned Sub-Division. ]

(c) The said notice is signed by the President, Chairman or General Secretary of the concerned recognized political parties, or if there is no General Secretary, the Secretary of the state Unit of the recognized political party or by any member of such recognized political party duly authorized by such President , Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary, as the case may be.

(2) The duly attested specimen signature of the President, Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary of the State Unit of the recognized political party or by such authorized member or where a member has been authorized to sign the notice, a letter to that effect by the President ,Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary as the case may be, shall be sent to the respective Returning Officer so as to reach him \*\*[ not later than closing time of making nomination. ]

12. **Choice of free symbol / symbols by candidate :**

\*[ (1) A candidate other than the candidates sponsored by the recognized Political Parties in a Gram Panchayat election from any constituency shall given in order of preference three symbols out of symbols notified by the State Election Commissioner.

(2) A candidate other than the candidates sponsored by the recognized Political parties in a Panchayat Samiti election from any constituency shall give in order of preference three symbols.

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\*\*[ ] *The words within the square brackets have been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



(3) A candidate other than the candidates sponsored by the recognized Political parties in a Zilla Parishad election from any constituency shall give in order of preference three symbols.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), (2),(3), the State Election Commissioner may, by an order, specify additional free symbols for allotment by the Returning Officer, to each of the candidate, if at any election the number of candidates, other than those set up by the recognized political parties exceeds the number of symbols notified by the State Election Commissioner. ]

### 13. **Deposit :**

A candidate shall not be deemed to be declared nominated for election from a constituency unless he deposits or causes to be deposited in cash with the Returning Officer concerned.

- (a) in case of an election from a constituency of a Gram Panchayat a sum of **\*\*[ Rs. 100/- ]** or where the candidate is a women or is a member of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes a sum of **\*\*[ Rs. 50/- ]** ;
- (b) in the case of an election from constituency of a Panchayat Samiti, a sum of **\*\*[ Rs. 200/- ]** or where the candidate is a woman or is a member of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes a sum of **\*\*[ Rs. 100/- ]** ;
- (c) in case of an election from constituency of the Zilla Parishad a sum **\*\*[Rs. 400/- ]** or where the candidate is a woman / or is a member of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes a sum of **\*\*[Rs. 200/-]**;

Provided that where a candidate has been nominated by more than one nomination paper for election in same constituency not more than one deposit shall be required by him under this rule.

### 4. **Notice of nominations and time and place for the scrutiny :**

The Returning Officer shall, on receiving the nomination papers under sub-rule 1) of Rule 6 from the person or persons delivering the same shall enter on the nomination paper its self serial number, and sign thereon on a certificate stating the date and the hour at which the nomination papers has been delivered to him and shall as soon as may be thereafter, cause to be affixed in Form 3 in some conspicuous places in his office a notice of the nomination containing description similar to these contained in the nomination paper both of the candidate of the proposer.

### 5. **Scrutiny of nomination :**

(1) On the date fixed for the scrutiny of nomination, the candidates or their election agent and one proposer and no other persons may attend at the time and place appointed in this behalf and the Returning Officer shall give them all reasonable facilities for examining the nomination paper of all candidates which have been delivered within the time.

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\*\*[ ] *The words & figures within the square brackets have been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



(2) The Returning Officer shall then examine the nomination paper and shall decide all objections which may be made to any nomination and may either on such objection or on his own notion, after such summary enquiry, if any, as he thinks necessary, reject and nomination on any of the following grounds, namely –

- (a) that the candidate is disqualified for being chosen to fill the seat by or under the Act ;
- (b) that the proposer is not a voter of the constituency concerned ;
- (c) that there has been a failure to comply with any provision of the Rules – 5 and 6.
- (d) that the signature of the candidate or of the proposer on the nomination paper is not genuine.

(3) Nothing contained in clause (c) or (d) of Sub-rule (2) shall be deemed to authorise the rejection of the nomination of any candidate on the ground of any irregularities in respect of a nomination paper, if the candidate has been duly nominated by means of another nomination paper in respect of which no irregularities have been committed.

(4) The Returning Officer shall not reject any nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of substantial character.

(5) The Returning Officer shall hold scrutiny on the date appointed in this behalf under clause (b) of rule 4 and shall not allow adjournment of the proceeding except when such proceedings are interrupted or obstructed by riot, or open violence or by cases beyond his control.

\*[ Provided that in case an objection is raised by the Returning Officer or is made by any other person, the candidate concerned may be allowed time to rebut it not later than the day, following the date fixed for scrutiny, and the Returning Officer shall record his decision on the date to which the proceedings have been adjourned. ]

(6) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each nomination paper his decision accepting or rejecting the same and, if the nomination paper is rejected shall record in writing brief statement of reasons for such rejection.

#### 16. List of Validly Nominated Candidate :

(1) Immediately after all nomination papers have been scrutinized and decided and decisions accepting or rejecting the same have been recorded, the Returning Officer shall prepare a list in Form – 4 of validly nominated candidate that is to say the candidates whose nomination have been found valid and affixed it on his notice board.

(2) The nomination of every such candidate shall be shown in the said list as it appears in his nomination paper.

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\*[ ] *The provision with in the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



## 17. Withdrawal of Nomination :

### Notice of withdrawal of candidature :

(1) Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by a notice in writing which shall be signed by him and delivered before 3 O'clock in the afternoon on the day fixed under clause (c) of Rule 4 to the Returning Officer either by such candidate in person or by election agent who has been authorized in this behalf in writing by such candidate.

(2) No person who has given a notice of withdrawal of his candidature under sub-rule (1) shall be allowed to cancel the notice.

(3) A notice of withdrawal of candidate under sub-rule (2) shall be in Form-5 and shall contain the particular set out there in, and on receipt of such notice the Returning Officer shall note there on date and time at which it was delivered.

(4) The Returning Officer shall on being satisfied, as to the genuineness of notice of withdrawal and the identity of the persons delivering it under sub-rule (2) and cause notice in Form 6 to be affixed on his notice board.

## 18. Preparation of List of Contesting Candidate :

(1) Immediately after the expiry of the period within which candidature may be withdrawn under sub-rule (1) of rule 17 the Returning Officer shall prepare in form 7 a list of contesting candidates, that is to say candidates whose nomination papers have been finally accepted and who have not withdrawn their candidature within the said period.

\*[ Provided that if a candidate considers that his name is incorrectly spelt or is otherwise incorrectly shown in his nomination paper or is different from the name by which he is popularly known, he may, at any time before the list of contesting candidates is prepared, furnish in writing to the returning officer the proper form and spelling of his name and the returning officer shall, on being satisfied as to the genuineness of the request, make the necessary correction or alteration in the list in Form 4 and adopt that form and spelling in the list of contesting candidates. ]

\*\*[ (2) For the purpose of listing the names under sub-Rule (1), the candidates shall be classified as follows, namely :-

- (a) candidates of recognized political parties ;
- (b) the candidates of registered Political Parties other than those mentioned in Clause (a).
- (c) other candidates.

and the names of candidates in each category shall be arranged in the order as specified above in alphabetical order and the addresses of the contesting candidates as given in the nomination papers together with such other particulars as prescribed in Form - 7.

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\*[ ] *The provisions with in the square brackets has been inserted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



(3) If the list is prepared in more languages than one, name of candidates therein shall be arranged alphabetically, in the script of such one of those languages as the State Election Commission may direct. Alphabetical order referred to in sub-rule (2) shall be determined with reference to surnames of the candidates where the surnames are written first and in order cases the proper name of the candidate. ]

(4) Immediately after the preparation of list of the contesting candidate referred to in sub-rule (1) the Returning Officer shall, subject to the provisions of Rules 10,11 and 12 and to any general or special direction issued in this behalf by the State Panchayat Election Commission –

- (a) allot one of the different symbols to each contesting candidate in conformity with as far as practicable with his choice ; and
- (b) if more contesting candidate than one have indicated their preference for the same symbol, decide by lot as to which of candidates the symbol will be allotted. The allotment of symbol by the Returning Officer to a candidate shall be final ;

Provided that while allotting a symbol, the Commission shall give preference to the candidate of a registered recognized State political party of any other State or registered unrecognized political party or an unrecognized unregistered political party which exist in the State of Tripura.

- (c) every candidate or his election agent shall forthwith be informed of the symbol allotted to the candidate and be supplied with specimen with specimen thereof by the Returning Officer.

19. **Publication of List of Contesting Candidate :**

The Returning Officer shall immediately after its preparation cause a copy of the list of contesting candidate to be affixed on the notice board in his office and shall also supply a copy thereof to each of the contesting candidate or to his election agent.

20. **Appointment of Election Agent and rejection of such Appointment :**

(1) If a candidate desires to appoint an election agent such appointment shall be made in Form 8, either at the time of delivering nomination paper or at any time before election.

(2) The appointment of the Election Agent may be revoked by the candidate at any time by a declaration in writing in Form 9 signed by him and lodged with the Returning Officer. Such revocation shall take effect from the date which it is lodged. In the event of such revocation or in the event of election agent dying before or during the period of election, the candidate may appoint a new election agent in accordance with the provision of sub-rule (1).

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\*\*[ ] *The provisions with in the square brackets have been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



21. **Appointment of Polling Agent :**

(1) At an election at which a poll is to be taken any contesting candidate, or his election agent may appoint one agent and one relief agent to act as polling agent of such candidate at each polling station. Each appointment shall be made by a letter in writing in duplicate in Form 10 signed by the candidate or his election agent.

(2) The candidate or his election agent shall, deliver the duplicate copy of the letter of appointment to the polling agent, who shall, on the date fixed for poll, present it to the presiding officer and shall retain the duplicate copy presented to him in his custody. No polling agent shall be allowed to perform any duty at the polling station unless he has complied with the provision of this sub-rule.

(3) The appointment of a polling agent may be revoked by a candidate or his election agent at any time before the commencement of the poll by a declaration in writing in Form – 11 signed by him. Such declaration shall be lodged to the Presiding Officer at the polling station where the agent is so appointed for duty

Provided that where the appointment of a polling agent is revoked or where the polling agent dies before the commencement of the poll candidate or his election agent may, at the time before the poll is closed, appoint a new polling agent in accordance with the provision of the rule.

\*[ 22. **Provision of Polling Stations for Constituencies :**

The District Election Officer shall, with the previous approval of the State Election Commission, provide sufficient number of Polling Stations for every constituency the whole or greater part of which lies within his jurisdiction, and shall publish, in such manner as the State Election Commission may direct, a list showing the polling stations so provided and the polling areas or groups of voters for which they have respectively been provided. ]

\*\*[ 22A. **Observers :**

The State Election Commissioner may nominate an observer / observers who shall be the officer / officers of the Government to watch the conduct of election or elections in a constituency or a group of constituencies and to perform such other functions as may be entrusted to him by the State Election Commissioner. ]

23. **Voting normally to be in person :**

Save as herein after provided all electors, voting at an election shall do so in person at the polling station provided for them, at the place of polling fixed under Rule 22.

\*[ ] *The provision with in the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*

\*\*[ ] *The provision with in the square brackets has been inserted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



24. **Death of candidate before Poll :**

If a candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny under Rule 15 and who has not withdrawn his candidature under Rule 17 dies and a report of his death is received before the publication of the list of contesting candidate under Rule 19 or if a contesting candidate dies and a report of his death is received before the commencement of the poll, the Returning Officer shall, upon being satisfied of the fact of death of the candidate, countermand the poll and report the fact to the State Government, the State Panchayat Election Commission and also to the District Election Officer concerned and all proceedings with reference to the election shall be commenced a new in all respects as if for a new election ;

Provided that Election shall not be countermanded due to the death of a contesting candidate unless such candidate belongs to a recognized national Political Party or recognized State Political Party.

Provided further that no further nomination shall be necessary in the case of person who was a contesting candidate at the time of the countermanding of the poll ;

Provided further that no person who has given a notice of withdrawal of his candidature under Rule 17 before the countermanding of the poll shall be ineligible for being nominated as a candidate for election after such countermanding.

