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**THE TAMIL NADU FARMERS' MANAGEMENT
OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS ACT 2000**

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The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the President on the 25th February 2001 and is hereby published for general information:-

ACT No. 7 OF 2001

An Act to provide for Farmers' participation in the Management of Irrigation Systems and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS the State of Tamil Nadu is essentially an agricultural State depending on efficient and equitable supply and distribution of water, which is a National wealth ensuring optimum utilisation by farmers for improvement of agricultural production;

AND WHEREAS it is essential to promote and secure distribution of water among its users, adequate maintenance of the irrigation system, efficient and economical utilisation of water to optimize agricultural production, by involving the farmers and inculcating a sense of ownership of the irrigation system in them in accordance with the water budget and the operational plan;

AND WHEREAS scientific and systematic development and maintenance of irrigation infrastructure is considered best possible through farmers organisations;

AND WHEREAS such farmers organisations have to be given an effective role in the management and maintenance of the irrigation system for effective and reliable supply and distribution of water.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Fifty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Act may be called the 'Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems - Act, 2000.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint and different dates may be appointed for different areas and for different provisions of this Act.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, -
 - (a) 'Apex Committee' means the Apex Committee constituted under Section 12;
 - (b) 'area of operation' in relation to a farmers organisation means a contiguous block of land in the command area as the Government may, by notification, specify in this behalf;
 - (c) 'ayacut road' means a road within the area of operation, but does not include any road vested in a Village Panchayat, Panchayat Union, Town Panchayat, Municipality, Municipal Corporation and Highways;
 - (d) 'canal system; means-
 - (i) main canals, branch canals, distributories and water courses constructed for the supply and distribution of water for irrigation;
 - (ii) all works, structures and appliances connected with the distribution of water for irrigation; and
 - (iii) all field channels and other related channels and structures under an irrigation sluice.
 - (e) 'Collector' means the Collector of a district in which the irrigation system is situated and includes any officer specially appointed by the Government to perform all or any of the functions of the Collector under this Act;
 - (f) 'command area' means an area irrigated under any irrigation system either by gravitational flow or by lift irrigation or by any other method from a Government

Short title,
extent and
commence-
ment

Definitions

source and includes every such area whether it is called 'ayacut' or by any other name under any law for the time being in force;

- (g) 'competent authority' means the authority appointed under section 26;
- (h) 'drainage system' in relation to an irrigation system includes-
 - (i) channels either natural or artificial, for the discharge of waste or surplus water and all work connected therewith or ancillary thereto;
 - (ii) escape channels from an irrigation or canal system and other works connected therewith, but does not include works for removal of sewage;
 - (iii) all collecting drains and main drains to drain off surplus water from field drains; and
 - (iv) all field drains and related structures under irrigation sluices;
- (i) 'farmers organisation' means the-
 - (i) 'Water Users Association' at the primary level consisting of all the water users, as constituted under section 4: or
 - (ii) 'Distributory Committee' at secondary level, as constituted under section 7: or
 - (iii) 'Project Committee' at the project level, as constituted under section 10;
- (j) 'field channel' includes a channel existing or to be constructed by the Government or by the water users or by any agency to receive and distribute water from a sluice;
- (k) 'field drain' includes a channel excavated and maintained by the water users or by any other agency, to discharge waste or surplus water from the land holding under a sluice and includes drains, escape channels and other similar works existing or to be constructed;
- (l) 'financing agency' means any commercial bank or any co-operative society or any other bank or organisation established or incorporated under any law, for the time being in force, which lends money for the development of the area of operation of the farmers organisation;
- (m) 'Government' means the State Government;
- (n) 'Government source' means any source of water under the control of the Water Resources Organisation;

- (o) 'hydraulic basis' means the basis for identifying a viable irrigated area served by one or more hydraulic structures such as head works, main canal, branches, distributories, sluices and the like;
- (p) 'irrigation system' means such major, medium and minor irrigation system for harnessing water for irrigation and other allied uses from Government source and includes reservoirs, open head channels, diversion systems, lift irrigation schemes, anicuts, tanks, wells and the like.

Explanation – For the purpose of this clause, --

- (i) 'Major Irrigation System' means irrigation system under Major Irrigation Project having irrigable command area of more than 10,000 hectares.
- (ii) 'Medium Irrigation System' means irrigation system under Medium Irrigation Project having irrigable command area of more than 2,000 hectares and upto 10,000 hectares;
- (iii) 'Minor Irrigation System' means irrigation system under Minor Irrigation Project having irrigable command area upto 2,000 hectares;
- (q) 'land' means any land under any registered ayacut of any irrigation system;
- (r) 'maintenance' means execution of such works on the irrigation system as are necessary to ensure that the physical system designed to the standards operates for the proper distribution of water to the lands;
- (s) 'managing committee' means the managing committee of any farmers organisation;
- (t) 'operational plan' means a schedule of irrigation deliveries with details of the mode and duration of supplies drawn up for regulation of irrigation in any command area;
- (u) 'Rotational Water Supply' means a system of distribution of water to water users by turn, according to an approved schedule, indicating the day, duration and time of supply;
- (v) 'territorial constituency' means a contiguous block of command area of one or more sluices under a Water Users Association area;
- (w) 'water allocation' in relation to an irrigation system means the distribution of water determined from time to time by a farmers organisation in its area of operation;
- (x) 'Water Resources Organisation' means the Water Resources Organisation of the Public Works Department of the Government;
- (y) 'water user' means any farmer holding any land either as the owner or as the tenant recorded as such in the revenue

records of rights in respect of such land and includes any other individual or body or a society using water for agriculture, from a Government source.

