



ABSTRACT

Appointment of Special Officers to Village Panchayats – Notified.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 124

Dated 24.10.2016

Read :

- Ref :
1. From the Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Election Commission, letter Rc. No.5081/2016/EG1, dated 08.10.2016.
 2. From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Chennai, Letter No. 57766/2016/PRI 1.3 Dated 20.10.2016

ORDER :

The appended Notification shall be published in an extraordinary issue of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, dated the 24.10.2016.

(By Order of the Governor)

HANS RAJ VERMA,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-600 079.
(for publication of notifications in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary dated 24.10.2016 and furnish 1000 copies of the notification to Government).

The Director of Stationery and Printing, Chennai-2.

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.

The Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Election Commission, Chennai – 600 106.

All Collectors (Except Chennai) They are requested to communicate the Notification appended to all the executive authorities of Local Bodies in their districts.

Copy to:-

The Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chennai – 600 009.

The Office of the Hon'ble Minister, (Municipal Administration and

Rural Development, Implementation of Special Programme), Chennai – 600 009.

The Director, State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat.Raj,
Maraimalai Nagar, Kancheepuram District.

The Principal Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai – 600009.

The Law (RD&PR) Department, Chennai – 600 009.

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (OP-2) Department, Chennai – 600 009.
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24/10/16
Section Officer.

APPENDIX
NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has issued Notification for the purpose of filling up of ordinary vacancies in the offices of ward members and Presidents of the Village Panchayats and called upon the elections to elect their respective Ward Members and Presidents in accordance with programme specified therein;

AND WHEREAS the High Court of Madras in its interim order dated the 4th October 2016 in W.P.No.33984/2016 among others, has quashed the Election Notifications issued for the conduct of Local Body Election by the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission and directed to issue fresh notifications, conduct election and complete the election process, at the earliest, not later than the 31st December 2016 and has also directed the Government to administer the Local Bodies by appointment of Special Officers till the elections are held, as the present terms of the present Local Bodies are to expire soon and the same cannot be extended beyond five years;

AND WHEREAS the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission and the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj have requested the Government to appoint Special Officers to administer the Village Panchayats as the terms of the Village Panchayats are due to expire on the 24th October 2016;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Tamil Nadu has promulgated The Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Third Amendment Ordinance), 2016 (Tamil Nadu

Ordinance 1 of 2016), whereby section 261-A was inserted in the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994), enabling the Government to appoint Special Officers to the Village Panchayats;

AND WHEREAS, in view of the circumstances aforesaid, it is necessary to appoint Special Officers to exercise the powers and to discharge the functions of the Village Panchayats under the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994), until the day on which the first meeting of the Village Panchayats are held after ordinary elections to the Village Panchayats after the date of commencement of the said Ordinance or until the 31st December 2016, whichever is earlier;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 261-A of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby appoints the Block Development Officers (Village Panchayats) of the respective Panchayat Union as Special Officers of the respective Village Panchayats.

2. This notification shall come into force on the 25th October 2016.

HANS RAJ VERMA,
Principal Secretary to Government.