

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, PUDUCHERRY

CIVIC ELECTIONS 2012

Main Features of Civic Elections

I. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

1) The Chairman and the Members of Municipal Councils will be directly elected by the voters, whereas the Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Council will be elected only from among the elected councilors. The Chairman and Councilors election will be held on **party basis** for which the State Election Commission has finalized the list of **political parties**.

2. Qualifications for Chairman/Councillors:

a) A person who stands for election as Chairman/Member of the Municipal Council should be a voter of the Municipality concerned.

b) A person who stands for election as Chairman should have attained the age of 25 years, whereas a person who stands for election for Councillor should have attained the age of 21 years.

c) A person who stands for election as a Member of the Municipal Council will not be eligible to stand for election as Chairman of the Municipal Council.

d) A person who stands for election as Chairman of the Municipal Council will not be eligible for election as Member of the Municipal Council.

e) A person who stand for election in a different ward, a copy of the electoral roll of that ward or of the relevant part thereof or a certified copy of the relevant entries in such roll should be enclosed in the nomination paper.

f) A person who stand for an election can present more than one Nomination papers but should not be more than four nomination papers.

g) An elector shall sign only one nomination paper as a proposer.

h) An elector who wishes to stand as a candidate for election to a seat shall not sign the nomination paper as proposer.

3. Allotment of Symbols:

a) The election of Chairman of Municipal Councils Members of Municipal council on party basis, i.e., party symbols will be allotted to the candidates sponsored by the registered and recognized parties. All political parties registered and recognized by the Election Commission of India are treated as the registered and recognized parties and they will get their respective party symbols.

The voters in the Municipal Councils will have to cast two votes and the ballot papers will be in two different colours. The ballot papers for election of Chairman of the Municipal council will be **pink in colour**, whereas the ballot paper for election of the Councillors will be **white in colour**.

4. Deposit

The details regarding the amount of deposit to be remitted by the candidates while presenting the nomination papers are detailed below:-

	<u>General</u>	<u>S/C</u>
i) For Chairman Election	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 1,500/-
ii) For Councillor Election	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 500/-

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5. Election Expenditure:

a) **For election of Chairman:** A candidate who stands for election of chairman of the Municipal Council should not incur expenditure beyond the limit prescribed below:

i) For election as Chairman of Municipal Council;

<u>Municipality</u>		<u>Rs.</u>
Pondicherry	:	20,00,000
Oulgaret	:	20,00,000
Karaikal	:	8,50,000
Mahe	:	6,50,000
Yanam	:	6,50,000

ii) For election as Councillor of Municipal Council – Rs. 2,00,000/-

II) PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS:

1) There will be direct election for the Member of Commune Panchayat Council, President of Village Panchayat and Member of Village Panchayat. The Chairman of the Commune Panchayat council will be indirectly elected from among the elected council members of the Commune Panchayat and the vice chairman shall be elected by and from the electoral body consisting of the members directly elected from this Commune Panchayat Wards and the directly elected Presidents of the Village Panchayat comprised within the jurisdiction of the Commune Panchayat. The Vice President of Village Panchayat will be elected from among the elected Members of Village Panchayat Wards.

The election of Commune Panchayat Council members will be **held on party basis.**

2) Qualifications for Candidates:

a) A person who stands for Panchayat elections should be a voter of the concerned Commune Panchayat Council/Village Panchayat.

b) A person who stands for Panchayat elections should have attained the age of 21 years

c) A person who stands for election as Member of Commune Panchayat Council will not be eligible for election as a Member of village Panchayat or President of Village Panchayat.

d) A person who stands for election as President of Village Panchayat will not be eligible for election as Member of Commune Panchayat Council or Member of Village Panchayat.

f) A person who stands for election as Member of village Panchayat will not be eligible for election as Member of Commune Panchayat Council or President of Village Panchayat.

3) Allotment of Symbols:

The Panchayat elections for President of Village Panchayats and ward member of Village Panchayats will be held on non-party basis and free symbols will be allotted to the candidates at these elections. The election of Commune Panchayat council members will be held on party basis and the party symbols will be held allotted to the candidate sponsored by registered and recognized political parties.

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A voter in Panchayat elections will have to cast **three votes** and ballot papers will be in **three different colours**. The ballot paper for election of Member of Commune Panchayat Council will be in **green colour**, while the ballot paper for election of President of village Panchayat will be **pink** and the ballot paper for election of Member of Village Panchayat will be **white**. Since the election of Village Panchayat President and Ward Members will be held on non-party basis, the symbol alone will be printed in the Ballot Paper. However, since the election for Commune Panchayat Council member will be held on party basis, the name of the candidate and the respective party symbol will be printed on the ballot paper.

