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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

No. E.47/1/2026-BYE-ELECTION-1319.

Puducherry, dated 09th September 2026.

NOTIFICATION

The following Notifications of the Election Commission of India are republished for the information of the general public.

Sl. No.	Notification No.	Subject
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	576/3/EVM/2026/SDR-Vol. II, dated 08-09-2026	Legal provision for usage of EVMs and VVPATs
2	3/4/ID/2026/SDR/Vol. II, dated 08-09-2026	Alternating photo identity documents for establishing their identity.
3	52/2026/SDR/Vol. IV, dated 08-09-2026	Postal Ballot facility for Senior Citizens above the age of 85
4	52/2026/SDR/Vol. IV, dated 08-09-2026	Postal Ballot facility for Covid 19 suspected or affected persons.

ASPS. RAVI PRAKASH, I.A.S.,
Chief Electoral Officer.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.

No.576/3/EVM/2026/SDR-Vol.-II

Dated: 08th September, 2026

DIRECTION

Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify; and

2. Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct; and

3. Whereas, the Election Commission has considered the circumstances in the **current bye-elections to the 35-Madurantakam (SC) and 101-Dharapuram (SC) Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 09-Thattanchavady Assembly Constituency in Puducherry, 70-Rejinagar and 210-Nandigram Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal and 09-Nagaon Parliamentary Constituency in Assam announced vide the Election Commission's Press Note No. ECI/PN/114/2026 dated 07.09.2026**, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)] are available for taking the poll in the aforesaid Constituencies. The polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of EVMs and 'VVPAT Printers' and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the EVMs and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby **specifies the 35-Madurantakam (SC) and 101-Dharapuram (SC) Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 09-Thattanchavady Assembly Constituency in Puducherry, 70-Rejinagar and 210-Nandigram Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal and 09-Nagaon Parliamentary Constituency in Assam to be notified on 09.09.2026** as the constituencies in which the votes shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject.

5. The Election Commission also hereby approves the design of EVMs and VVPAT Printers as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the Constituencies.

(By order)

S.B. JOSHI,
Principal Secretary.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.3/4/ID/2026/SDR/VOL.II

Dated: 8th September, 2026

ORDER

Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing personation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Electors Photo Identity Card for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and

2. Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing personation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, issue of Electors' Photo Identity Card to electors bearing their photographs at State cost; and

3. Whereas, Rules 49H (3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors' Photo Identity Card under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Elector Photo Identity Card at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Elector Photo Identity Card may result in the denial of permission to vote; and

4. Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules, makes it clear that although the right to vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Elector Photo Identity Card, where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling and that both are to be used together; and

5. Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28th August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors' Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to all electors, according to a time bound programme; and

6. Whereas, Electors' Photo Identity Card have been issued to approximately 100% electors in the States of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, West Bengal and Assam; and

7. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual positions, the Election Commission hereby directs that for the **current bye-elections to the 35-Madurantakam (SC) and 101-Dharapuram (SC) Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 09-Thattanchavady Assembly Constituency in Puducherry, 70-Rejinagar and 210-Nandigram Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal and 09-Nagaon Parliamentary Constituency in Assam to be notified on 09th September, 2026**, all electors who have been issued EPIC are expected to produce the EPIC for their identification at the polling stations before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity: -

- i. Aadhaar Card;
- ii. MGNREGA Job Card;
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office;
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour/Ayushman Bharat Health Card;
- v. Driving License;
- vi. PAN Card;
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR;
- viii. Indian Passport;
- ix. Pension document with photograph;
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies;
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and
- xii. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

8. In the case of EPIC, clerical errors, spelling mistakes, etc. should be ignored provided that the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC. If an elector produces an EPIC which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such EPIC shall also be accepted for identification provided that the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting. If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents mentioned in Para 7 above.

9. Notwithstanding anything in Para 7 above, overseas electors who are registered in the electoral roll under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the particulars in their Indian Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) at the polling station.

(By order)

S.B. JOSHI,
Principal Secretary.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.52/2026/SDR/Vol.IV

Dated: 8th September, 2026

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (c) of Section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission hereby specifies that electors above the age of 85 years and persons with benchmark disability as already marked/flagged in the database of the electoral rolls of the State and who requests for voting by postal ballot paper and subject to the verification of his request by concerned Returning Officer, would be a class of persons to give his vote by postal ballot in the current **bye-elections to the 35-Madurantakam(SC) and 101-Dharapuram(SC) Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 09-Thattanchavady Assembly Constituency in Puducherry, 70-Rejinagar and 210-Nandigram Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal and 09-Nagaon Parliamentary Constituency in Assam to be notified on dated 09.09.2026**, under Section 30 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as per the provisions in Part-III A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.

(By order)

S.B. JOSHI,
Principal Secretary.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.52/2026/SDR/Vol.IV

Dated: 8th September, 2026

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (c) of Section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission hereby specifies that the **Covid-19** suspected or affected person, certified by competent authority, who applies for voting by postal ballot paper, and subject to verification of their request by the Returning Officer concerned, would be a class of persons to give their vote by postal ballot in the **current bye-elections to the 35-Madurantakam(SC) and 101-Dharapuram(SC) Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, 09-Thattanchavady Assembly Constituency in Puducherry, 70-Rejinagar and 210-Nandigram Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal and 09-Nagaon Parliamentary Constituency in Assam to be notified on dated 09.09.2026**, under Section 30 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as per the provisions in Part IIIA of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, as amended vide Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India, Notification SO No. 1964(E), dated 19th June, 2020 read with the directions and guidelines issued by the Election Commission on the subject.

(By order)

S.B. JOSHI,
Principal Secretary.