

Press Release

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated the 6th and 11th December 2019, Ordinary Elections to Ward Members of Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats and the President of Village Panchayats were conducted and elected representatives has assumed office on 6.01.2020 except the nine newly re-constituted districts of Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Vellore, Tirupathur, Ranipet, Vilupuram, Kallakurichi, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi.

2. The delimitation of territorial wards of Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats in the said nine newly re-constituted districts is under active process. 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 Local Body Elections as per the orders of the Supreme Court of India.

3. The term of office of the Special Officers of Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats in the newly re-constituted districts of Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Vellore, Tirupathur, Ranipet, Vilupuram, Kallakurichi, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi expires on the 30th June 2020. The Government have, decided to amend section 261-A of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) so as to extend the term of office of the said 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 Panchayats (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 on the 30th June 2020.

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