CHAPTER II FARMERS ORGANISATION

3. (1) The Collector may, in such manner as may be prescribed, delineate command area under each irrigation system on a hydraulic basis, which may be administratively viable, and declare it to be a Water Users Association area for the purposes of this Act;

Delineation of Water
Users Association area

Provided that in respect of the command area under the minor irrigation systems, the entire command area may as far as possible, form a single Water Users Association area.

(2) Every Water Users Associations area shall be divided into territorial constituencies, which shall not be less than four, but shall not be more than ten, as may be prescribed.

4. (1) There shall be a Water Users Association called by its local distinct name for every Water Users Association area delineated under Section 3.

Constitution of
Water Users
Association

(2) Every Water Users Association shall consist of all the water users in such Water Users Association area, as members:

Provided that any person, who is in lawful possession and enjoyment of any land, may, on proof of such possession and such enjoyment in a crop year, claim membership, notwithstanding whether he is a recorded land holder or not, in which case the Water Users Association shall not refuse the membership of such person for the purposes of this Act, and such person shall be liable to pay the fees, as if he is the water user:

Provided further that any person who is eligible to become a member for more than one territorial constituency of a Water Users Association shall be entitled to be a member of only one territorial constituency, at his option.

(3) The members specified in sub-section (2) shall constitute the general body for the respective Water Users Association and such members alone shall have the right to vote.

5. (1) There shall be managing committee for every Water Users Association.

Constitution of managing
committee of Water Users
Association and election of
its President and members

(2) The Collector shall make arrangements for the election of the President of the Managing Committee of the Water Users

Association by direct election from among its members, by the method of secret ballot, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The Collector shall also make arrangements for the election of the members of the managing committee, consisting of one member from each of the territorial constituency of the Water Users Association area, by the method of secret ballot, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(4) If at an election held under sub-section (2) or (3), the President or the member in any territorial constituency is not elected, fresh election shall be held in the same manner as specified in sub-section (2) or (3), as the case may be :

Provided that the Government may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, from time to time, postpone the election.

(5) The President and the members of the managing committee shall, if not recalled under section 13, be in office for a period of five years, from the date of the first meeting of the managing committee.

(6) The managing committee shall exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Water Users Association.

6. The Government may, in such manner as may be prescribed, delineate command area of each major and medium irrigation system, comprising of two or more Water Users Associations, and declare it to be a Distributory Committee area for the purposes of this Act.

Delineation of Distributory Committee area

7. (1) There shall be a Distributory Committee called by its local distinct name for every Distributory Committee area declared as such under Section 6.

Constitution of Distributory Committee

(2) The President of every Water Users Association in a Distributory Committee area, shall be the member of such Distributory Committee *ex-officio*, and all such members shall constitute the general body of such Distributory Committee.

8. (1) There shall be a managing committee for every Distributory Committee.

(2) The Collector shall make arrangements for the election of the President of the managing committee of the Distributory Committee by direct election from among its members, by the method of secret ballot, in such manner as may be prescribed.

Constitution of managing committee of Distributory Committee and election of its President and members

(3) The Collector shall also make arrangements for the election of the members of the managing committee of the Distributory Committee from among the members of such Distributory Committee, who shall not be more than five, in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Government may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, from time to time, postpone the election.

(4) If, at an election held under sub-section (2) or (3), the President or the members of the managing committee are not elected, fresh election shall be held in the same manner as specified in sub-section (2) or (3), as the case may be.

(5) The term of office of the President and the members of the managing committee shall, if not recalled under section 13, be coterminous with the term of members of the general body specified in sub-section (2) of section 7.

(6) The managing committee shall exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Distributory Committee.

9. The Government may, in such manner as may be prescribed, delineate every command area or part thereof, of a Major Irrigation System, and declare it to be a Project area for the purposes of this Act.

Delineation of
Project area

10. (1) There shall be a Project Committee called by its distinct name for every Project Area declared under Section 9.

Constitution
of Project
Committee

(2) The President of every Distributory Committee in the Project area shall be the member of such Project Committee, *ex-officio*, and all such members shall constitute the general body for such Project Committee.

11. (1) There shall be a managing committee for every Project Committee.

(2) The Collector shall make arrangements for the election of the Chairman of the managing committee of the Project Committee by direct election from among its members, by the method of secret ballot, in such manner as may be prescribed.

Constitution of
managing
committee of
Project
Committee and
election of its
chairman
members

(3) The Collector shall also make arrangements for the election of the members of the managing committee of the Project Committee from among the members of such Project Committee, who shall not be more than nine, in such manner as may be prescribed.

Provided that the Government may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, from time to time, postpone the election.

(4) If, at an election held under sub-section (2) or (3), the President or the Members of the managing committee are not elected, fresh election shall be held in the same manner as specified in sub-section (2) or (3), as the case may be.