\*[ 25. **Procedure of contested and uncontested Elections ;**

If at any election to seat of a constituency of a Gram Panchayat, or a constituency of a Panchayat Samiti or a constituency of a Zilla Parishad –

- a) the number of contesting candidate is more than one, a poll shall be taken ;
- b) the number of contesting candidate is one against a particular seat of Gram Panchayat or a particular constituency of Panchayat Samiti or a particular constituency of a Zilla Parishad, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare, in Form 14, such candidate to be duly elected to fill the seat or constituency as the case may be.
- c) no nomination paper is received or all the nomination paper are rejected against a particular seat shall remain vacant till it is filled up under Rule 66. ]

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\*[ ] *The provisions of Rule 25 with in the square brackets have been substituted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-141)-GL/PR/94, dated 23-6-1994.*



## PART – III

**POLL AND VOTING IN GRAM PANCHAYAT, PANCHAYAT SAMITI AND  
ZILLA PARISHAD CONSTITUENCIES.**

26. **Manner of Voting :**

At every election where a poll is taken, votes shall be given by ballot in the manner hereinafter provided and no votes shall be received by proxy.

27. **Ballot Box :**

(1) Every ballot box shall be of such design as may be approved by the State Panchayat Election Commission in consultation with State Government.

(2) \*[ A common ballot box ] shall be used for elections to the Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad.

28. **Form of Ballot Paper :-**

\*\*[ (1) Every ballot paper shall have a counterfoil attached thereto, and the said ballot paper and the counterfoil shall be in such form, and the particulars therein shall be such language or languages, as the State Election Commission may direct. ]

\*\*\*[ (2) The names of candidates shall be arranged on the ballot paper in the same order in which they appear in the list of contesting candidates.

(3) If two or more candidates bear the same name, they shall be distinguished by the addition of their occupation or residence or in some other manner. ]

29. **Arrangement at Polling Station :**

(1) Out-side each polling station there shall be displayed prominently -

(a) a notice specifying the polling area the voters of which are entitled to vote at the polling station and, where the polling area has more than one polling station, the particulars of the electors so entitled ; and

(b) a copy of the list of contesting candidates.

(2) The Returning Officer shall cause to be provided at every polling station one or more compartments (hereinafter referred to in these rules as a "voting compartments") in which voters can record their votes screened from observation.

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\*\*| | *The provision of sub-rule (1) with in the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GI/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*

\*\*\*| | *The earlier sub-rule (2) has been omitted and earlier sub-rule (3) & (4) have been renumbered as sub-rule (2) & (3) with in the square brackets have been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GI/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.*



(3) The Returning Officer shall provide at each polling station a sufficient number of ballot boxes, ballot papers, copies of the list of voters in respect of the polling area or areas the voters of which are entitled to vote at such polling station, instruments for stamping the distinguishing mark on ballot papers and articles necessary for voters to mark the ballot paper. The Returning Officer shall also provide at each polling station such other equipment and accessories as may be required for taking the poll at such polling station.

30 **Admission to Polling Station :**

The Presiding Officer shall regulate the number of voters to be admitted at any one time inside the polling Station and shall exclude therefrom all persons other than –

- (a) Polling Officer ;
- (b) Public servants on duty in connection with the election ;
- (c) Persons authorized by the District Election Officer or the Returning Officer ;
- (d) Candidates, their election agents and subject to the Provisions or rule 21 one polling agent of each candidate at a time ;
- (e) a child in arms accompanying a voter ;
- (f) a person accompanying a blind or infirm voter who cannot move without being helped ; and
- (g) such other persons as the Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer may employ for the purpose of identifying the voter.

31. **Preparation of Ballot Boxes for Poll :**

- (1) \* [ (a) ] The Presiding Officer shall immediately before the poll, satisfy all authorized persons present that the ballot box is empty.
- \*\*[ (b) ] Where a paper seal is used for securing a ballot box, the presiding officer shall affix his own signature on the paper seal and obtain thereon the signatures of such of the polling agents present as are desirous of affixing the same.
- (c) The presiding officer shall thereafter fix the paper seal so signed in the space meant therefore in the ballot box and shall then secure and seal the box in such manner that the slit for the insertion of ballot paper there into remains open.
- (d) The seal used for securing a ballot box shall be affixed in such manner that after the box has been closed it is not possible to open it without breaking the seals.
- (e) Where it is not necessary to use paper seals for securing the ballot boxes, such as Bungo type, the presiding officer shall secure and seal the ballot box in such manner that the slit for the insertion of ballot papers remains open and shall allow the polling agents present to affix, if they so desire, their seals." ]

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(2) Every ballot box used at a polling station shall bear labels outside marked with -

- (a) the serial number, if any, and the name of the constituency.
- (b) the serial number, and the name of the polling station ;
- (c) the serial number of the ballot box where more than one ballot box is used in respect of a particular election ; and
- (d) the date of poll.

(3) Immediately before the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall demonstrate to the polling agents and other authorized persons present that the ballot box bears the labels, referred to in sub-rule (2).

(4) The ballot box shall then be closed, sealed and secured and placed in full view of the Presiding Officer and the polling agents.

32. **Marked copy of Electoral Rolls :**

Immediately before the commencement of the poll the Presiding Officer shall also demonstrate to the polling agents and others present that the marked copy of the electoral rolls to be used during the polls does not contain any entry other than the marked 'EDV' against any name.

33. **Facilities for Women Voters :**

(1) Where a polling station is for both men and women voters, the Presiding Officer may direct that they shall be admitted into the polling station alternately in separate batches.

(2) The Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer may appoint a women to serve as an attendant at any polling station to assist the women voters and also to assist the Presiding Officer generally in taking the poll in respect of women voters, and in particular to help in searching any women voters in case it becomes necessary.

34. **Identification of Voters :**

(1) The Presiding Officer may employ at the polling station such persons as he thinks fit to help in the identification of the electors to assist him or otherwise in taking a poll.

(2) As each voter enters the polling station the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer authorized by him in this behalf shall check the elector's name and other particulars with the relevant entry in the electoral rolls and then call out the serial number, name and other particulars of the voters.

(3) In deciding the right of a person to obtain a ballot paper, the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be shall overlook merely clerical or printing errors



in an entry in the electoral rolls, if he is satisfied that such person is identical with the voter to whom such entry relates.

\*[ (4) Where the polling station is situated in a constituency, electors of which have been supplied with identity cards from the Election Commission of India, the presiding officer shall examine such identity card of elector, if produced, to ascertain identification of the elector in case of doubt. ]

### 35. Facilities for Public Servants on Election Duty :

(1) A voter on election duty who wishes to vote shall at least three days before the date of poll approach the Returning Officer or any officer of the constituency designated by him in respect of which he is voter and make an application in Form 16 for the issue of a ballot paper in order to enable him to cast his vote.

(2) The Returning Officer shall on being satisfied as to the identity of such voter or production of letter of appointment in connection with election -

(a) have the persons name marked in the electoral roll ; and

(b) issue to such voter a ballot paper and permit him to vote on this spot with the instrument provided for the purpose.

Provided that the Returning Officer may fix date and time and place when such vote may be cast.

Provided further that the contesting candidate, his Election Agent or an authorized representative shall also be informed of the date, time and place and requested to remain present when the votes are cast.

(3) After recording his vote, such voter shall make over the ballot paper to the Returning Officer in a sealed cover.

(4) The Returning Officer shall keep the counterfoil of such ballot paper in a separate sealed cover.

### 36. Challenging of Identity :

(1) Any polling agent may challenge the identity of a person claiming to be a particular voter by first depositing a sum of two rupees in cash with the Presiding Officer for each such challenge.

(2) On such deposit being made, the Presiding Officer shall -

(a) warn the person challenged of the penalty for personation ;

(b) read the relevant entry in the electoral roll in full and ask him whether he is the person referred to in that entry ;

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(c) enter his name and address in the list of challenged voter in Form 17.

(d) Require him to affix his signature or thumb impression in the said list ;

(3) The Presiding Officer shall thereafter hold a summary inquiry into the challenge and may for that purpose -

(a) require the challenger to adduce evidence in proof of the challenge and the person challenged to adduce evidence in proof of his identity.

(b) put to the person challenged any question necessary for the purpose of establishing his identity and require him to answer them on oath ;

(c) administer an oath to the person challenged and any other person offering to give evidence.

(4) If, after the inquiry, the Presiding Officer considers that the challenge has not been established, he shall allow the person challenged to vote ; and if he considers that the challenge has been established he shall debar the person challenged from voting.

(5) If the Presiding Officer is of the opinion that the challenge made is frivolous or has not been made in good faith he shall direct that the deposit made under sub-rule (1) be forfeited to the Government, and in any other case, he shall return it to the challenger at the conclusion of the inquiry.

### 37. Safeguards against Impersonation :

(1) Every voter about whose identity the Presiding Officer, or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, is satisfied, shall allow his left forefinger to be inspected by the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer and an indelible ink mark to be put on it.

(2) If any voter refuses to allow his left forefinger to be inspected or marked in accordance with sub-rule (1) or has already such a mark on his left forefinger or does any act with a view to removing the ink mark, he shall not be supplied with any ballot paper or allowed to vote.

(3) Where a poll is taken simultaneously for election of members of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad or any one or more of them, a voter whose left forefinger has been marked with indelible ink shall, notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) and (2), but subject to the provisions of sub-rule 4 or rule 39, be supplied with a ballot paper for other election.

(4) Any reference in this rule to the left forefinger of a voter shall, in the case where the voter has his left forefinger missing, be construed as a reference to any other fingers of his left hand and shall, in the case where all the fingers of his left hand are missing, to be construed as a reference to the forefinger or any other finger of his right hand, and shall, in the case where all his finger of both the hands are missing to be construed as reference to such extremity of his left or right arms as he possesses.



\*[ (5) In cases where the electors have identity cards supplied by the Election Commission of India the same shall be entertained by the Presiding Officer as a measure of safeguard against impersonation. ]

### 38. Issue of Ballot Paper to Voters :

(1) Every ballot paper shall before issue to a voter, be stamped with such distinguishing mark as the State Panchayat Election Commission may direct and signed in full on its back by the Presiding Officer.

(2) No ballot paper shall be issued to any voter before the hour fixed for the commencement of the poll.

(3) No ballot paper shall be issued to any voter after the hour fixed for the closing of the poll except to those voters who are present at the polling station at the time of the closing of the poll. Such voter shall be allowed to record their votes even after the poll closes.

(4) In case of simultaneous election to Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad or any one or more of them the issue of ballot papers shall be in the following order, namely -

- (a) Ballot paper for Gram Panchayat Election ;
- (b) Ballot paper for Panchayat Samiti Election ;
- (c) Ballot paper for Zilla Parishad Election.

(5) At the time of issuing a ballot paper to a voter, the Polling Officer shall -

- (a) record on its counterfoil the electoral roll number of the voter as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll ;
- (b) obtain the signature or thumb impression of that voter on the said counter foil ;
- (c) mark the name of the voter in the marked copy of the electoral roll to indicate that a ballot paper has been issued to him, without however recording therein the serial number of the ballot paper issued to the voter ; and

Provided that no ballot paper shall be delivered to an elector unless he has put his signature or thumb impression of the counterfoil of that ballot paper :

(6) Save as provided in sub-rule (5) no person in the polling station shall note down the serial number of the ballot paper issued to a particular voter.

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39. **Maintenance of secrecy of Voting by Electors within the Polling Station and Voting Procedure :**

(1) Every voter to whom ballot paper has been issued under rule 38 or any other provisions of these rules shall maintain secrecy of voting within the polling station and for that purpose observed voting procedure hereinafter laid down.

(2) The voter on receiving the ballot papers shall forthwith -

(a) proceed to one of the voting compartment ;

(b) there make a mark on the ballot paper with the instruments supplied for the purpose on or near the symbol of the candidate for whom he intends to vote ;

(c) fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his vote ;

(d) if required show to the Presiding Officer the distinguishing mark on the ballot paper ;

(e) insert the folded ballot paper into the ballot box ;

(f) quit the polling station.

