



**ELECTIONS URGENT**

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER  
KARAIKAL

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Attention is drawn to the sections 129 and 134 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, relating to the conduct of Government servants during elections wherein the Government of India as well as the Government of Puducherry, before conduct of a general election, issuing instructions regarding the conduct of Government servants in relation to an election, stressing that all the Government employees should maintain an attitude of strict impartiality.

2. The Government employees should not only be impartial but should also appear to be so in relation to the elections. They are required to conduct themselves in such a manner as to inspire confidence in the public in regard to their impartiality so that there might not be any occasion for the people to think that the elections would not be held in a free, fair and pure atmosphere. It should be stressed that they should avoid giving room for any suspicion that they are favouring any party or any candidate. They are not expected to take part in any election campaign or canvassing and should take scrupulous care not to lend their names, official position or authority to assist one individual as against another or one group as against another.

3. Further attention is specially invited to the provisions of section 134-A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which reads as follows :- "134-A -**Penalty for Government Servants for acting as Election Agent, Polling Agent or Counting Agent** : If any person in the service of the Government acts as an election agent or a polling agent or a counting agent of a candidate at an election he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months with fine, or with both."

4. Also, it is also pointed out that Rule 5 of the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rule, 1964, which inter alia prohibits the Government servants from taking part in politics and elections.

5. All the Heads of Departments / Autonomous bodies / Local bodies / Govt. of Puducherry undertaking are hereby instructed to bring the contents of this circular to all the officers / staff working under their control emphasising upon the Government servants that any disregard of instructions would be considered by the Government as a serious act of indiscipline and appropriate action will be initiated as per existing rules. In cases of doubt a Government servant should not hesitate to consult his superior officer.

(T. KARIKALAN)

DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER

To

All the Heads of Departments / Autonomous bodies / Local bodies / Govt. of Puducherry undertaking, Karaikal District.

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The Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry.

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The Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry -- for kind information.