(5) The term of office of the Chairman and the members of the managing committee shall, if not recalled under section 13, be coterminous with the term of members of the general body specified in sub-section (2) of section 10.

(6) The managing committee shall exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Project Committee.

12. (1) The Government may, by notification, constitute an Apex Committee with a Chairman and such number of members as may be prescribed.

Constitution of
Apex Committee

(2) The Apex Committee constituted under sub-section (1) may exercise such powers and functions as may be prescribed so as to lay down the policies and guidelines for implementation of the provisions of this Act.

13. (1) A motion for recall of a Chairman or a President or Member, as the case may be, of the managing committee of any farmers organisation may be made by giving a notice in writing in such form as may be prescribed, signed by not less than one-third of the total number of members of such farmers organisation, who are entitled to vote.

Procedure for
recall

Provided that no notice of motion under this section shall be made within one year of the date of assumption of office by any person against whom the motion is sought to be moved.

(2) If the motion is carried with the support of majority of the members present and voting at a meeting of the general body specially convened for the purpose, the Collector or the Government, as the case may be, shall by order, remove such person from office and the resulting vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as a casual vacancy.

14. The managing committee may constitute such number of sub-committees, from amongst the members of the farmers organisation concerned, as may be necessary to carry out all or any of the functions vested in it under this Act.

Constitution of
Sub-committee in
farmers
organisation

15. Every farmers organisation referred to in clause (i) of section 2 shall be a body corporate with a distinct name having perpetual succession and a common seal and, subject to the provisions of this Act, vested with the capacity of entering into contracts and of doing all things necessary, proper or expedient, for the purpose for which it is constituted and it shall sue or be sued in its corporate name represented by the Chairman or President, as the case may be.

Farmers
organisation to
be a body
corporate

Provided that no farmers organisation shall have the power to alienate in any manner, any property vested in it.

16. The Government may, in the interest of farmers organisation in any command area, by notification and in accordance with the rules made in this behalf,--

Changes in
farmers
organisation

- a. form a new farmers organisation, by separating the area from any existing farmers organisation; or
- b. increase the area of any farmers organisation; or
- c. diminish the area of any farmers organisation; or
- d. alter the boundaries of any farmers organisation; or
- e. cancel a notification issued under this section for rectifying any mistake;

Provided that no such separation, increase, diminution, alteration or cancellation, as the case may be, shall be effected unless a reasonable opportunity is given to the farmer's organisation likely to be affected.

17. (1) A person shall be disqualified for being chosen as or for being a Chairman or President or a Member of any managing committee, if-

Disqualifica-
tion of
candidates or
members

a. he is a village servant or officer or servant of the Government of India or of any State Government or of any local authority or an employee of any institution receiving aid from the funds of the Government.

b. he has been convicted by a criminal court for any offence involving moral turpitude committed under any law for the time being in force;

c. he is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;

d. he is an applicant to be adjudicated as an insolvent or an undischarged insolvent; or

e. he is a defaulter of land revenue or water charges or fees payable either to the Government or to the farmers organisation;

f. he is interested in a subsisting contract made with, or any work being done in the area of the concerned farmers organisation, for the Village Panchayat or Panchayat Union or Town Panchayat or Municipality or Municipal Corporation or State or Central Government or farmers organisation;

Provided that a person shall not be deemed to have any interest in such contract or work by reason only of his having share or interest in-

- i. a company as a mere share holder, but not as a director; or
- ii. any lease, sale or purchase of immovable property or any agreement for the same; or

- iii. any agreement for the loan of money or any security for the payment of money only; or
- iv. any newspaper, in which any advertisement relating to the affairs of the farmers organisation is inserted.

Explanation:- For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that where a contract is fully performed it shall not be deemed to be subsisting merely on the ground that the Village Panchayat, Panchayat Union, Town Panchayat, Municipality, Municipal Corporation, Farmers Organisation, State or Central Government, as the case may be, has not performed its part of the contractual obligations.

(2) A Chairman or President or Member of any managing committee of a farmers organisation shall also become disqualified to continue in office and shall cease to hold office forthwith, if he-

- a. is convicted in a criminal case involving moral turpitude; or
- b. absents for three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause;

Provided that such disqualification under item (b) shall not apply in the case of women who are in an advanced stage of pregnancy and for a period of three months after delivery.

(3) A member of the Water User Association shall cease to be a member or a Chairman or a President, as the case may be, of a managing committee and shall become disqualified to continue in office, if he ceases to be a water user.

18. (1) A member of a managing committee of any farmers organisation may resign his office by a letter, sent by registered post or tendered in person, to the Chairman or President of the managing committee concerned.

Resignation

(2) The President of the managing committee of a Water Users Association may resign his office by a letter, sent by registered post or tendered in person, to the President of the Distributory Committee concerned.

(3) The President of the managing committee of a Distributory Committee may resign his office by a letter, sent by registered post or tendered in person, to the Chairman of the Project Committee concerned.

(4) The Chairman of the managing committee of a Project Committee may resign his office by a letter, sent by registered post or tendered in person, to the Chairman of the Apex Committee.

(5) Any resignation under this section shall take effect from the date of acceptance or on the expiry of thirty days from the date of its receipt, whichever is earlier.