(3) Every voter shall vote without undue delay

(4) Where a poll is taken simultaneously for election of members of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad or any one or more of them if a voter leaves the polling booth without casting all votes for elections, no ballot paper or papers shall be issued to him for casting his remaining vote or votes if he subsequently re-enters the polling booth and approaches the Presiding Officer for such ballot paper or papers.

(5) No voter shall be allowed to enter a voting compartment when another voter is inside it.

(6) If an elector to whom a ballot paper has been issued, refused, after warning given by the Presiding Officer, to observe the procedure as laid down in sub rule (2), the ballot paper issued to him shall, whether he has recorded his vote thereon or not, be taken back from him by the Presiding Officer or by a Polling Office under the direction of the Presiding Officer.

(7) After the ballot paper has been taken back, the Presiding Officer shall record on its back the word "Cancelled Voting Procedure violated" and put his signature below those words.

(8) All the ballot papers on which the words "Cancelled Voting Procedure violated" are recorded, shall be kept in a separate cover which shall bear on its face the words "Ballot Papers voting procedure Violated".



(9) Without prejudice to any other penalty to which a voter, from whom a ballot paper has been taken back under sub-rule (7), may be liable, the vote, if any, recorded on such ballot papers shall not be counted.

**40. Recording of Vote of Blind or Infirm Electors :**

(1) If the Presiding Officer is satisfied that owing to blindness or other Physical infirmity, a voter is unable to recognise the symbols on the ballot paper or to make a mark thereon, without assistance, the Presiding Officer shall, permit the voter to take with him a companion of not less than 18 years of age to the voting compartment for recording the vote on the ballot papers on his behalf and in accordance with his wishes and, if necessary, for folding of ballot paper so as to conceal the vote and insert it into the ballot box.

Provided that no person shall be permitted to act as the companion of more than one elector at any polling station on the same date ;

Provided further that before any person is permitted to act as the companion of an elector under this rule the person shall be required to declare in Form 18A that he will keep secret the vote recorded by him on behalf of the voter at any polling station on that date.

(2) The Presiding Officer shall keep a brief record of the blind and infirm voter in Form - 18.

**41. Spoilt and returned ballot papers :**

(1) A voter who has inadvertently dealt with his ballot paper in such manner that it cannot be conveniently used as a ballot paper may, on returning it to the Presiding Officer and on satisfying him of inadvertence, be given another ballot paper, and the ballot paper so returned and counterfoil of such ballot paper shall be marked "Spoilt Cancelled" by the Presiding Officer.

(2) If a voter after obtaining a ballot paper decides not to use it, he shall return it to the Presiding Officer, and the ballot paper so returned and the counterfoil of such ballot paper shall be marked as "Returned Cancelled" by the Presiding Officer.

(3) All ballot papers cancelled under sub-rule (1) or Sub-rule (2) shall be kept in a separate packet.

**42. Tendered Votes :**

(1) If a person representing himself to be a particular elector applies for a ballot paper after any other person as already voted as such elector, he shall, on satisfactorily answering questions relating to his identity as the Presiding Officer may ask, be entitled, subject to the following provisions of these rules to marking ballot papers hereinafter in this rule referred to as a "Tendered ballot paper" in the same manner as any other voter.

(2) Every such person shall, before being supplied with a tendered ballot paper, sign his name against the entry relating to him in a list in Form 19.



(3) A tendered ballot paper shall be the same as the other ballot paper at the polling station except that -

(a) such tendered ballot paper shall be serially the last in the bundle of ballot paper issued for use at the polling station and

(b) such tendered ballot papers and its counterfoil shall be endorsed on the back with the words "Tendered ballot paper" by the Presiding Officer in his own hand and signed by him.

(4) The voter, after marking a tendered ballot paper in the voting compartment and folding it, shall, instead of putting it into the ballot box give it to the Presiding Officer, who shall place it in a cover specially kept for this purpose.

#### 43. Closing of Poll :

(1) The Presiding Officer shall close a polling station at the hour fixed in that behalf under rule 3 and shall not thereafter admit any voter into the polling station :

Provided that all voters present at the polling station before it is closed shall be allowed to cast their votes.

(2) If any question arises whether a voter was present at the polling station before it was closed, it shall be decided by the Presiding Officer and his decision shall be final.

#### 44. Sealing of Ballot Boxes after poll :

(1) As soon as practicable after the closing of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall close the slit of the ballot box and where the box does not contain any practical device for closing their slit he shall seal up slit and also allow any polling agent present to affix his seal.

(2) The ballot box shall thereafter be sealed and secured.

(3) Where it becomes necessary to use a second ballot box by reason of the first box getting filled, the first box shall be closed, sealed and secured as provided in sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) before another ballot box is put into use.

#### 45. Account of Ballot Papers :

(1) The Presiding Officer shall at the close of the poll prepare a ballot paper account in Form 20 and enclose in a separate cover with the words "ballot paper account" superscribed thereon. The Presiding Officer shall furnish to every polling agent present at the Close of the poll a true copy of the entries made in the ballot paper account after obtaining a receipt from the said polling agent therefore and shall also attest it as a true copy.



**46. Sealing of other packets :**

(1) The Presiding Officer shall then make into separate packets -

- (a) a marked copy of the electoral roll ;
- (b) the counterfoil of the used ballot paper ;
- (c) the ballot paper signed in full by the presiding officer but not issued to the voters ;
- (d) any other ballot papers not issued to the voters ;
- (e) the ballot papers cancelled for violation of voting procedure ;
- (f) any other cancelled ballot papers ;
- (g) the cover containing the tendered ballot papers and the list in Form 19.
- (h) the list of challenged votes ; and
- (i) any other papers directed by the State Panchayat Election Commission to be kept in sealed packet.

(2) Each such packet shall be sealed with the seals of the Presiding Officer and with the seals either of the candidate or of his election agent or of his polling agent who may be present at the polling station and may desire to affix his seal thereon.

**47. Transmission of ballot box etc. to the Returning Officer :**

(1) The Presiding Officer shall, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Returning Officer at such place as the Returning Officer may direct -

- (a) the ballot box or, as the case may be the boxes ;
- (b) the ballot paper accounts ;
- (c) the sealed packets referred to in he Rule 46 ;
- (d) all other papers used at the poll.

(2) The Returning Officer shall make adequate arrangement for the safe transport of all ballot boxes, packets, and other papers and for their safe custody until the commencement of the counting of votes.

**48. Adjournment of poll in emergencies :**

(1) If at an election, the proceeding at any polling station are interrupted or obstructed by any riot or open violence or if at an election it is not possible to take the poll at any polling station on account of any natural calamity, or any other sufficient cause, the Returning Officer or the Presiding Officer for such polling station shall announce and adjournment of the poll to a date to be fixed later and where the poll is so



adjourned by the Presiding Officer he shall forthwith inform the Returning Officer concerned.

(2) Wherever a poll is adjourned under sub-rule (1), the Returning Officer shall immediately report the circumstances to the District Election Officer and the State Panchayat Election Commission who shall immediately report the matter to the State Government. The State Panchayat Election Commission in consultation with the State Government shall, by notification, fix date and hours of poll on which the poll shall recommence and the District Election Officer shall fix the polling station at which the poll shall be taken.

#### 49. **Procedure on Adjournment of Poll :**

(1) If the poll at any polling station is adjourned under rule 49, the provisions of the rules 44 to 46 (both inclusive) shall, as far as practicable, apply as if the poll was closed at the hour fixed in that behalf under rule - 3.

(2) At any adjourned poll the voters who have already voted at the poll so adjourned shall not be allowed to vote again.

(3) The Returning Officers shall provide the Presiding Officer of the polling station at which such adjourned poll is held with the sealed packet containing the marked copy of the list of voters other sealed packets, the original ballot box containing the polled ballot papers and a new ballot box.

(4) The Presiding Officer shall open the sealed packets in the presence of the polling agents present and use the marked copy of the list of voters at the adjourned poll.

(5) The provisions of rules 26 to 46 (both inclusive) shall apply in relation to the conduct of an adjourned poll as they apply in relation to the poll before it was so adjourned.

#### 50. **Fresh Poll in case of destruction etc. of Ballot Boxes :**

(1) If at any election -

(a) any ballot box used at a polling station is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the Presiding Officer, or is accidentally or intentionally destroyed or is lost, or is damaged or tampered with, to such an extent, that the result of the poll at that polling station cannot be ascertained ; or

(b) any such error or irregularity in procedure as is likely to vitiate the poll is committed at a polling station.

The Presiding Officer shall forthwith report the matter to the Returning Officer/ District Election Officer and Sub-Divisional Election Officer.



(2) Thereupon, the District Election Officer shall after taking all material circumstances into account, either -

- (a) declare the poll at the polling station to be void ; or
- (b) if satisfied that, the result of a fresh poll at the polling station will not in any way, after the result of the election or that the error or irregularity in procedure is not material, issue such directions to the Returning Officer as he may deem proper for the further conduct and completion of the election.

(3) Where a poll at a polling station is declared to be void under clause (a) of sub-rule (2), the District Election Office shall immediately report the matter to the State Panchayat Election Commission and also to the State Government and the State Panchayat Election Commission in consultation with State Government shall, by notification, fix a date and time for taking a fresh poll and thereupon the District Election Officer shall fix the polling station at which poll shall be taken.

#### PART – IV .

#### COUNTING OF VOTES

51. **Definition :**

In this part, unless the context otherwise requires -

- (a) 'Candidate' means contesting candidate ;
- (b) 'Constituency' means a Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad Constituency ;
- (c) 'Counting Agent' means a Counting Agent duly appointed under these rules and includes a candidate and the election agent a candidate when present in the counting ;
- (d) 'Notified Polling Station' means a polling station notified under these rules ;
- (e) 'Polling Station' means a polling station provided for election of member of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad which shall be published by the District Election Officer not later than 12 days before the date of poll, showing the polling station and the areas for which they would be set up ;

52. **Time and place for counting of Votes :**

The Returning Officer shall at least one week before the date, or the first of the dates, fixed for the poll, appoint the place or places where the counting of votes will be done and the date and time at which the counting will commence and shall give a notice of the same in writing to each candidate or his election agent ;



Provided that if for any reason the Returning Officer finds it necessary so to do he may alter the date, time and place or places so fixed, or any of them, after giving notice of the same in writing to each candidate or his election agent.

53. **Appointment of Counting Agents and revocation of such Appointment :**

(1) Each contesting candidate or his election agent may appoint such number of agents to act a counting agent as the State Election Commissioner direct by a general or special order.

(2) Every such appointment shall be made in Form 12 in duplicate, one copy of which shall be forwarded to the Returning Officer while the other copy shall be made over to the counting agent for production before the Returning Officer not later than one hour before the time fixed for counting under rule 52.

(3) No counting agent shall be admitted into the place fixed for counting unless he has delivered to the Returning Officer the second copy of his appointment under sub-rule (2) after duly completing and signing the declaration contained therein and receiving from the Returning Officer and valid for entry into the places fixed for counting.

(4) The revocation of appointment of counting agent at any time shall be made in Form 13 and lodged with the Returning Officer.

(5) In the event of such revocation before the commencement of the counting of votes the candidate or his election agent may make a fresh appointment in accordance with the sub-rule.

54. **Admission to the places fixed for Counting :**

(1) The Presiding Officer shall, exclude from the place of counting fixed for counting of votes of all person except -

- (a) person authorized by the State Panchayat Election Commission ;
- (b) persons authorized by the District Election Officer ;
- (c) public servant on duty in connection with the election ;
- (d) the candidate or the election agent and counting agent ;

(2) No person who has been employed or has been otherwise working for the candidate in or about the election shall be appointed under clause (a) of sub-rule (1).

(3) The Returning Officer shall not allow more than one counting agent of a candidate at any time in the counting hall.

(4) Any person who during the counting of votes mis-conduct himself or fails to obey lawful direction of the Returning Officer may be removed from the place where the votes are being counted by the Returning Officer or by any person authorized in this behalf by the Returning Officer.



