

PUBLIC (ELECTIONS-III) DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Nominations for the General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly will be received at the places notified in the Form-I Notice issued by the Returning Officer concerned, between 11.00 A.M. and 3.00 P.M. on all days starting from 22nd April, 2016 to 29th April, 2016, except on Sunday, the 24th April, 2016 is a public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. Nomination papers should not be received on 24.4.2016 (Sunday).

The following documents are to be submitted along with the nomination papers by the candidates to the Returning Officer:-

- (i) Nomination paper in Form-2B
- (ii) Affidavit in Form-26
- (iii) Additional affidavit for “No Due Certificate”
- (iv) Certified extract of Electoral Roll (when candidate is an elector of a different constituency)
- (v) Copy of Caste Certificate from competent authority (if the candidate claims to belong to SC / ST)
- (vi) Security Deposit of Rs.10,000/-
- (vii) A candidate belonging to a SC / ST is required to make a security deposit of only half of the amount mentioned above, i.e. Rs.5,000/-, even in a General Constituency.

The specifications prescribed by the Election Commission of India for the photograph during the submission to the Returning Officer along with nomination paper for printing of photograph of the candidates in the ballot paper are as follows:

- (i) Candidates are required to submit their recent photograph (taken during the preceding period of 3 months before the date of notification)
- (ii) Photograph should be of stamp size 2 cm x 2.5 cm (two cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm. in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial

expression with eyes open. The photo may be in colour or black and white as may be convenient for the candidate.

- (iii) Photograph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps / hats should be avoided. Dark glasses also to be avoided.

During the last visit of Election Commission of India, it has appealed that on the moral side, the political parties and the candidates can be encourage to take pledge not to distribute money throughout the State. After filing the nomination, candidates can take a pledge on this, outside the Returning Officer's office. This is optional.

Most of the Office of the Returning Officers of Assembly Constituencies are situated within the Assembly Constituency limits at this election.

Only three vehicles should be allowed to come within the periphery of 100 mts. of Returning Officer's office at the time of filing of nomination.

A maximum number of five persons (candidate plus four other individuals) only should be allowed to enter the room of the Returning Officer at the time of filing of nominations.

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
TAMIL NADU.

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