19. (1) A vacancy arising in any managing committee, either due to disqualification under sub-section (2) or (3) of section 17 or due to death or resignation or any other reason, such vacancy shall be filled up, by nomination, till the vacancy is filled up by election under sub-section (2), in the following manner:-

Filling up of vacancies

- a. A vacancy in the Water Users Association shall be filled by the managing committee of the Distributory Committee, in such manner as may be prescribed; -
- b. A vacancy in the Distributory Committee shall be filled by the managing committee of the Project Committee, in such manner as may be prescribed; and
- c. A vacancy in the Project Committee shall be filled by the Apex Committee, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The Collector shall take necessary steps to conduct elections to fill up any vacancy caused within a period of one month from the date of occurrence of such vacancy.

(3) The term of office of a member or a President or a Chairman of the farmers organisation, elected under sub-section (2), shall expire at the time at which it would have expired, if he had been elected at the ordinary election.

20. No act or proceedings of any managing committee shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy in, or defect in the constitution of, the said managing committee.

Acts not to be invalidated by vacancy etc.

21. The meetings of the farmers organisation and the managing committee thereof shall be at such intervals, by such procedure, and with such quorum, as may be prescribed.

Meetings

CHAPTER III FUNCTIONS OF FARMERS ORGANISATION.

22. The Water Users Association shall perform the following functions, namely:-

Functions of Water Users' Association

- a. to prepare and implement an operational plan and a Rotational Water Supply for each irrigation season, consistent with the operational plan, prepared by the Distributory Committee and the Project Committee, and based upon the entitlement, area, soil and cropping pattern as approved by the managing committee or Distributory Committee, or as the case may be, of the Project Committee.
- b. to prepare a plan for the maintenance of irrigation system in the area of its operation at the end of each crop season and carry out the maintenance works of both distributory system, water courses and field drains in its area of operation with the funds of the Water Users Association, from time to time;

- c. to regulate the use of water among the various sluices under its area of operation according to the Rotational Water Supply;
- d. to promote economy in the use of water allocated;
- e. to assist the authorities of the Revenue Department of the Government, in the preparation of demand and collection of water charges;
- f. to maintain a register of water users, as published by the Revenue Department of the Government;
- g. to prepare and maintain an inventory of the irrigation system within the area of operation;
- h. to monitor flow of water for irrigation;
- i. to resolve the disputes, if any, between the members of the Water Users Association in its area of operation;
- j. to raise resources;
- k. to maintain accounts;
- l. to cause annual audit of its accounts;
- m. to assist in the conduct of elections to the managing committee.
- n. to maintain such other records, as may be prescribed;
- o. to abide by the decisions of the Distributory Committee and Project Committee;
- p. to conduct general body meetings, in such manner as may be prescribed;
- q. to encourage avenue for plantation on canal and tank poramboke, and to protect and maintain such plantations;
- r. to conduct regular water budgeting and also to conduct periodical social audit, as may be prescribed; and
- s. to remove the encroachments on canal, drains and tank poramboke in the area of jurisdiction of the Water Users Association.

23. The Distributory Committee shall perform the following functions, namely:-

a. to prepare an operational plan based on its entitlement, area, soil, cropping pattern at the beginning of each irrigation season, consistent with the operational plan prepared by the Project Committee.

b. to prepare a plan for the maintenance of branch canals, distributories and medium drains within its area of operation as the end of each crop season and execute the maintenance works with its funds, from time to time;

Functions of
Distributory
Committee.

- c. to regulate the use of water among the various Water Users Associations under its area of operation;
 - d. to resolve disputes, if any, between the Water Users Associations in its area of operation;
 - e. to maintain a register of Water Users Association in its area of operation;
 - f. to maintain an inventory of the irrigation system in the area of its operation, including drains;
 - g. to promote economy in the use of water allocated;
 - h. to maintain accounts;
 - i. to cause annual audit of its accounts;
 - j. to maintain such other records, as may be prescribed;
 - k. to monitor the flow of water for irrigation;
 - l. to conduct general body meetings, as may be prescribed;
 - m. to abide by the decisions of the Project Committee;
 - n. to cause regular water budgeting and also the periodical social audit, as may be prescribed;
 - o. to assist in the conduct of elections to the managing committee
 - p. to encourage avenue for plantations in its area of operation;
- and
- q. to remove the encroachments on canal, drains and tank poramboke in the area of jurisdiction of the Distributory Committee.

24. The Project Committee shall perform the following functions, namely:-

- a. to approve an operational plan, based on its entitlement, area, soil cropping pattern, as prepared by the competent authority, in respect of the entire project area at the beginning of each irrigation season;
- b. to approve a plan for the maintenance of irrigation system, including the major drains, within its area of operation at the end of each crop seasons and execute the maintenance works with the funds of the Project Committee, from time to time;
- c. to maintain a list of the Distributory Committees and Water Users Associations in its area of operation;
- d. to maintain an inventory of the branch canals, distributories and drainage systems in its area of operation;

Functions of
Project
Committee

- e. to resolve disputes if any, between the Distributory Committees;
- f. to promote economy in the use of water;
- g. to maintain accounts;
- h. to cause annual audit of its accounts;
- i. to maintain such other records, as may be prescribed;
- j. to conduct general body meetings, as may be prescribed;
- k. to cause regular water budgeting and also the periodical social audit, as may be prescribed.
- l. To encourage avenue for plantations in its area of operation; and
- m. To remove the encroachments on canal, drains and tank poramboke in the area of jurisdiction of the Project Committee.