55. **Maintenance of secrecy at the counting center :**

The Returning Officer shall before he commences the counting read out Section 206 of the Tripura Panchayat Act, 1993 and explain the necessity for maintenance of secrecy of voting of such persons as may be present.

56. **Counting of votes reserved in sealed cover :**

(1) The Returning Officer shall first deal with the ballot papers received by him in sealed covers under sub-rule (3) of Rule 35.

(2) The sealed covers shall be opened one after another in the presence of candidates or their election agent or counting agent.

(3) The Returning Officer shall count all the valid votes in the sealed covers and record the total number thereof in the counting sheets in Form 21 and 22 in respect of Gram Panchayat election, Panchayat Samiti election or Zilla Parishad and announce the same.

(4) Thereafter all the valid ballot papers and all the rejected ballot papers shall be separately bundled and kept together in a packet which shall be sealed by the Returning Officer and such of the candidates and election agents or counting agents as may desire to affix their seal thereon the packet sealed shall be permitted to do so. On the envelope shall be recorded the name of the constituency, the date of counting and the brief description of the contents.

(5) Ballot papers received in a sealed cover may be rejected on the ground specified in sub-rule (2) of Rule 58.

57. **Scrutiny and opening of Ballot Boxes :**

(1) The Returning Officer shall open the ballot boxes in presence of the candidate or their election agent or counting agents.

(2) Before any ballot box is opened at counting table the counting agent present at the table shall be allowed to inspect the seal as might have been affixed thereon and to satisfy themselves that it is intact.

(3) The Returning Officer shall satisfy himself that none of the ballot boxes has, in fact, been tampered with.

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58. **Scrutiny and rejection of Ballot Papers :**

(1) The ballot papers taken out of each ballot box shall be arranged in convenient bundles and scrutinised.

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\*[ ] The provision of sub-rule (4) within the square brackets has been deleted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-141)-GL/PR/94, dated 27-6-1994



(2) The Returning Officer shall reject a ballot paper -

- (a) if it bears any mark or writing by which the elector can be identified ; or
- (b) if to indicate the vote, it bears no mark at all or bears a mark made otherwise than with the instrument supplied for the purpose ; or
- (c) if votes are given in favour of more candidates than the number of candidates to be elected ; or
- (d) if it is a spurious ballot paper ; or
- (e) if it is so damaged or mutilated that its identity as a genuine ballot paper cannot be established ; or
- (f) if it bears a serial number or is of a design different from the serial numbers ; or as the case may be, different from the ballot papers authorized for use at the particular polling station ; or
- (g) if it does not bear the mark and signature it should have borne under the provision of sub-rule (1) of Rule 38.

\*[ (h) ]

Provided that where the Returning Officer is satisfied that any such defect as is mentioned in the sub-clause (g) or (h) has been caused by any mistake or failure on the part of the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officers, the ballot paper shall not be rejected merely on the ground of such defects.

Provided further that a ballot paper shall not be rejected merely on the ground that the mark indicating the vote is indistinct or made more than once if the intention that the vote shall be for a particular candidate clearly appears from the way the paper is marked.

(3) Before rejecting any ballot paper under sub-rule (2) the Returning Officers shall allow the candidate or his election agent and each counting agent present a reasonable opportunity to inspect the ballot paper, but shall not allow him to handle it or any other ballot paper.

(4) The Returning Officer shall endorse on every ballot paper which he rejects, the word "rejected" and the grounds of rejection in abbreviated form either in his own hand or by means of a rubber stamp and shall initial such endorsement.

(5) All ballot papers rejected under this Rule shall be bundled together.

(6) Every ballot paper which is not rejected under this Rule shall be counted as one valid vote ;

Provided that no cover containing the tendered ballot papers shall be opened and no such paper shall be counted.

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\*[ ] *The clause (h) within the square brackets has been deleted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-141)-GL/PR/94, dated 27-6-1994.*



59. **Counting of Votes :**

(1) For the purpose of counting of votes in respect of election to Gram Panchayat a mark in the ballot paper which is not rejected under Rule 58 shall be counted as one valid vote for the candidate in whose favour the voting mark has been validly given.

(2) Every ballot paper which is not rejected under Rule 58 shall, for the purpose of counting of votes in respect of election to Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad be counted as one valid vote for the candidate in favour of whom voting mark has been duly given.

(3) During the progress of counting of vote in connection with Gram Panchayat Election / Panchayat Samiti Election / Zilla Parishad Election, the Returning Officer shall count all the valid votes in the ballot box and record the total numbers thereof, in the counting sheet in Form 21A and Form 22.

(4) After the counting of all ballot papers contained in the ballot box used at a polling station has been completed – the Returning Officer shall make the entries in a result sheet in Form 23. In respect of Gram Panchayat Election / Panchayat Samiti Election / Zilla Parishad Election and announce the particulars.

60. **Sealing of used Ballot Papers :**

(1) The valid ballot papers of each candidate and the rejected ballot papers shall thereafter be bundled separately and such bundles made up into a separate packets which shall be sealed with the seals of the Returning Officer and such of the candidates, there election agent or counting agent as may desire to affix there seals thereon ; and on the packet so sealed shall be recorded the following particulars, namely -

- (a) the name of the constituency ;
- (b) the particulars of the polling stations where the ballot papers were used ; and the date of counting.

61. **Counting to be continuous :**

The Returning Officer shall, as far as practicable proceed continuously with the counting of votes and shall, during any intervals when the counting has to be suspended, keep the ballot papers, packets and other papers relating to the election sealed with his own seal and the seals of such candidate or election or counting agent as may desire to affix their seals and shall cause adequate precautions to be taken for their safe custody during such intervals.

62. **Recounting of Vote :**

(1) After completion of the counting the Returning Officer shall record in the counting sheet in Form 22, the total number of votes polled by each candidate and announce the same

(2) After announcement has been made, a candidate or in his absence his election agent or any of his counting agent may apply in writing to the Returning Officer



to recount the votes either wholly or in part stating the grounds on which he demands such recount.

(3) On such an application being made, the Returning Officer shall decide that matter and may allow the application wholly or in part or may reject it in total if it appears to him to be frivolous or unreasonable.

(4) Every decision of the Returning Officer under sub-rule (3) shall be in writing and contain reasons thereof and shall be final.

(5) If the Returning Officer decides under sub-rule (3) to allow of recounting of votes either wholly or in part he shall -

- (a) do the recounting in accordance with the rule 59 ;
- (b) amend the counting sheet in Form 21A and 22 as the case may be to the extent necessary after such recounting ; and
- (c) announce the amendment so made by him.

(6) After the total number of votes polled by each candidate has been announced under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (5) of this Rule the Returning Officer shall, complete and sign the counting sheet in Form 21A and 22 as the case may be, and no application for recounting shall be entertained thereafter ;

Provided that after an announcement under sub-rule (3) of Rule 56 or sub-rule (4) of Rule 59, a reasonable opportunities shall be given to a candidate and in his absence, any election agent or his counting agent who makes an application in writing to the Returning Officer for recounting of vote, if any dispute is raise regarding the result of the counting.

### 63. Declaration of Results of Election and Return of Election :

(1) In case of an election to a Gram Panchayat the Returning Officer shall as soon as the counting of votes is completed and result sheets in Form 23 signed declare in Form 24 the candidate or candidates elected on the basis of number of valid votes secured by him or them. The Returning Officer shall inform the District Election Officer, the State Panchayat Election Commission and the Government of the result of the poll. The State Government shall cause the names of the elected candidates published in the Official Gazette.

(2) In the case of an election to a Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad the Returning Officer shall as soon as the counting of votes is completed and counting sheets in Forms 21A and 22 signed in respect of all the polling station of the concerned constituency compile the results in a result sheet in Form 23 and declare in Form 24 the candidate to whom the largest number of valid votes has been given to be elected and hang up the same in his office and send copies thereof to the District Election Officer, State Panchayat Election Commission and the State Government. The State Government shall cause the names of the elected candidates Published in the Official Gazette.

(3) When the votes are equal selection shall be made by lot in such manner as the Returning Officer may deem fit.



(4) As soon as may be after a candidate has been declared to be elected the Returning Officer in respect of Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti/ Zilla Parishad shall grant to an elected candidates a certificate of election in Form 25 and obtain from the candidate an acknowledgement of its receipt duly signed by him and immediately send the acknowledgement to the District Election Officer.

**64. Sealing of Packets :**

(1) After completing the counting of votes in an election the Returning Officer shall then make into separate packets --

- (a) counting sheets in Form 21 and 21A and 22 ;
- (b) result sheets in Form 23 ;
- (c) the declaration sheet in Form 24 in respect of Gram Panchayat Election ; and
- (d) any other papers directed by the State Panchayat Election Commission to be kept in sealed packet.

(2) Each such packet shall be sealed with the seals of the Returning Officer and which the seals either of the candidate or his election agent or of his counting agent who may be present at the polling station and may desire to affix his seal thereon.

**65. Transmission of Ballot Boxes, Packets, etc, to the District Election Officer :**

(1) The Returning Officer shall then deliver or cause to be delivered to the District Election Officer, at such place as the District Election Officer may direct --

- (a) the ballot boxes ;
- (b) the ballot paper account ;
- (c) the sealed packets referred to Rule 46 ; and
- (d) all other papers used at the poll ;

(2) The District Election Officer shall make adequate arrangement for the safe transport of all ballot boxes, packets and other papers and for their safe custody.

## PART - V

### MISCELLANEOUS

**66. Casual vacancies in Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti or Gram Panchayat :**

(1) When the seat of a member elected to a Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti or Zilla Parishad becomes vacant by reason of his death, resignation, removal or otherwise the State Panchayat Election Commission in consultation with the State Government shall fix a date as soon as conveniently may be for holding by-election to fill the seat and the provisions of these Rules shall thereupon apply mutatis mutandis.



67. **Return or Forfeiture of Candidate's Deposit :**

(1) The deposit made under Rule 13 shall either be returned to the person making it or his legal representative or be forfeited to the State Government in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.

(2) Except in cases hereafter mentioned in this Rule, deposit shall be returned as soon as practicable after result of the election is declared.

(3) If the candidate is not shown in the list of contesting candidates, or if he dies before the commencement of the poll, the deposit shall be returned as soon as practicable after the publication of the list or after his death to his heirs as the case may be.

(4) Subject to the provision of sub-rule (3), the deposit shall be forfeited if at an election where a poll has been taken, the candidate is not elected and the number of valid votes polled by him does not exceed one-sixth of the total numbers of valid votes polled by all the candidates or in case of election of more than one member at the election, one-sixth of the total number of valid votes so polled divided by the number of members to be elected.

68. **Production and Inspection of Election Paper :**

(1) While in the custody of the District Election Officer -

- (a) the packets of unused ballot papers with counterfoils attached thereto ;
- (b) the packets of used ballot papers whether valid, tendered or rejected ;
- (c) the packets of the counterfoils of used ballot papers ; and
- (d) the packets of marked copies of the list of voters, shall not be opened and their contents shall not be inspected by, or produced before, any person or authority except under orders of a competent court / Panchayat Election Tribunal.

69. **Disposal of Election Papers :**

Subject to any direction to the contrary given by the State Panchayat Election Commission or by a competent Court / Panchayat Election Tribunal.

- (a) the packets of unused ballot papers shall be retained for a period of three months and shall thereafter be destroyed in such manner as the State Panchayat Election Commission may direct ;
- (b) the other packets referred to in the rule 68 shall be retained for a period of three months and shall thereafter be destroyed ;
- (c) all other papers relating to election shall be retained for a period of six months and shall thereafter be destroyed :



Provided that packets containing the counterfoils of used ballot papers shall not be destroyed except with the approval of the State Panchayat Election Commission.

## PART – VI

### ELECTION DISPUTES

#### 70. Filing of Petition :

(1) The petition referred to in sub-section (1) of Section 198 shall be filed \*[ within sixty days from the date of publication of election result ] before the Panchayat Election Tribunal which shall be constituted by the State Government on the recommendation of the Gauhati High Court.

