

Press Release

The Parliament has enacted the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Act 2010 for creation of Legislative Council for Tamil Nadu. The Act received the assent of the President on 18th May 2010.

According to the Act, there shall be 78 seats in the Council of which 1/3rd (26 Nos) will be elected by electorates consisting of members of local authorities and an equal number will be elected by the Members of the Legislative Assembly. There will be 7 seats (1/12th) each for electorates comprising graduates and teachers. The remainder (12) will be filled up by persons nominated by the Governor of Tamil Nadu, in accordance with the provisions of clause (5) of Article 171 of the Constitution, i.e., persons having special knowledge or practical experience in literature, science, art, co-operative movement and social service.

The Additional Secretary, Election Department, Mr. Santhanakrishnan, who was deputed to Hyderabad had detailed discussions with the concerned officials of Elections Department of Andhra Pradesh and Mr. C.R.Brahmam, an Officer (retired) of Election Commission of India (settled in Hyderabad who assisted the Elections Department of Andhra Pradesh).

There are several items of work to be taken up. These include obtaining statistics of Teachers and Graduates district-wise and also working out the district-wise population (taking note of changes in the districts after 2001 Census) The qualifications to be deemed to be equivalent to that of a graduate of a University will have to be notified. EROs and AEROs will have to be notified by the Election Commission and preparation of Electoral Rolls taken up.

After issue of Delimitation Orders by the President of India in consultation with the Election Commission of India (based on the proposals to be formulated by the Elections Department), the work for conduct of elections has to be taken up. The election is by the system of proportional representation based on the single transferable vote. The electoral system is different from that for Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. This will require training of all concerned officers. Orders will also have to be obtained from Election Commission of India for nomination of ROs and AROs.

In Andhra Pradesh when the Legislative Council was formed, the ECI asked for proposals for Delimitation and qualifications in June 2006 and orders were issued on both the subjects on 28th of September 2006. The elections were conducted in March, 2007. The work has been initiated now in Tamil Nadu in the Elections Department.

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