

Press Release

Following the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated the 6th and 11th December 2019, delimitation of territorial wards of Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Municipal Corporations in the nine newly re-constituted districts namely Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Vellore, Thirupathur, Ranipet, Vilupuram, Kallakurichi, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi are under active process. Further, for conducting ordinary elections to Urban Local Bodies, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has initiated swift actions, namely, preparation of Local Body Electoral Rolls, identification of Polling Stations, revision of certain Booklets, training for handling Electronic Voting Machines to officials and development of software for randomization of polling official and Electronic Voting Machines.

2. In the meantime, due to sudden outbreak of COVID-19, high alert / lock down has been declared by the Central and State Government. The entire machinery of the Government are engaged in taking preventive, protective, relief and welfare

measures on a war footing, to mitigate the suffering of the people. Hence the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission is not in a position to conduct the Urban Local Body Elections.

3. The term of office of the Special Officers of the Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Municipal Corporations expires on the 30th June 2020. The Government have decided to amend the laws relating to the Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Municipal Corporations, so as to extend the term of office of the Special Officers for a further period of six months upto the 31st December 2020.

4. Accordingly, as per the recommendation of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Governor has promulgated the Tamil Nadu Municipal Laws (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 on the 30th June 2020.

Issued By :- DIPR, Secretariat, Chennai - 9.