(2) The petition shall contain a statement in brief of the material facts on which the petitioner relies and shall where necessary be divided into paragraphs numbered consecutively. It shall be filed by the petitioners and verified in the manner prescribed for verification of pleading in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

(3) If the irregularities alleged in the petition are likely to affect the validity of the election of more than one returned candidate the petitioner shall join opposite party to his petition all such returned candidate.

(4) The petitioner may, if so desires in addition to calling in question the election of the returned candidate or candidates, claim for a declaration that he himself or any other candidate has been duly elected.

(5) The Panchayat Election Tribunal shall, as soon as may be, cause copy of the petition to be served on each opposite party.

#### 71. Procedure to be Followed :

(1) Every dispute relating to election shall be enquired into by the Panchayat Election Tribunal as early as may be in accordance with the procedure applicable under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 to the trial of suits :

Provided that it shall only be necessary for the Panchayat Election Tribunal to make a memorandum of the substance of the evidence of any witness examined by him.

#### 72. Withdrawal of Petition :

(1) No election petition shall be withdrawn without the leave of the Panchayat Election Tribunal.

(2) If there are more petitions than one, no application to withdraw a petition shall be made without the consent of all the petitioners.

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\* [ ] *The words within the square brackets have been inserted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-141)-GL/PR/94, dated 23-6-1994.*



(3) When an application for withdrawal is made notice thereof fixing a date for the hearing of application shall be given to all other parties to the petition.

(4) No application for withdrawal shall be granted if the Panchayat Election Tribunal is of opinion that such application has been induced by any bargain or consideration which does not deserve to be admitted.

(5) If the application is granted, the petitioner may be ordered to pay such cost to the opposite party as the Panchayat Election Tribunal may think fit

73. **Evidence during Enquiry :**

The provisions of Indian Evidence Act, 1872, shall apply in all respect to the trial of an election petition.

74. **The Election to be Void :**

If in the opinion of the Panchayat Election Tribunal –

(1) A returned candidate or his agent or any other person with the connivance of such candidate or agent has committed or abetted the commission of any election offence falling under Chapter IXA of the Indian Penal Code or any law or rule relating to the infringement of the secrecy of an election, the election of such candidate shall be void.

(2) The election of a returned candidate has been procured or induced; or the result of the election has been materially affected by any of the following corrupt practices, namely -

- i) any election offence as mentioned in sub-rule (1) above ;
- ii) any payment to any person whomsoever on account of the conveyance of any elector to or from any place for the purpose of casting his vote ;
- iii) hiring, employment, borrowing or using any vehicle for the purpose of conveyance of any elector to or from any place to the polling station for the purpose of casting his vote ;

Provided that any elector may hire any conveyance or use his own vehicle for conveying himself to or from the polling station, or

(3) The result of election has been materially affected by any irregularity in respect of the nomination paper or by the improper reception or refusal of nomination paper or vote or by any non-compliance with the provision of the Act or the rules made thereunder, the election of such candidate shall be void :

Provided that if the Panchayat Election Tribunal is of opinion that any corrupt practice specified in sub-rule (2) of this rule which does not amount to any form of bribery other than "treating " as hereinafter explained has been committed and if the Panchayat Election Tribunal is further of the opinion that the candidate has satisfied him that --



- i) No corrupt practice was committed at such election by the candidate and that any corrupt practices committed were committed contrary to the orders and without the sanction or connivance of such candidate ; and
- ii) Such candidate took all reasonable means for preventing the commission of corrupt practices at such election ;
- iii) The Corrupt practices committed were of trivial nature not affecting the election materially ; and
- iv) In all other respects the election was free from any corrupt practice on the part of such candidate or any of his agent ;

then the Panchayat Election Tribunal may find that the election of such candidate is not void.

**Explanation -** For the purpose of this rule "treating" means incurring by any person of the expenses of giving or providing any food, drink, entertainment or provision to any person with the object directly or indirectly inducing him or any other person to vote or refrain from voting or as a reward for having voted or refrained from voting.

**75. Conclusion of Hearing :**

(1) At the conclusion of the enquiry the Panchayat Election Tribunal shall declare, whether election of the returned candidate or candidates is void under rule 74 ;

(2) If he declares the election of the returned candidates void he shall further pass an order either ;

- (a) declaring that any other party to the petition who has under these rules claimed the seat has been duly elected ; or
- (b) ordering a fresh election.

(3) The order of the Panchayat Election Tribunal under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) shall be communicated forthwith to the District Election Officer concerned, State Panchayat Election Commission and the State Government.

**76. Fresh Election at Panchayat Election Tribunal's Order :**

When an election is declared void under sub-rule (1) of rule 75 and a fresh election is ordered under clause (b) of sub-rule(2) of that rule the seat of the returned candidate or the seats of the returned candidates, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be vacant from the date of the order of the Panchayat Election Tribunal and the State Government shall forthwith take necessary steps for holding such fresh election.



77. **Requisitioning of premises, vehicles etc. for election purpose :**

The District Magistrate or any Sub-Divisional Magistrate authorized by him in this behalf, herein-after in this rule referred to as the requisitioning authority, if it appears to him in connection with an election under this Act -

- (a) that any premises are needed or are likely to be needed for the purpose of being used as a Polling Station or for the storage of ballot boxes after a poll has been taken, or
- (b) that any vehicle, vessel or animal is needed or is likely to be needed for the purpose of transport of ballot boxes to or from any polling station or transport of members of the police force for maintaining order during the conduct of such election, or transport of any officer or other person for performance of any duties in connection with a such election;

by order in writing requisition such premises, or as the case may be such vehicle, vessel or animal and may make such further orders as may appear to him to be necessary or expedient in connection with the requisitioning ;

Provided that no vehicle, vessel or animal which is being lawfully used by a candidate or his agent for any purpose connected with the election of such candidate shall be requisitioned under this sub-rule until the completion of the poll at such election.

(2) The requisition shall be effected by an order in writing addressed to the person deemed by the requisitioning authority to be owner or person in possession of the property and such order shall be served on the person to whom it is addressed.

(3) Whenever any property is requisitioned under sub-rule (1) the period of such requisitioning shall not extend beyond the period for which such property is required for any of the purposes mentioned in that sub-rule.

(4) In this rule -

- (a) "Premises" means any land, building or part of a building and includes a hut, shed or other structure or any part thereof ;
- (b) "Vehicle" means any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of road transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise.

78. **Payment of Compensation :**

(1) Whenever in pursuance of Rule 77 any premises are requisitioned, there shall be paid to the person interested, compensation of the amount of which shall be determined by taking into consideration the following namely :-

- a. the rent payable in respect of the compensation, or if no rent is payable, the rent payable for similar premises in the locality ;
- b. if in consequence of the requisition of the premises the person interested is compelled to change his residence or place of



business, the reasonable expenses, if any incidental to such changes ;

Provided that any person interested, being aggrieved by the amount of compensation so determined under this sub-rule, may apply within 30 days from the date of order determining the compensation to the Secretary / Commissioner / Principal Secretary to the Government Panchayat Department for a review. The decision of the Secretary / Commissioner / Principal Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Panchayat Department shall be final.

**Explanation -** In this sub-rule, the expression "person interested means the person who was in actual possession of the premises requisitioned under Rule 77 immediately before the requisition or where no person was in such actual possession, the owner of such premises.

(2) Whenever in pursuance of Rule 77 any vehicle, vessel or any animal is requisitioned there shall be paid to the owner thereof, the amount of which shall be determined by the requisitioning authority on the basis of the fares or rates prevailing in the locality for the hire of such vehicle, vessel or animal;

Provided that where immediately before the requisition, the vehicle or vessel was by virtue of hire purchase agreement in the possession of a person other than the owner, the amount determined under this sub-rule as the total compensation payable in respect of the requisition shall be apportioned between the person and the owner in such manner as may be agreed upon, and in default of agreement, in such manner as the Requisitioning Authority in this behalf may decide :

Provided further that any person interested, being aggrieved by the amount of compensation determined under this sub-rule, may apply within 30 days from the date of the order determining the compensation to the Secretary / Commissioner/ Principal Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Panchayat Department for a review and the decision of the Government shall be final.

79. **Manner of Servicing or Requisition of Premises, Vehicles, Vessels and Animals :**

An order of requisition under Rule 77 shall be -

(a) where a person to whom such order is addressed is a corporation or firm in the manner provided for the service of summons in Rule 2 of order XXIX or Rule 3 of order XXX, as the case may be, in the first schedule of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908); and

(b) where the person to whom such order is addressed is an individual -

(i) personally by delivering or tendering the order , or

(ii) by registered post with acknowledgement due, or

(iii) if a person cannot be found, by leaving an authentic copy of the order with any adult member of his family, or by affixing such copy to some



conspicuous part of the premises in which he is known to have last resided or carried on business, or personally worked for a gain.

80. **Eviction from Requisitioned Premises :**

(1) Any person remaining in possession of any requisitioned premises in contravention of any order made under Rule 77 may be summarily evicted from the premises by the Requisitioning Authority or any officer specially empowered by the Requisitioning Authority in this behalf.

(2) The Requisitions Authority or any officer so empowered may, after giving to any women not in appearing in public, reasonable warning and facility to draw, remove or open any latch or bold or break open any door of any building or do any other Act necessary for effecting such eviction.

81. **Release of Premises from Requisition :**

(1) when any premises requisitioned under Rule 77 are to be released from requisition the possession thereof shall be delivered to the person from whom possession was taken at the time when the premises were requisitioned, or if there is no such person, to the person deemed by the Requisitioning Authority to be the owner of such premises and such delivery of possession shall be in a full discharge of Requisitioning Authority from all liabilities in respect of such delivery, but, shall not prejudice any right in respect of premises which any other person may be entitled by any law to enforce against the person to whom the possession of the premises is so delivered.

(2) When the person to whom the possession of any premises requisitioned under Rule 77 is to be given under sub-rule(1) cannot be found or his whereabouts are not ascertainable or has no agent or any other person empowered to accept delivery on his behalf the Requisitioning Authority shall cause a notice declaring that such premises are released from the requisition to be affixed on some conspicuous part of such premises and on the Notice Board in the office of the Requisitioning Authority.

(3) When a notice is affixed on the Notice Board as provided in sub-rule (2) the premises specified in such Notice shall cease to be subject to requisition on and from the date of such affixing of the notice and be deemed to have been delivered to the person entitled to possession thereof ; and the Requisitioning Authority shall not be liable for any compensation or other claim in respect of such premises for any other period after the said date.

82. **Penalty for Contravention of any order Regarding the Requisition :**

If any person contravenes any order made under Rule 77 or Rule 80 he shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000/- or with both.



83. **Removal of Difficulties if any by the Government**

(1) The State Government may issue such general or special directions as may, in its opinion, be necessary for the purpose of giving effect to these Rules, or holding any election under the Act.

(2) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Rules, or in holding any election, the Government as occasion requires, may, by order, do anything which appears to it to be necessary for the purpose of removing the difficulty.

**Release of Premises from Requisition**

(1) When any premises requisitioned under Rule 77 are to be released from requisition, the possession thereof shall be delivered to the person from whom possession was taken at the time when the premises were requisitioned or, if there is no such person, to the person deemed by the Requisitioning Authority to be the owner of such premises and such delivery of possession shall be a full discharge of Requisitioning Authority from all liabilities in respect of such delivery, but shall not prejudice any right in respect of premises which any other person may be entitled by law to enforce against the person to whom the possession of the premises is so delivered.

(2) When the person to whom the possession of any premises requisitioned under Rule 77 is to be given under sub-rule (1) cannot be found or his whereabouts are not ascertainable or has no agent or any other person empowered to accept delivery on his behalf the Requisitioning Authority shall issue a notice declaring that such premises are released from the requisition to be affixed to some conspicuous part of such premises and on the Notice Board in the office of the Requisitioning Authority.

(3) When a notice is affixed on the Notice Board as provided in sub-rule (2) the premises specified in such Notice shall cease to be subject to requisition at and from the date of such affixing of the notice and be deemed to have been delivered to the person entitled to possession thereof, and the Requisitioning Authority shall not be liable for any compensation or other claim in respect of such premises for any period after the said date.