4) **Deposits:**

The details regarding the amount of deposit to be remitted by the candidates while presenting the nomination papers are detailed below:

	<u>General</u>	<u>S/C</u>
i) Commune Panchayat Council member	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 250/-
ii) Village Panchayat President	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 250/-
iii) Village Panchayat Ward Member	Rs. 250/-	Rs. 125/-

5) **Election Expenditure:**

(i). **Panchayat Election:**

No candidate contesting for Member of Commune Panchayat Council, President of Village Panchayat and Member of Village Panchayat shall incur expenditure beyond limit prescribed below;

a) for Member of Commune Panchayat Council	Rs. 2,00,000/-
b) for President of Village Panchayat	Rs. 1,50,000/-
c) for Member of Village Panchayat	Rs. 15,000/-

III **General**

1) **Reservation of Seats:**

Based on the Notification of the Government in respect of ward-wise population in relation to last Census 2001 the State Election Commission has identified the reserved seats to SC, SC Women and General Candidates and already published in the Official Gazette. The details of which are as follows: The reserved seats were allotted by rotation. The rotation will be done once in 5 years.

Reservation of Seats for all Elections in respect of Municipalities/Commune Panchayats:

Name of the Election	Total no. of post	No. of seats Reserved for S/C	No. of seats Reserved for S/C Women	No. of seats Reserved for General Women	General
Municipal Chairman	5	1	-	2	2
Municipal Councillor	122	12	(6)	36	74
Chairman of Commune Panchayat	10	2	(1)	3	5
Commune Panchayat Council Member	98	24	(9)	27	46
Village Panchayat President	98	17	(5)	31	50
Village Panchayat Member	815	201	(77)	227	387
Total	1148	257	(98)	326	564

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2) Timing of Poll:

The timing of poll for both Municipal and Panchayat elections will be between **7.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M.**

3) Code of Conduct

All candidates should strictly follow the code of conduct prescribed by the State Election Commission and the same has been published in the State Gazette and they should not incur expenditure above the prescribed limit fixed by the State Election Commission. Observers will be posted to check whether the candidates and others are indulging in corrupt practices and whether they commit electoral offences of any kind.

The candidates/voters as well as the political parties are requested to be in touch with the concerned Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers who have put up their election offices within the jurisdiction of respective Commune Panchayat. The names of the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers have already been published in the State Gazette. However, for the information of the public, the names of the Returning Officers and their telephone numbers are also indicated below:

List of Secretaries / District Election Officer for Municipality / Commune Panchayat for the Civic Election in – 2012

Sl. No.	Name and Designation Tvl.	Designated as	Region	Mobile No.	Office / Residence
1	Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar, I.A.S., Secretary to Govt. (Rev.)-cum- Collector, Puducherry.	District Election Officer	Puducherry	9442249884	2231200 2248691
2	J. Ashok Kumar I.A.S, District Collector, Karaikal	District Election Officer	Karaikal	9443124852	04368- 222025 222444
3	R. Arunachalam, Regional Administrator, Mahe	Regional Election Officer	Mahe	9447732720	0490- 2332233
4	S. Ganessin, Regional Administrator, Yanam	Regional Election Officer	Yanam	09440204797	0884- 2321268

Sl. No.	Name and Designation Tvl.	Designated as	Region	Mobile Numbers
1	G. Panneer Selvam, Director of Higher & Tech. Edn. Puducherry.	Secretary to State Election Commission	Municipal Council Elections in 4 regions of Puducherry	9443225354
2	S.D. Sundaresan, Transport Commissioner, Puducherry.	Secretary to State Election Commission	Panchayat Elections in Puducherry	9443633122
3	E. Vallavan, Director of School Education, Puducherry.	Secretary to State Election Commission	Panchayat Elections in Karaikal	9442244179
4	G. Srinivas, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Election Department, Puducherry.	Joint Secretary to State Election Commission	Headquarters	9894067834

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Sl. No.	Name of Municipalities	Returning Officer	Mobile Numbers
1	Pondicherry	Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Taxes Department, Puducherry	9486267824
2	Oulgaret	Director of Industries, Puducherry.	9443221214
3	Karaikal	Dy. Collector (Revenue), Karaikal	9443124851
4	Mahe	Regional Administrator, Mahe.	9447732720
5	Yanam	Regional Administrator, Yanam.	09440204797

Commune Panchayat Council	Returning Officer	Telephone Numbers Office	Mobile Numbers
1. Ariankuppam	Director, Tourism Department, Puducherry.	2358573	9442277683
2. Bahour	Director of Survey and Land Records, Puducherry	2231220	9443289490
3. Mannadipet	Deputy Transport Commissioner, Transport Department, Puducherry.	2280170	9442108400
4. Nettapakkam	Deputy Labour Commissioner, Puducherry.	2279278	9487636115
5. Villianur	Deputy Collector Revenue (North), Puducherry	2231250	9443383418
6. Kottucherry	Senior Accounts Officer, Perunthalaivar Kamarajraja College of Education, Karaikal	231390	9942997996
7. Nedungadu	Principal Karaikal Polytechnic College varichaikudy, Karaikal	04368-265795	9443609028
8. Neravy	Deputy Director (Local Admn.), Karaikal.	223842	9865694778
9. T.R.Pattinam	Deputy Director (Civil Supplies), Karaikal	222718	9442636056
10. Thirunallar	The Executive Officer (Temples), Karaikal.	236503	9994336733

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