25. A farmers organisation may, for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and or achieving the objects of such organisation and performing its functions, levy and collect such fees not exceeding five hundred rupees per hectare per year from every water user, as may be prescribed, from time to time.

Power to levy
and collect fees

26. (1) The Government may, by notification, appoint such officer of the Water Resources Organisation, as they consider necessary, to be the competent authority to every farmers organisation, for the purposes of this Act.

Appointment
of competent
authority
for his function

(2) The competent authority appointed under sub-section (1) shall assist the respective farmers organisation in the implementation and execution of all decisions taken by such farmers organisation.

(3) Every farmers organisation shall extend such co-operation or assistance, as may be required by the competent authority, for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

CHAPTER IV FUNDS OF FARMERS ORGANISATION

27. There shall be a Fund for every farmers organisation, which shall comprise of the following sources, namely:-

Fund of
Farmers
Organisation

(1) grants received from the Government as a share of the water charges collected in the area of operation of the farmers organisation, at such rates as may be prescribed.

(2) such other funds as may be granted by the State and Central Government for the development of the area of operation;

(3) resources raised from any financing agency for undertaking any economic development activities in its area of operation;

(4) such income from the properties and assets attached to the irrigation system within its area of operation, as may be granted by the Government;

(5) fees collected under section 25;

(6) amounts received from any other source;

28. (1) The farmers organisation shall keep its Fund in a Nationalised Bank or a Co-operative Bank or any Agricultural Co-operative Society.

Deposit and
administration of the
Fund.

(2) The Fund shall be applied towards meeting of the expenses incurred by the managing committee of the concerned farmers organisation in the administration of this Act and for no other purpose.

29. (1) The managing committee of the farmers organisation shall maintain a sinking fund for the repayment of moneys borrowed and shall pay every year into the sinking fund such sum as may be sufficient for repayment, within the period fixed, of all moneys so borrowed.

Sinking Fund

(2) The sinking fund or any part thereof shall be applied in or towards, the discharge of the loan for which such fund was created, and until such loan is wholly discharged, it shall not be applied for any other purpose.

30. Every farmers organisation shall get its accounts audited annually in such manner and by such auditors, as may be prescribed.

Audit

31. The managing committee of a farmers organisation shall prepare in such form in every financial year a budget in respect of next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of such committee and shall place before its general body for its approval in such manner, as may be prescribed.

Budget.

CHAPTER V OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

32. Whoever, without any lawful authority, does any of the following acts, namely:-

Offences and
penalties.

- a. damages, alters, enlarges, or obstructs any irrigation system; or
- b. interferes with, increases, or diminishes the water supply in, or the flow of water from, through, over or under any irrigation system; or
- c. being responsible for the maintenance of the irrigation system, neglects to take proper precautions for the prevention of wastage of the

water thereof or interferes with the authorised distribution of water there from or uses water in an unauthorised manner, or in such manner as to cause damage to the adjacent land; or

d. corrupts or fouls, water of any irrigation system so as to render it less fit for the purposes for which it is ordinarily used; or

e. obstructs or removes any level marks or water gauge or any other mark or sign fixed by the authority of a public servant; or

f. opens, shuts, or obstructs or attempts to open, shut or obstruct any sluice or outlet or any other similar contravene in any irrigation system; or

g. violates the Rotational Water Supply or water distribution and regulation made by the Water Users Association or Distributory Committee or the Project Committee, shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or with both.

33. No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act, except on complaint made by the competent authority or the President or Chairman, as the case may be, of the managing committee of any farmers organisation.

Cognizance of offences.

34. Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent any person from being prosecuted and punished under any other law for the time being in force for any act or omission made punishable by or under this Act;

Punishment under other laws not barred.

Provided that no person shall be prosecuted and punished for the same offence more than once.

35. (1) Any offence punishable under section 32 may, either before or after making the complaint under section 33, be compounded by the competent authority or the President or the Chairman, as the case may be, of the managing committee of a farmers organisation, on payment, for credit to the Government, of such sum as the competent authority or the Chairman or the President, as the case may be, specify;

Compounding of offences

Provided that such sum shall not, in any case, exceed the maximum amount of the fine which may be imposed under this Act for the offence so compounded.

(2) Where an offence has been compounded under sub-section (1), no proceeding or further proceeding, as the case may be, shall be taken against the offender, in respect of the offence so compounded, and the offender if in custody, shall be discharged forthwith.

(3) No offence punishable under this Act shall be compounded except as provided by this section.

**CHAPTER VI
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.**

36. (1) Any dispute or difference touching the constitution, management, powers or functions of a farmers organisation arising between members, shall be determined by the managing committee of such farmers organisation.

Settlement of
disputes

(2) Any such dispute or difference arising between a member and the managing committee of a Water Users Association or between two or more Water Users Associations shall be determined by the managing committee of the Distributory Committee.