**Penalty for Contamination of any order Regarding the Requisition**

If any person contravenes any order made under Rule 77 or Rule 80 he shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000 or with both.



**FORM - 1**

(See Rule 4)

**Notice of Election**

Notice is hereby given that -

(1) an election is to be held of a member to .....  
Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the ..... Seat No. of  
..... Constituency, which is a general constituency / seat or reserved  
constituency / seat for (Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Women).

(2) Nomination papers may be delivered by a candidate or his proposer to  
the Returning Officer / Assistant Returning Officer (designation ) at .....  
..... between 11.00 A.M. and 3.00 P.M. on any day (other than a  
public holiday) not later than the .....

(3) form of nomination paper may be obtained at the place and time  
aforesaid ;

(4) the nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at (Place .....  
..... on at (time) .....

(5) notice of withdrawal of candidature may be delivered by a candidate of  
his election agent to either of the officer specified in paragraph (2) above at his  
office before 3.00 P.M. on the (date) .....

(6) in the event of the election being contested the poll will be taken on .....

..... between.....hours of ..... and

No.	Name & number of the Gram Panchayat Constituency	Roll No.	Part No. of Electoral	St. No. in Part	Full name

Place .....

Date.....

**Returning Officer**



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**FORM - 2A**  
**[ Sec rule 5(4) ]**  
**NOMINATION PAPER**

Election to the Gram Panchayat of ..... Gram under .....  
 .....Panchayat Samiti.

**STRIKE OFF PART I OR PART II BELOW WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE**

**PART - I**

*(To be used by candidate set up by recognised political party)*

I nominate as a candidate for Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat from the Seat No. ....  
 of ..... Constituency which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women / Sch. Castes /  
 Sch. Castes(Women)/Sch. Tribes/ Sch. Tribes (Women).

Candidate's name ..... Father's / mother's /husband's name .....  
 His/ Her postal address ..... His / Her name is entered at Sl.No.  
 .....in Part No. .... of the electoral rolls of the .....Constituency  
 ..... of the Gram Panchayat

My name is ..... and it is entered at Sl.No. .... in Part No.  
 ..... of the electoral rolls of the .....constituency of the ..... Gram  
 Panchayat .

Date.....

(Signature of proposer)

**PART - II**

*(To be used by Candidate NOT set up by recognised Political Party)*

We hereby nominate as candidate for election to the ..... Gram Panchayat from the Seat  
 No. .... of .....Constituency which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women /Sch.Castes/  
 Sch. Castes (Women)/Sch.Tribes/ Sch.Tribes(Women).

Candidate's name ..... Father's/ mother's/ husband's  
 name ..... His/ Her postal address .....

His / Her name is entered at Sl.No.....in Part No. .... of the electoral rolls of  
 the.....Constituency.....of the Gram Panchayat .

We declare that we are electors of this Gram Panchayat Constituency and our names are entered in  
 the electoral rolls for this Gram Panchayat Constituency as indicated below and we append our signatures  
 below in token of subscribing to this nomination :

Particulars of the proposers and their signatures .

Sl. No	ELECTORAL ROLL NO. OF PROPOSER					
	Name & number of the Gram Panchayat Constituency.	Part No. of Electoral Roll.	Sl.No. in that part.	Full name	Signature	Date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

1  
2  
3  
4  
5

**N.B. :- There should be 2 to 5 electors of constituency as proposers as prescribed in Rule 6.**



**PART - III**

I, the candidate mentioned in Part I / Part II (Strike out which is not applicable ) assent to this nomination and hereby declare –

(c) that I have completed ..... years of age ;

**(STRIKE OUT b(I) OR b(II) BLEOW WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE)**

(b) (I) that I am set up at this election by the ..... party, which is recognised National Party / State Party in this State and that the symbol reserved for the above party be allotted to me.

**OR**

(b) (ii) that I am set up at this election by the ..... party, which is a registered – unrecognised political party / that I am contesting this election as an independent candidate. (Strike out which is not applicable) and that the symbols I have chosen, in order of preference, are :-

(i) ..... (ii) .....(iii) .....

(c) that my name and my father's / mother's /husband's name have been correctly spelt out above in .....( name of the language)

(d) that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am qualified and not also disqualified for being chosen to fill the seat in the Gram Panchayat.

\* I further declare that I am a member of the .....Caste / tribe which is a scheduled caste / tribe of the State of Tripura.

I also declare that I have not been, and shall not be, nominated as a candidate at the present general election / \*\* the bye-elections to the Gram Panchayat from more than one Constituency of the Gram.

Date .....

(Signature of Candidate)

\* Score out the words not applicable.

\* Score out this paragraph, if not applicable.

\*\* Score out which is not applicable.

N.B. :- A "recognised political party" means a political party recognised by the Election Commission under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 in the State concerned.

**PART - IV**

*(To be filled by the Returning Officer)*

Serial No. of nomination paper .....

This nomination was delivered to me at my office at .....(hour) on .....(date) by the \*candidate/ proposer.

Date .....

Returning Officer.

\* Score out the word not applicable



**PART - V**

Decision of Returning Officer Accepting or Rejecting the Nomination Paper.  
I have examined this nomination paper in accordance with Rule 15 of the Tripura Panchayats (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1993, and decide as follows :

Date .....

Returning Officer

(perforation)

**PART VI**

**Receipt for Nomination Paper and Notice of Scrutiny**

*(To be handed over to the person presenting the Nomination Paper)*

Serial No. of nomination paper .....

The nomination paper of ..... a candidate for election from the ..... Gram Panchayat from seat No. .... of Constituency No. .... was delivered to me at my office at .....(hour) on ..... (date) at.....(Place) by the Candidate / Proposer .....(name). All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at .....(hour) on .....(date) at ..... (place)

Date .....

Returning Officer

\*Score out the word not applicable.

\* [ ] The **Form No.2A** within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.



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**FORM - 2B**  
**[ Sec rule 5(4) ]**  
**NOMINATION PAPER**

Election to the Panchayat Samiti of ..... Block under.....  
 ..... Zilla Parishad.

**STRIKE OFF PART I OR PART II BELOW WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE**

**PART - I**

*(To be used by candidate set up by recognised political party)*

I nominate as a candidate for Election to the ..... Panchayat Samiti from the Seat ..... of  
 ..... Constituency which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women / Sch. Castes / Sch.  
 Castes(Women)/Sch. Tribes/ Sch. Tribes (Women).

Candidate's name ..... Father's / mother's /husband's name .....  
 His/ Her postal address ..... His / Her name is entered at Sl.No.  
 .....in Part No. .... of the electoral rolls of the .....Constituency of  
 ..... Gram Panchayat under .....Panchayat Samiti.

My name is ..... and it is entered at Sl.No. .... in Part No.  
 ..... of the electoral rolls of the .....constituency of the ..... Gram  
 Panchayat under the .....Panchayat Samiti.

Date.....

(Signature of proposer)

**PART - II**

*(To be used by Candidate NOT set up by recognised Political Party)*

We hereby nominate as candidate for election to the ..... Panchayat Samiti from the Seat  
 No. .... of .....Constituency which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women /Sch.Castes/  
 Sch. Castes (Women)/Sch.Tribes/ Sch.Tribes(Women).

Candidate's name ..... Father's/ mother's/ husband's name  
 ..... His/ Her postal address .....

His / Her name is entered at Sl.No.....in Part No. .... of the electoral rolls of the  
 .....Constituency of the .....Gram Panchayat under the  
 .....Panchayat Samiti.

We declare that we are electors of this Panchayat Samiti Constituency and our names are entered in  
 the electoral rolls of ..... Gram Panchayat Constituency under this Panchayat Samiti constituency as  
 indicated below and we append our signatures below in token of subscribing to this nomination :

Particulars of the proposers and their signatures .

Sl. No	ELECTORAL ROLL NO. OF PROPOSER						
	Name & number of the Panchayat Samiti Constituency.	Name & number of the Gram Panchayat Constituency.	Part No. of electoral Roll of Gram Panchayat constituency.	Sl.No. in that part.	Full name	Signature	Date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

N.B. :- There should be 5 electors of constituency as proposers as prescribed in Rule 6.



**PART - III**

I, the candidate mentioned in Part I / Part II (Strike out which is not applicable )  
assent to this nomination and hereby declare –

(a) that I have completed ..... years of age ;

**(STRIKE OUT b(I) OR b(II) BLEOW WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE)**

(b) (I) that I am set up at this election by the ..... party, which is  
recognised National Party / State Party in this State and that the symbol reserved  
for the above party be allotted to me.

OR

(b) (ii) that I am set up at this election by the ..... party, which is a  
registered – unrecognised political party / that I am contesting this election as an  
independent candidate. (Strike out which is not applicable) and that the symbols I  
have chosen, in order of preference, are :-

(i) ..... (ii) ..... (iii) .....

(c) that my name and my father's / mother's /husband's name have been  
correctly spelt out above in .....( name of the language)

(d) that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am qualified and not also  
disqualified for being chosen to fill the seat in the Panchayat Samiti.

\* I further declare that I am a member of the .....Caste / tribe  
which is a scheduled caste / tribe of the State of Tripura.

I also declare that I have not been, and shall not be, nominated as a  
candidate at the present general election / \*\* the bye-elections to the Panchayat  
Samiti from more than one Constituency.

Date .....

(Signature of Candidate)

\* Score out the words not applicable.

\* Score out this paragraph, if not applicable.

\*\* Score out which is not applicable.

N.B. :- A "recognised political party" means a political party recognised by the Election  
Commission under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 in the  
State concerned.

**PART - IV**

*(To be filled by the Returning Officer)*

Serial No. of nomination paper .....

This nomination was delivered to me at my office at .....(hour) on  
.....(date) by the \*candidate/ proposer.

Date .....

Returning Officer.

\* Score out the word not applicable



**PART - V**

Decision of Returning Officer Accepting or Rejecting the Nomination Paper.  
I have examined this nomination paper in accordance with Rule 15 of the Tripura Panchayats (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1993, and decide as follows :

Date ..... Returning Officer

(perforation)

**PART VI**

**Receipt for Nomination Paper and Notice of Scrutiny**  
(To be handed over to the person presenting the Nomination Paper)

Serial No. of nomination paper .....

The nomination paper of ..... a candidate for election from the ..... Panchayat Samiti from seat No. .... of Constituency No. .... was delivered to me at my office at .....(hour) on ..... (date) at.....(Place) by the Candidate / Proposer .....(name). All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at .....(hour) on .....(date) at ..... (place)

Date ..... Returning Officer

\*Score out the word not applicable.

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\* [ ] The **Form No.2B** within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.



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FORM - 2C  
[ Sec rule 5(4) ]  
NOMINATION PAPER

Election to the Zilla Parishad of ..... District under the State of Tripura.

**STRIKE OFF PART I OR PART II BELOW WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE**

**PART - I**

*(To be used by candidate set up by recognised political party)*

I nominate as a candidate for Election to the ..... Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... of ..... Constituency which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women / Sch. Castes / Sch. Castes(Women)/Sch. Tribes/ Sch. Tribes (Women).

Candidate's name ..... Father's / mother's /husband's name .....  
His/ Her postal address ..... His / Her name is entered at Sl.No. ....  
.....in Part No. .... of the electoral rolls of the .....Constituency of  
..... Gram Panchayat under .....Zilla Parishad.

My name is ..... and it is entered at Sl.No. .... in Part No. ....  
..... of the electoral rolls of the .....constituency of the ..... Gram  
Panchayat under .....Panchayat Samiti ..... Zilla Parishad.

Date.....

(Signature of proposer)

**PART - II**

*(To be used by Candidate NOT set up by recognised Political Party)*

We hereby nominate as candidate for election to the ..... Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... of ..... Constituency which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women /Sch.Castes/ Sch. Castes (Women)/Sch.Tribes/ Sci.Tribes(Women).

Candidate's name ..... Father's/ mother's/ husband's  
name ..... His/ Her postal address .....

