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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT

(G.O. Ms. No. 022/A1/LAS/2022, Puducherry, dated 4th May 2022)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (1) of sub-section (2) of section 65 of the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973 (No. 9 of 1973) and of all other powers enabling her in this behalf, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is hereby pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Puducherry Municipal Councils (Conduct of Election of Councillors) Rules, 1974, notified *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 210, dated the 14th December 1974 of the Local Administration Department, Government of Puducherry, namely:-

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Puducherry Municipal Councils (Conduct of Election of Councillors) [Amendment] Rules, 2022.

(2) They shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(3) They shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. *Amendment of rule 2.*— In the Puducherry Municipal Councils (Conduct of Election of Councillors) Rules, 1974 [hereinafter referred to as “the said rules”] in rule 2 (1),

(a) For the existing clause (a), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

(i) “(a) ‘absentee voter’ means, a person belonging to the class of senior citizen or persons with disability or COVID affected persons as identified before 15 days of poll;”

after clause (a), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

(ii) “(a)(a) ‘Act’ means, the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973 (No. 9 of 1973);”

(b) after the existing clause (f), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“(f)(a) ‘person with disability’ means, a person already marked/flagged as person with disability in the database for the electoral roll;

(c) after the existing clause (h), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“(h)(a) ‘senior citizen’ means, an elector belonging to the class of absentee voters and is above 80 years of age;”

3. *Amendment of rule 36.*— In rule 36 of the said rules, in sub-rule (1), after the proviso, the following second proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided further that in case of absentee voter, the postal ballot paper shall be issued by the Returning Officer in such manner as may be specified by the State Election Commission.”

4. *Amendment of rule 37.*— In rule 37 of the said rules, after the sub-rule (2), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“(3) In the case of an absentee voter, the recording of vote shall be made in such Centre or any other place where the voter ordinarily resides or as may be specified by the State Election Commission.”

5. *Amendment of rule 40.*— In rule 40 of the said rules, in sub-rule (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that in the case of absentee voter, the postal ballot paper shall be returned to the Returning Officer in such a way, as may be directed by the State Election Commission.”

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

GIDDI BALARAM,
Under Secretary to Government
(Local Administration).