(3) Any such dispute or difference arising between a member and the managing committee of a Distributory Committee or between two or more Distributory Committees shall be determined by the managing committee of the Project Committee.

(4) Any such dispute or difference arising between a member and managing committee of a Project Committee or between two or more Project Committees, shall be determined by the Apex Committee, whose decision shall be final.

(5) Every dispute or difference under this section shall be disposed of within fifteen days from the date of reference of the dispute or difference.

37. (1) Any party to a dispute or difference aggrieved by any decision made or order passed by the managing committee of a Water Users Association may appeal to the managing committee of the Distributory Committee, whose decision thereon shall be final.

Appeals

(2) Any party to a dispute or difference aggrieved by any decision made or order passed by the managing committee of a Distributory Committee may appeal to the managing committee of the Project Committee, whose decision thereon shall be final.

(3) Any party to a dispute or difference aggrieved by any decision made or order passed by the managing committee of a Project Committee may appeal to the Apex Committee, whose decision thereon shall be final.

(4) Any appeal under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) shall be preferred within fifteen days of communication of the decision or the order to the person aggrieved.

(5) Every appeal under this section shall be disposed of within fifteen days from the date of filing of the appeal.

**CHAPTER VII
MISCELLANEOUS**

38. (1) Every farmers organisation shall keep at its office, the following accounts, records and documents, namely :-

Records

- a. an up-to-date copy of this Act;
- b. a map of the area of operation of the farmers organisation along with the map of the structures and distributory networks prepared in consultation with the Water Resources Organisation;
- c. a statement of the assets and liabilities;
- d. minutes book;
- e. books of account showing receipts and payments;
- f. books of account of all purchases and sales of goods made by the farmers organisation;
- g. register of measurement books, level field books, works orders and the like;
- h. copies of audit reports and enquiry reports;
- i such other accounts, records and documents as may be prescribed, from time to time;

(2) The books of accounts and other records shall be open for information to the members of the respective farmers organisation.

39. Without prejudice to any other mode of recovery which is being taken or may be taken under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, any moneys due to farmers organisation may be recovered as if it were an arrears of land revenue and for the purposes of such recovery, the competent authority shall have the powers of a Collector under the Tamil Nadu Revenue Recovery Act, 1864.

Recovery of moneys due to farmers organisation as arrears of land revenue.

40. The meeting of the farmers organisation and the managing committee thereof, its procedure, intervals, presidency and quorum thereof shall be such as may be prescribed.

Meetings

41. (1) The Government may, by notification, appoint a Commissioner to exercise general control and superintendence over the competent authorities and the Collectors in performance of their functions under this Act or the rules made there under.

Appointment of Commissioner.

(2) The powers to be exercised and the functions to be performed by the Commissioner shall be such as may be prescribed.

42. (1) Any farmers association already formed and registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 for the purpose of carrying out the functions of participatory Irrigation Management prior

Merger of already formed and registered farmers associations and transitional arrangements.

to the coming into force of this Act and functioning in any area declared to be a Water Users Association Area under section 3 shall, as soon as the Managing Committee of the Water Users Association is constituted in accordance with section 5 in such area, cease to exist:

Provided that where any such farmers association which has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with any authority of the Water Resources Organisation before coming into force of this Act shall continue to exercise the powers and functions of a Water Users Association in the respective area from the date of coming into force of this Act and till the constitution of the managing committee of the Water Users Association in accordance with this Act.

(2) The Government may, by notification, appoint officers from the Water Resources Organisation to exercise the powers and perform the functions of a farmers organisation and the managing committee thereof, till such time such farmers organisation is duly constituted or reconstituted and such managing committee assumes office under the provisions of this Act.

43. All permissions, orders, decisions, notices and other documents of the farmers organisation shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or President of such farmers organisation or any other member of the managing committee as may be specifically authorised by such managing committee in writing in this behalf.

Authentication of orders and documents of the farmers organisation.

44. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything which is, in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act or any rule or order made thereunder.

Protection of action taken in good faith

45. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by order published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to them to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

Power to remove difficulties

Provided that no order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

46. (1) The Government may, in the public interest, by order, direct the competent authority to make an enquiry or to take appropriate proceedings under this Act in any case specified in the order, and the competent authority shall report to the Government the result of the enquiry made or the proceedings taken by him within such period as may be prescribed.

Power of Government to give directions

(2) The Government may issue such orders and directions of a general character as they may consider necessary in respect of any matter relating to the powers and duties of the competent authority or

the farmers organisation and thereupon the competent authority or the farmers organisation shall give effect to such orders and directions.

47. The Commissioner may, either on his own motion or on application made, call for and examine the records of any farmers organisation or as the case may be, the records of the Apex Committee in respect of any decision, order, or other proceedings made under this Act, to satisfy himself as to the correctness, legality or propriety of any such decision or order, or as to the regularity of such proceedings and if, in any case, it appears to the Commissioner that such decision, order or proceedings should be modified, annulled, reversed or remitted for reconsideration, he may pass orders accordingly.

Revision by
Commissioner

Provided that the Commissioner shall not pass any order prejudicial to any person unless he has been given an opportunity of making a representation.

48. The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.

Operation of
other laws not
affected.

