

**PRESS RELEASE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE OF TAMIL NADU WAQF BOARD  
MUTAWALLIS ELECTION**

The election programme for election of members to the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board from the electoral colleges consisting of Muslim Members of Parliament, State Legislature, Muslim Ex-Members of Bar Council and Mutawallis has been notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Extraordinary Gazette dated 15.07.2020. As per the Notification, election for the category of Mutawallis was scheduled to be held on 19.08.2020.

In the Hon'ble High Court of Madras Writ Petitions W.P. No.726/2020, W.P. No.8377/2020 and W.P. No.9557/2020 were filed challenging the supersession of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and the election notification for reconstituting the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

In the above Writ Petitions, Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its order dated 17.08.2020 has set aside the orders of the supersession of the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board and the consequential orders insofar as the election of two persons elected from Mutawallis category namely, Thiru. Syed Ali Akbar and Dr. Haja K. Majeed.

In view of the above orders of the High Court of Madras, the election scheduled to be held on 19.08.2020 for electing two members in the category of Mutawallis was deferred.

Special Leave Petition filed by the State of Tamil Nadu (Diary No.17419/2020) against the orders of the High Court of Madras in W.P. Nos.726/2020, 8377/2020 and 9557/2020, on 28.08.2020, the Supreme Court of India has ordered interim stay.

In the above circumstances, subject to the outcome of the Special Leave Petition filed by the Government of Tamil Nadu (Diary No.17419 / 2020) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and subject to further orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the election will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Wednesday) between 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. at the Office of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, No.1, Jaffar Syrang Street, Vallal

Seethakathi Nagar, Chennai – 600 001 for electing two members in the category of Mutawallis.

The votes already polled through postal ballot and received will be taken into account for the purpose of election. Those who have opted for postal ballot but not yet cast their votes will be able to cast their votes on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the polling booth established for the purpose at the Office of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, No.1, Jaffar Syrang Street, Vallal Seethakathi Nagar, Chennai – 600 001. However such a member will be required to give an undertaking in the prescribed format that he has not cast his postal ballot / or not received it. This will be verified with the list maintained at the polling booth. Only those who have not cast their vote through postal ballot will be allowed to vote. The Counting of votes will take place on 10.09.2020 (Thursday).

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