His / Her name is entered at Sl.No.....in Part No. .... of the electoral rolls of  
the.....Constituency of the .....Gram Panchayat under the .....Panchayat  
Samiti..... Zilla Parishad.

We declare that we are electors of this Zilla Parishad Constituency and our names are entered in the electoral rolls of ..... Gram Panchayat Constituency under this Zilla Parishad constituency as indicated below and we append our signatures below in token of subscribing to this nomination :

Particulars of the proposers and their signatures .

Sl. No	ELECTORAL ROLL NO. OF PROPOSER						
	Name & number of the Zilla Parishad Constituency.	Name & number of the Gram Panchayat Constituency.	Part No. of electoral Roll of Gram Panchayat constituency.	Sl.No. in that part.	Full name	Signature	Date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

1  
2  
3  
4  
5

N.B. :- There should be 5 electors of constituency as proposers as prescribed in Rule 6.



**PART - III**

I, the candidate mentioned in Part I / Part II (Strike out which is not applicable ) assent to this nomination and hereby declare –

(b) that I have completed ..... years of age ;

**(STRIKE OUT b(I) OR b(II) BLEOW WHICHEVER IS NOT APPLICABLE)**

(b) (I) that I am set up at this election by the ..... party, which is recognised National Party / State Party in this State and that the symbol reserved for the above party be allotted to me.

**OR**

(b) (ii) that I am set up at this election by the ..... party, which is a registered – unrecognised political party / that I am contesting this election as an independent candidate. (Strike out which is not applicable) and that the symbols I have chosen, in order of preference, are :-

(i) ..... (ii) ..... (iii) .....

(c) that my name and my father's / mother's /husband's name have been correctly spelt out above in .....( name of the language)

(d) that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am qualified and not also disqualified for being chosen to fill the seat in the Zilla Parishad.

\* I further declare that I am a member of the .....Caste / tribe which is a scheduled caste / tribe of the State of Tripura.

I also declare that I have not been, and shall not be, nominated as a candidate at the present general election / \*\* the bye-elections to the Zilla Parishad from more than one Constituency.

Date .....

(Signature of Candidate)

\* Score out the words not applicable.

\* Score out this paragraph, if not applicable.

\*\* Score out which is not applicable.

N.B. :- A "recognised political party" means a political party recognised by the Election Commission under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 in the State concerned.

**PART - IV**

*(To be filled by the Returning Officer)*

Serial No. of nomination paper .....

This nomination was delivered to me at my office at .....(hour) on .....(date) by the \*candidate/ proposer.

Date .....

Returning Officer.

\* Score out the word not applicable



**PART - V**

Decision of Returning Officer Accepting or Rejecting the Nomination Paper.  
I have examined this nomination paper in accordance with Rule 15 of the Tripura Panchayats (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1993, and decide as follows :

Date .....

Returning Officer

(perforation)

**PART VI**

**Receipt for Nomination Paper and Notice of Scrutiny**  
(To be handed over to the person presenting the Nomination Paper)

Serial No. of nomination paper .....

The nomination paper of ..... a candidate for election from the ..... Zilla Parishad from seat No. .... of Constituency No. .... was delivered to me at my office at .....(hour) on ..... (date) at.....(Place) by the Candidate / Proposer .....(name). All nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at .....(hour) on .....(date) at ..... (place)

Date .....

Returning Officer

\*Score out the word not applicable. ]

**\* [ ] The Form No.2C within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.**



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[ FORM - 3  
(Sec rule 14) ]**NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS**

Election to the Gram Panchayat /Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women / Sch. Castes /Sch Castes (Women) Sch. Tribes /Sch.Tribe(Women) under .....Constituency.

Notice is here by given that the following nominations in respect of the above election have been received upto P.M to day :-

Serial No. of nomination paper.	Name of candidate	Name of father / mother/ husband.	Age of candidate	Address
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Party affiliation.	Particulars of castes, or tribes for candidates belonging to scheduled castes or scheduled tribes.	Electoral roll number of candidate	Names of proposers	Electoral roll number of proposers
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Place .....

Date .....

Returning Officer

\* Strike off the inappropriate alternative ]

\* [ ] The **Form No.3** within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification Nc.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999



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[ FORM - 4  
(See rule 16)

## List of Validly Nominated Candidates

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti /  
Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... which is a general seat / a seat reserved  
for Women / Sch. Castes / Sch. Castes(Women)/ Sch.Tribes/ Sch.Castes(Women)  
under ..... Constituency.

Serial number	Name of candidate	Name of ** father / mother / husband]	Address of candidate	@ Party affiliation
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

(i) Candidates of recognised National and State Political Parties.

(ii) Candidates of registered political parties (other than recognised National and State Political Parties)

(iii) Other candidates

Place .....

Date.....

Returning Officer

\* Appropriate particulars of the election to be inserted here.

\*\* Strike off the inappropriate alternative.

@ Applicable in the case of candidates mentioned under categories (I) and (ii) above.

N.B. – Under Col. 1 above, the serial numbers of candidates of all the three categories shall be given consecutively and not separately for each category. ]

\* [ ] The **Form No.4** within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999



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FORM - 5  
(See Rule 17)

Notice of withdrawal of Candidature

Election to the\* .....Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti/  
Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... which is a general seat / a seat  
reserved for Women/ Sch.Castes/ Sch.Castes(Women) /Sch.Tribes/  
Sch.Tribes(women) under ... ..Constituency.

The Returning Officer,

I ..... a [candidate validly nominated ]  
at the above election do hereby give notice that I withdraw my candidature.

Place .....

Date ..... Signature of [validly nominated candidate]

This notice was delivered to me at my office at .....(hour)  
on .....(date) by.....(name),  
the .....

Date .....

Returning Officer.

Receipt for Notice of Withdrawal  
(To be handed over to the person delivering the notice)

The notice of withdrawal of candidature by .....  
a validly nominated candidate, at the election to the\* .....was  
delivered to me by the \*\* .....at my office at  
..... (hour) on .....(date).

Returning Officer.

(1) ..... Gram Panchayat from the.....constituency

(2) ..... Panchayat Samiti form the .....  
..... Constituency.

(3) ..... Zilla Parishad from the .....  
.....Constituency.

\*\* Here insert one of the following alternatives as may be appropriate :-

(1) Candidate.

(2) Candidate's proposer who has been authorised in writing by the  
candidate to deliver it,

(3) Candidate's election agent who has been authorized in writing by the  
candidate to deliver it.

\* [ ] The Form No. 5 within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment  
vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.



**FORM – 6**  
( See Rule 17(4) )

**Notice of withdrawal of Candidatures**

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat /  
Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the ..... Seat  
No. of ..... General Constituency / Constituency reserved for .....  
..... Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes Women.

Notice is hereby given that the following candidate / candidates at the above  
election have withdrawn his / their candidature / candidatures to-day :

Serial Number	Name of Candidate	Address of Candidate	Remarks
1.	2.	3.	4.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
etc.			

Place .....

Date .....

Returning Officer

The Form No. 6 with the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RDPanchayat, Zilla Parishad, Jammu & Kashmir, Notification No. F-612-23/NGR/P-98 dated 28-08-1998



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**FORM - 7**  
[ See rule 19 ]

## List of Contesting Candidates

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women / Sch. Castes / Sch. Castes (Women) / Sch. Tribes / Sch. Tribes (Women) under ..... Constituency .

Serial	Name of candidate	Address of candidate	* Party affiliation	Symbol allotted
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

(i) Candidates of recognised National and State Political Parties.

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(ii) Candidates of registered political parties (other than recognised National and State Political Parties)

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(iii) Other candidates

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Place .....

Date .....

Returning Officer

\* Applicable in the case of candidates mentioned under categories (i) and (ii) above.

N.B. - Under Col. 1 above the serial numbers of candidates of all the three categories shall be given consecutively and not separately for each category. ]

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\* [ ] The **Form No.7** within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999



\* ]  
**FORM - 8**  
 [ See Rule 20 (1) ]

## Appointment of Election Agent

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat  
 Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... of constituency No.  
 ..... which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women /  
 Sch. Castes / Sch. Castes (Women) / Sch. Tribes / Sch. Tribes(Women) .

To	Party	Address of candidate	Name of candidate	Serial
The Returning Officer,				

I, ..... of ....., a candidate at  
 the above election do hereby appoint ..... of .....  
 ..... as my election agent from this day at the above election.

Place .....  
 Date.....

Signature of candidate.

I accept the above appointment.

Place .....  
 Date.....

Signature of election agent

Approved

Signature and Seal of the  
 Returning Officer.

\* [ ] The **Form No.8** within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide  
 RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999



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# FORM 9

[ See Rule 20(2) ]

## Revocation of Appointment of Election Agent

Election to the \* ..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the Seat No. .... of constituency No. .... which is a general seat / a seat reserved for Women / Sch. Castes / Sch. Caste (Women) / Sch. Tribes / Sch. Tribes (Women).

To  
The Returning Officer,

I, ..... a candidate at the above election, hereby revoke the appointment of ..... my election agent.

Place .....

Signature of candidate,

Date .....

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\*Here insert one of the following alternatives as may be appropriate :-  
(1) Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the .....  
..... constituency. ]

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\*[ ] The **Form No. 9** within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No.F.6(2-23)/GL/PR/98, dated 5-6-1999.



**FORN 10**  
**Appointment of Polling Agent**  
**(See Rule 21(I))**

Election to the .....Gram Panchayat/  
Panchayat Samiti/ Zilla Parishad from the ..... Seat No. of  
..... Constituency.

I, ..... a candidate / the election agent of  
..... who is a candidate at the above election do here by  
appoint ..... of ..... as a Polling  
Agent and appoint ..... of ..... as relief Polling  
Agent to attend Polling Station No. .... at (Place) .....  
..... Fixed for the poll .....

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of Candidate/ Election Agent.

I agree to act as Polling Agent:

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of Polling Agent/ Relief Polling Agent.

Declaration of Polling to be signed before Presiding Officer.

I here declare that at the above election I will not do anything forbidden  
by rule 39 of the Tripura Panchayat (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1993, which I  
have read/ has been read over to me.

Date .....

Signature of Polling Agent/ Relief Polling Agent.

Signed before me

Date .....

Signature of Presiding Officer.



**FORM 11**  
**See rule 21(3)**

**Revocation of Appointment of Polling Agent**

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat  
Panchayat Samiti/ Zilla Parishad from the ..... Seat No. of  
..... Constituency.

To  
The Presiding Officer,

I, ....., a candidate/ election agent of  
..... at the above election hereby revoke the  
appointment of .....Polling Agent/ Relief Polling  
Agent ..... at the Polling Station No.....at  
.....(Place).

Place .....

Date.....

**Signature of Candidate / Election Agent.**



FORM 12  
( See rule 53 (I))

Appointment of Counting Agent.

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat /  
Panchayat Samiti/ Zilla Parishad from the Constituency No. ....  
Seat No. of .....

To  
The Returning Officer,

I, .....(Name), a Candidate/ Election  
Agent of .....(Name) who is a candidate at the above  
Election, do hereby appoint .....(Name) of  
.....(address) as Counting Agent to  
attend counting of votes at ..... (place fixed for counting).

Place .....

Date.....

Signature of Candidate / Election Agent.

I agree to act as Counting Agent

Signature of Counting Agent



**FORM - 13**  
**(See Rules 53(4))**

**Revocation of Appointment of Counting Agent.**

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat/  
Panchayat Samiti/ Zilla Parishad from the Constituency No. ....  
Seat No. ....

To  
The Returning Officer,

I, ..... (name), a candidate/ Election agent  
.....(name) who is a candidate at the above  
election, hereby revoke the appointment of .....(name)  
Counting Agent, (place fixed for Counting ).

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of Candidate/ Election Agent



FORM - 14  
(See Rules 25(b) and (c))

Declaration of Election whom seat is uncontested.

Election to the ..... Gram  
Panchayat/ Panchayat Samiti/ Zilla Parishad from the .....  
..... Seat No. of ..... Constituency.

In pursuance of the provisions contained in sub-rule (b)/(c) of rule 25 of  
the Tripura Panchayat (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1993, I declare that .....