49. Nothing contained in this Act shall affect the rights or properties vested in a Village Panchayat, Panchayat Union, Town Panchayat, Municipality or Municipal Corporation under any law for the time being in force.

Savings

50. (1) The Government may make rules to carry out all or any of the purposes of this Act.

Power to
make rules.

(2) Every rule or order made under this Act shall, as soon as possible, after it is made, be placed on the Table of the Legislative Assembly and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so placed or the next session, the Assembly makes any modification in any such rule or order, or the Assembly decides that the rule or order should not be made, the rule or order shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule or order.

(By order of the Governor)

K. PARTHASARATHY,
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TAMIL NADU FARMERS' MANAGEMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS RULES, 2002

[G.O. Ms. No. 359, Public Works (W2), 24th September 2002.]

No. SRO A-47(a)/2002.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 50 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following Rules:-

RULES

1. **Short title.**—These Rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002.

2. **Definitions.**—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) "Act" means the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001);
- (b) "Commissioner" means an officer appointed by the Government under section 41 of the Act;
- (c) "Competent authority" means an officer appointed by the Government under Section 26 of the Act;
- (d) "Form" means Form appended to these Rules;
- (e) "Turnover" means handing over of Operation and Maintenance responsibilities of water supply and drainage systems of the,-
 - (i) entire distribution system below main canals, comprising distributaries and water courses including minor irrigation sources like irrigation tanks; and
 - (ii) field and minor drains within the jurisdiction of the Farmers' Organisation.

- (2) Words used but not defined in these Rules shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Delineation of Water Users Association Area.— (1) The Collector shall first declare in **Form I** the entire command area of all the irrigation systems under the management of Water Resources Organisation of Public Works Department, lying within the District limit, based on the over all individual system's hydraulic boundaries as "Water Users Association Area".

(2) Detailed ayacut maps of individual Water Users Associations identified within the declared Water Users Association area of each irrigation system as per Sub Sections (1) and (2) of Section 3 of the Act shall be prepared in order to facilitate final delineation by the District Collector based on hydraulic boundaries, clearly indicating the boundaries of the **Territorial Constituencies**.

(3) The Collector shall delineate the area of operation of the Water Users Association, in the command area of each irrigation system within the District on a hydraulic boundary basis. Such delineation shall be published in the Form specified in Form II, appended to these Rules:

Provided that the Collector may, either *suo motu* or on application made to him revise or rectify the delineation published in Form-II duly recording the reasons therefor. The Collector shall cause to be prepared for each irrigation system delineated-maps or sketches indicating:

- (i) the canal system like main canal, branch canal, distributaries and field channels along with the related structures in the command area, village boundaries, the drains, ayacut roads; and
- (ii) list of survey number-wise area irrigated or planned to be irrigated under each branch canal, Distributory and field channel and irrigation Tanks.

(4) (a) Every water users association shall have the name of a village as its distinct name in which the major extent of the ayacut is situated [or any other name as decided by the concerned members of the Water Users Association based on consensus]. If there is more than one association in a village, then such association shall be called by adding numerals to the distinct name. In case of irrigation tanks, the Water Users Association may be named by the name of the tank, if decided by the ayacutdars by consensus.

(b) The area of operation for each Water Users Association shall be served by a distinct segment of the irrigation system and with a control structure or a mechanism at its head for supply of allocated or designed quantity of water for that operation area;

(c) Such delineated area may have a branch canal, or a major distributory divided into suitable reaches based on hydraulic boundary one or more distributaries or direct sluices or a combination thereof serving its command. It shall also have a distinctly demarcated boundary which could be a drain, or a bund or an uncommandable land;

(d) (i) In case of major and medium irrigation systems such delineated Water Users Association areas shall be more than one;

(ii) In case of Minor Schemes, especially irrigation tanks, the minimum area for a Water Users Association may be maintained between 150-200 hectares by suitably grouping the minor tanks;

(iii) Under the tanks systems there shall be maintained a minimum area of 20 hectares for a Territorial Constituency and they can be clubbed suitably to constitute a Water Users Association area; and

(e) The area of operation of the Water Users Associations shall as far as possible be within the limits of a village or contiguous villages situated within a Taluk so as to ensure administrative viability. In exceptional cases, the Water Users Associations area may be extended to more than one Taluk or District.

(5) The Collector shall have a command area map or sketch prepared dividing each of the Water Users Association area as far as possible equally divided into not exceeding ten territorial constituencies.

(6) The maps or sketches mentioned in sub-rule (3) shall be displayed together with details of survey numbers of the lands, situated in each of such territorial constituency prescribed on the notice board of the Village panchayat and the Panchayat union for information of the land holders.

(7) Objections or suggestions if any against the delineation of Water Users Association area or the division of territorial constituencies, shall be filed, by the land holders in the area of operation, before the Collector within a period of seven days excluding the date of display.

(8) On the receipt of the objections or suggestions, the Collector shall, within two weeks after conducting a summary enquiry, make such changes or modifications as considered necessary in the maps or sketches duly recording reasons thereof, and his decision shall be final.

(9) A final map or sketch shall immediately be caused to be displayed in the office of the village panchayat, and panchayat union by the Collector.

(10) Wherever the area of operation of a Water Users Association falls in more than one district the Commissioner may direct the Collector of one District to exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Collector in such areas.

