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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT.

PUBLIC (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION CALLING UPON FOR 134.ARAVAKURICHI AND 174.THANJAVUR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES IN
THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU TO ELECT MEMBERS

Secretariat, October 26, 2016.

No. SRO D-7/2016

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of clause (1) of Article 172 of the Constitution of India, the term of the previous Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu, unless sooner dissolved, was to continue up to and including the 22nd May, 2016 and was to thereafter stand dissolved on the expiration of its duration; and

WHEREAS, in terms of sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951), a general election was to be held for the purpose of constituting a new Legislative Assembly of the State; and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of 15 of the said Act, the Election Commission of India recommended to the Governor of the State of Tamil Nadu, the 22nd April, 2016 as the date on which he may, by notification published in the official Gazette of the State on the said date, be pleased to call upon all Assembly Constituencies in the State, to elect members to the Legislative Assembly of the State, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and of the rules and order made thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State issued Notification No. SRO D-1/2016 dated 22nd April, 2016 calling upon all the Assembly Constituencies in the State of Tamil Nadu to elect members to the Legislative Assembly of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also issued its notification under Sections 30 and 56 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 appointing various dates and hours of poll for the election, including 16th May, 2016 as the date poll in the entire State; and

WHEREAS, the election process from all the Assembly Constituencies, except those of 134-Aravakurichi Assembly Constituency and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituency was completed and the Commission's notification under Section 73 of the Act duly constituting the Assembly was also issued on 21st May, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on reports of distribution of cash and gifts by political parties and contesting candidates in aforesaid two constituencies, deferred the date of poll in the said constituencies, initially to 23rd May, 2016 and subsequently to 13th June, 2016, and detailed orders were passed by the Commission *vide* its order of even No. dated 15th May, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Commission *vide* its further order dated 27th May, 2016 came to the conclusion that the election process in the said two constituencies could not be allowed to proceed and ought to be rescinded so that fresh elections may be conducted de-novo when the atmosphere becomes conducive to holding of free and fair election after a reasonable lapse of time; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended to the Governor of the State to partially rescind the notification issued by the Governor dated 22nd April, 2016, in respect of 134-Aravakurichi Assembly Constituency and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State was pleased to rescind his said notification dated 22nd April, 2016 partially in respect of the said 134-Aravakurichi Assembly Constituency and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituency by his notification No. SRO D-5/2016, dated 28th May, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has assessed the situation prevailing in the said two constituencies and found it appropriate to hold the pending elections to the said constituencies and accordingly recommended to the Governor of the State, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 15 of the said Act, 26th October, 2016 (Wednesday), as the date on which he may, by notification published, in the Official Gazette of the State on the said date, be pleased to call upon 134-Aravakurichi Assembly Constituency and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituencies, to elect members to the Legislative Assembly of the State, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the rules and orders made thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor of the State of Tamil Nadu is hereby pleased to call upon, under sub-section (2) of Section 15 of the said Act, the said two 134-Aravakurichi and 174-Thanjavur Assembly Constituencies to elect members to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the rules and orders made thereunder.

(By Order of the Governor)

P. RAMA MOHANA RAO,
Chief Secretary.