

**Annexure**

**Rc.No.6882/2020/ME1 Dt. 3.02.2022 (Circular C-29/2022)**

**Further Instructions on Standard Operating Procedures for  
Conduct of Urban Local Bodies Ordinary Elections, 2022 during COVID-19**

**Campaign by the political parties / contesting candidates / Others**

It is expected that all stakeholders namely political parties, candidates, campaigners, voters and authorities engaged in the election process shall always be conscious of their prime duty towards public health / safety and therefore shall abide by these general instructions and other norms of Covid appropriate behaviour as mandated by the respective authorities prescribed under the law.

1. No road show, Pad-yatra, cycle/bike/vehicle rally and procession shall be allowed till 11<sup>st</sup> February, 2022. Commission shall subsequently review the situation and issue further instructions accordingly.
2. No physical rally of Political parties or probable candidates or any other group related to election shall be allowed till 11<sup>st</sup> February, 2022. The Tamil Nadu State Election Commission shall subsequently review the situation and issue further instructions accordingly.
3. However, physical rallies during the campaign period, as and when permitted after the decision of the Commission shall be conducted subject to adherence to extant COVID-19 guidelines.
4. The Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has now decided to allow physical public meetings of political parties or contesting candidates in designated open spaces with a maximum of 1000 persons or 50% of the capacity of the ground whichever number is lesser.
5. It shall be the responsibility of the District Election Officer concerned to identify and to notify designated spaces in advance for the aforesaid purposes.
6. The maximum limit of persons allowed for Indoor meetings shall be 500 persons or 50% of the capacity of the hall.
7. The District Election Officers are instructed to ensure that necessary certificate with regard to indoor meeting, as permitted by the Commission, should be obtained from the Nodal Officer or the competent authority appointed by the District Election Officer.
8. The Tamil Nadu State Election Commission has also enhanced the limit for door to door campaigns to 20 persons excluding security personnel.
9. Political parties, contesting candidates and electors shall ensure the compliance of COVID appropriate behaviours & guidelines and Model Code of Conduct at all occasions during the activities connected with elections.
10. All the remaining restrictions as contained in earlier guidelines for conduct of Urban Local Body Elections, 2022 issued on 10.12.2021 & 25.1.2022 shall continue to operate.

(Sd.) E.Sundaravalli  
Secretary.

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Principal Election Officer  
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1. Restrictions regarding outdoor meeting/indoor meetings/rallies will be further relaxed subject to condition that the number of persons attending the indoor/outdoor meetings/rallies will be limited to maximum of 50 percent of the capacity of Indoor halls and 30 percent of the open ground capacity or as fixed by DEO as per requirement of the social distancing norms.
2. All the remaining restrictions as contained in earlier guidelines for conduct of Urban Local Body Elections, 2022 issued on 10.12.2021 and 25.1.2022 and 3.2.2022 shall continue to operate.

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