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**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**LOCAL ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT**

(G.O. Ms. No. 023/A1/LAS/2022, Puducherry, dated 4th May 2022)

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (1) of sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 (No. 10 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 Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978, notified *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 310, dated 11th December, 1978 of the Local Administration Department, Government of Puducherry, namely:-

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) [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 Village and Commune Panchayats (Conduct of Election of Members of Commune Panchayat Councils and Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1978 [hereinafter referred to as ‘the said rules’] in the 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 Village and Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 (No.10 of 1973);”

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

“(j)(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 (n), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

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

3. *Amendment of rule 29C.*— In the said rules, in rule 29C, 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 29D.*— In the said rules, in rule 29D, 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 30B.*— In the said rules, in rule 30B, 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 way, as may be directed by the State Election Commission.”

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

**GIDDI BALARAM,**  
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(Local Administration).