..... (name)

.....(address)

has been duly elected to fill the seat in the said Gram Panchayat/ Panchayat  
Samiti/ Zilla Parishad from the above Constituency.

He/ She is/ is not a member of the Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe.

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of the Returning Officer



\*[

**FORM - 15**  
(See Rule 28(1) )  
**Ballot Paper**

..... Block ..... Gram Panchayat  
Constituency No. .... Seat No. .... E/ Roll Part  
No. .... Srl. No. of Voter .....  
Signature /T.I. of Voter .....  
..... Perforation .....

Name of Gram Panchayat  
(Seat No.)/ year Gnl / Bye.

Constituency No.

The image shows a large square bracketed area containing four horizontal decorative bands. Each band consists of a repeating pattern of stylized floral or leaf-like motifs. The bands are arranged vertically, with a small gap between each one. The entire area is enclosed in a thick black border.

\* [ ] The Form 15 within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-133)GL/PR/94, dated 25-4-1994.



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**FORM - 15 A**  
(See Rule 28(1) )  
**Ballot Paper**

Constituency No. .... Panchayat Samiti

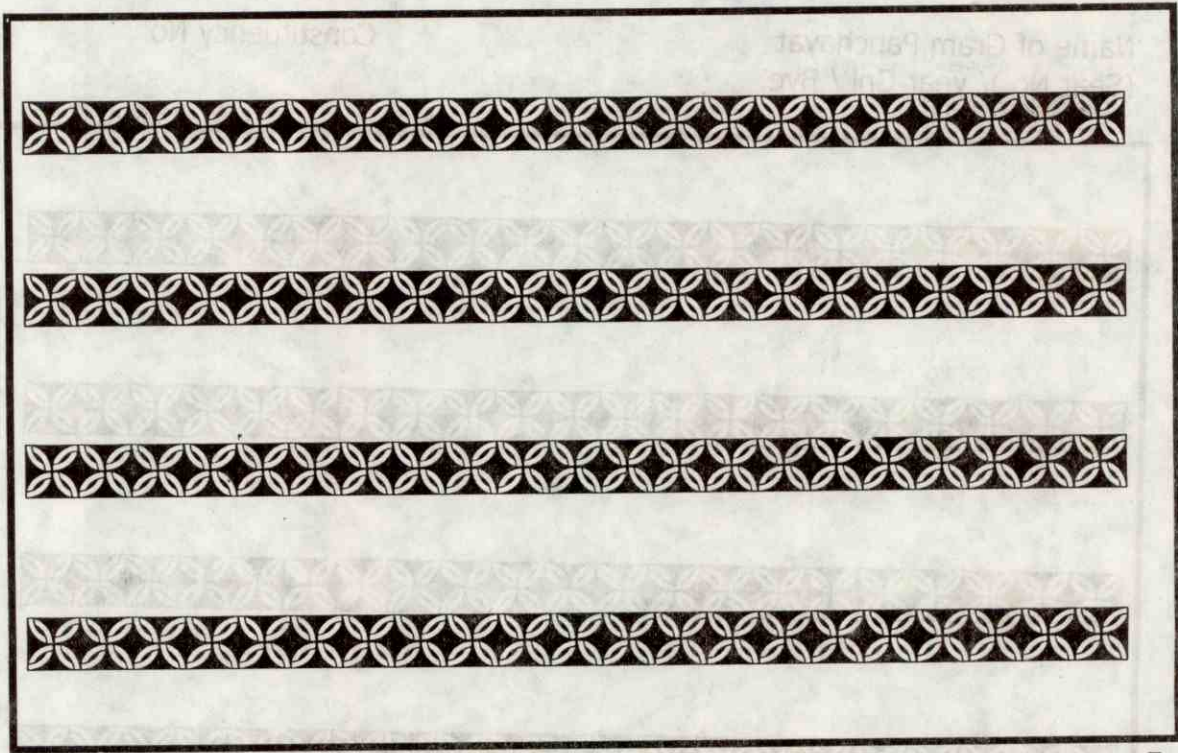
..... E/ Roll Part No. .... Srl. No. of

Voter ..... Signature /T.I. of Voter

..... Perforation.....

Name of Panchayat Samiti .....

Constituency No. .... / year Gnl / Bye.



\* [ ] The Form 15 A within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-133)GL/PR/94, dated 25-4-1994.



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**FORM - 15 B**  
(See Rule 28(1) )  
**Ballot Paper**

Constituency No. ....

E/ Roll Part No. .... Srl. No. of Voter

..... Signature /T.I. of Voter

.....Perforation .....

Name of Zilla Parishad  
Constituency No. /year Gnl / Bye.

The image shows a large square box with a black border. Inside the box, there are four horizontal decorative bands, each containing a repeating pattern of stylized floral or leaf-like motifs. The bands are arranged vertically, with some space between them. The box is intended for the voter's mark.

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\* [ ] The Form 15 B within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide Panchayat Department Notification No.F.6(1-133)GL/PR/94, dated 25-4-1994.



**FORM 16**  
**Application for Casting Vote by person on election duty**  
( See Rule – 35(I) )

To  
The Returning Officer  
..... Seat No. of ..... Gram Panchayat .....  
.....Panchayat Samiti Constituency .....  
.....Zilla Parishad.

I intend to cast by vote at the ensuing election to the Gram Panchayat /  
Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad to be taken at Polling Station No. ....  
in ..... Gram.

My name is entered at Sl.No. .... in Part No. ....  
in the electoral roll of ..... Gram Panchayat Constituency  
comprised within .....(Zilla Parishad Constituencies ).

I have been posted on election duty and procure, herewith, my letter of  
appointment.

I request that a ballot paper / papers for election to Gram Panchayat /  
Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad may be issued tome to cast my vote.

Yours faithfully,

Place .....

Date .....



**FORM – 17**  
**List of Challenged Votes**

(See Rule 36(2)(c) )

Election to the ..... Seat No. of ..... Gram  
 Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the .....  
 ..... Constituency.

Polling Station .....

Sl.No. of entry	Name of Voter	Serial Number of		Signature or thumb impression of the person challenged.
		Part No.	Voter's name in that part	
1	2	3	4	5

Address of the person challenged	Name of identify if any.	Name of Challenger	Order of Presiding Officer	Signature of challenger on receiving refund of deposit.
6	7	8	9	10

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of Presiding Officer, .....



**FORM – 18**  
**(See Rule 40(2))**

**List of Blind and infirm Voters**

Election to the ..... Seat No. 9 of .....  
..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad  
..... Constituency.

No. and name of Polling Station.....

Polling Booth No. ....

Part No. and Serial No. of Voter	Full Name of Voter	Full Name of companion	Address of companion	Signature of companion
1	2	3	4	5

Date .....

Signature of Presiding Officer

**FORM – 18 (A)**

**Declaration by the Companion of Blind or Infirm Elector**  
**(See Rule 40(1))**

..... Election to the Seat No. of Gram Panchayat /  
Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad ..... Constituency No. ....  
..... No. and Name of the Polling Station .....  
I, ..... son of ..... aged .....  
resident of .....

- (a) have not acted as Companion of any other elector ;  
at any polling station today, the .....
- (b) Will keep Secret the voter recorded by me on be half of .....

Signature of the Companion

Full Address to be given



**FORM – 19**  
**List of Tendered Votes**  
 (See Rule 42(2) )

Election to the ..... Seat No. of ..... Gram  
 Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the .....  
 ..... Constituency.

No. and name of Polling Station .....

Part number Serial No. and Name of Voter	Address of Voter	Serial number of tendered ballot paper	Serial number of ballot paper issued to the person who has already voted.	Signature or thumb impression of person tendering vote.
1	2	3	4	5

.....  
 Signature of the Presiding Officer

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of Presiding Officer,

1] The Form No. 20 within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment vide RD(Panchayats) Department Notification No. F.62-23/G.P.R.V. dated 2-6-1999.







**FORM - 21**  
**Counting Sheet**  
 (See Rule 56 (3) )

Election to the ..... Seat No. of ..... Gram  
 Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the .....  
 ..... Constituency. Date of Poll.....

**Voters cast by person on election duty**

No and name of Polling Station	Total number of sealed covers	Total number of valid ballot papers	Total number of rejected ballot papers
1	2	3	4

Serial Number	Name of candidates	Votes secured by candidates
5	6	7
A		
B		
C		
D		
E		

**Signature of Counting Supervisor**

**Signature of Returning Officer**

Place .....

Date .....



**FORM -21 (A)**  
**COUNTING SHEET**  
 (See Rule 59(3))

Table No. ....  
 Sheet No. ....

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat  
 Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the ..... Constituency  
 Date of Poll ..... Seat No. ....  
 (in case of Gram Panchayat)

**Voters cast in ballot box at Polling Station**

No. and name of Polling Station.	Ballot Papers received from Presiding Officer	Number of valid ballot papers	Number of rejected ballot papers
1	2	3	4

**Votes secured by Candidates**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	

Date .....

Place .....

Signature of Counting Supervisor,

Signature of Returning Officer



**FORM - 22**  
( See Rule 59(3) )  
**Counting Sheet**

Election to the .....\* [ Gram  
Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad ] from the .....  
..... Constituency,

Seat No. .... ( in case of Gram Panchayat )  
Date of Poll .....

**Final Counting**

No and name of Polling Station	Number of ballot papers found in ballot box(es)	Number of valid ballot papers	Number of rejected ballot papers	Number of tendered votes
1	2	3	4	5

**Votes secured by the Candidates**

	Names of Candidates				
	A	B	C	D	E
	1	2	3	4	5
Table No. 1					
Table No. 2					
Table No. 3					
Grand Total					

Place .....

Date .....

\* [ ] The words with in the square brackets alongwith punctuatio; mark "/ " have been substituted by amendment vide Panchayat Department .Notification No.F.6(1-141)-GL/PR/94, dated 23-6-1994.

Signature of Returning Officer



**FORM -23**  
(See Rule 59(4))  
**RESULT SHEET**

Election to the ..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat  
Samiti / Zilla Parishad

From the ..... Constituency.

Seat No. .... (in case of Gram Panchayat).

Date of Poll .....

No. and name of Polling Station (s)	Number of ballot papers found in ballot box(es)	Number of valid ballot papers	Number of rejected ballot papers	Number of tendered votes
1	2	3	4	5

**Votes secured by the Candidates**

Names of Candidates	Name of Candidates						
	1 A	2 B	3 C	4 D	5 E	6 F	7 G
Table No. 1							
Sheet No. 1							
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Sheet No. 3							
Table No. 2							
Sheet No. 1							
Sheet No. 2							
Sheet No. 3							
<b>Election Duty Votes</b>							
<b>Grand Total</b>							

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of Returning Officer.



**FORM – 24**  
See Rules 63(1)

**Declaration of Election when seat in contested**

Election to the ..... Seat No. of .....  
Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the .....  
..... Constituency.

In pursuance of the Provisions contained in rules 63 of the Tripura Panchayat (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1963.

I declare that .....  
..... Name (a)  
..... Address.

has/ have been duly elected to fill the seat in the said Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad from the above Constituency. He/ She is / is not a member of the Scheduled Castes /Scheduled Tribe.

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of Returning Officer

[ ] The Form No. 24 within the square brackets has been substituted by amendment No. 1 of the Tripura Panchayat (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1963.



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**FORM- 25**

[ See Rule – 63(4) ]

**Certificate of Election**

I. Returning Officer for the ..... Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti / Zilla Parishad Constituency in the State of Tripura hereby certify that I have on the ..... day of ..... 19 ..... [ Sponsored by ..... ( name of the recognised / registered political party ) ] to have been duly elected to the Seat No..... by the said constituency [ in the General Election / Bye election ] to be a member in the ..... Gram Panchayat / ..... Panchayat Samiti / ..... Zilla Parishad and that in token thereof I have granted to him / her this certificate of election.

Place .....

Date .....

Signature of the Returning Officer  
For the ..... Gram Panchayat  
..... Panchayat Samiti  
..... Zilla Parishad  
..... Constituency.

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