4. Preparation of Landholders list, Voters list and Water Users List.—(1) The Collector shall prepare the list of landholders on the basis of record of rights, in Form V. On the basis of the list so prepared, he shall prepare the territorial constituency-wise voters list in Form V-A consisting of those landholders who have completed eighteen years of age as on the date of issue of notification for conducting elections in a Water Users Association area for electing the President and Members of the Managing Committee of the Water Users Association.

(2) The lists prepared under sub-rule (1) shall be displayed on the notice board of the office of the concerned village panchayat and panchayat union.

(3) Before finalizing the lists mentioned in sub-rule (1), the Collector shall invite objections against inclusion of any name. Any objection for the inclusion of any name in the said voters list shall be in Form VI and any representation for inclusion in or deletion from the said voters list as the case may be in Form VII and Form VIII respectively. The Collector shall consider all such objections within a week and finalise such lists, by appending the names to be deleted or incorporated, at the end of the each list and final notice thereof shall be published in Form IX in respect of voters list and be made available for verification.

(4) Each land holder in the Water Users Association area shall have one vote only irrespective of his land holdings in the said area. In case of a land holder holding ayacut lands in more than one Water Users Association, though he will have the voting rights in all such Water Users Associations, but can hold only one official post in any one of them.

(5) (a) In case, a land holder has land in more than one Territorial Constituency of a Water Users Association area, the land holder shall opt for only one Constituency for voting by giving a declaration as specified in Form X to the Collector;

(b) In case no such option is exercised by the land holder the Collector shall allot his vote to the constituency in which the landholder holds the maximum extent of land; where such land held is the same in two territorial constituencies any of the constituency may be allotted and his decision shall be final.

(6) The lists prepared under sub-rule (1) shall be revised six months before the commencement of the elections in the manner specified in sub-rules (1) to (5).

5. Appeal for correction of voter lists.—If any discrepancy has been noticed by any person, in respect of the voters list prepared under rule 4 such person may prefer an appeal to the Commissioner whose decision shall be final.

6. Delineation of Distributory Committee Area.—(1) The Government may, keeping in view the operational viability and in consultation with the Collectors, for the purpose of constituting the Distributory Committee, delineate the command area for major and medium irrigation system in Form III and declare them as Distributory Committee areas as they consider proper.

(2) In delineating a Distributory Committee area, no Water Users Association area shall be divided or bifurcated into parts.

7. Delineation of Project Committee Area.—The Government may, keeping in view the operational viability, and in consultation with the Collectors delineate the command area or a part thereof of a major irrigation system and declare it to be a project area in Form-IV appended to these rules.

8. Constitution and Functions of Apex Committee.—(1) The Apex Committee shall consist of,-

- (i) the Chairman nominated by the Government; and
- (ii) the following members namely:-
 - (a) All the Chairmen of the Project Committees (*Ex-officio*);
 - (b) All the four Regional Chief Engineers and Engineer-in-Chief of Water Resources Organisation, Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department and Director of Agriculture; and

(c) Two representatives of selected non-Governmental Organisations to be nominated by the Government.

(2) (i) The Committee constituted under sub-section (1) of Section 12 shall exercise such powers and functions as may be necessary to lay down the guidelines for implementation of the provisions of the Act;

(ii) The Apex Committee may give such directions to any Farmers' Organisation as may be considered necessary in exercising their powers and perform their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

9. Meetings of the Apex Committee.—(1) The Apex Committee shall meet at least once in three months. Special meetings may, however, be held if it is so required. The meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Apex Committee.

(2) For convening the meeting of the Apex Committee, a seven days notice is required;

(3) If the Chairman of the Apex Committee is unable to attend, for any reason, then the senior most member of the Apex Committee shall preside over the meetings.

10. Quorum for the Apex Committee.—(1) At all the meetings of the Apex Committee the quorum shall be one third of the Members and all the resolutions shall be carried by a majority of the members present and voting;

(2) If there is no quorum for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened at a date and time not later than three days from the original meeting date.

(3) For the adjourned Apex Committee meeting, no quorum is required and resolutions may be carried by a majority of the members present and voting; and

(4) At a requisitioned Apex Committee meeting the items specified in the agenda alone shall normally be discussed. Any other subjects will be discussed only with the express permission of the Chairman.

11. Minutes of the Meeting.—Every proceeding of the Apex Committee shall be recorded in the minutes book maintained for the purpose and authenticated by the Chairman who has presided over the meeting.

12. Motion for Recall.—(1) The authority to issue the recall notice in respect of Chairman or a President or a Member of the Managing Committee, by any Farmers Organisation shall be the Collector.

(2) The recall notice in Form XI shall be signed by one third of the voters in respect of the President or a Member of the Managing Committee of a Water Users Association, and one third of members in respect of the President or the Chairman or the member of a Managing Committee of a Distributory Committee or the Project Committee;

(3) On receipt of such notice the Collector shall cause due verification of the notice in Form XII;

(4) The Collector shall call for a meeting of the voters or the members of the general body, as the case may be, of the respective Farmers Organisation within 7 days after verification of the notice.

(5) In case a majority of the voters present have voted in favour of the motion for the recall, the motion shall be deemed to have been passed;

(6) The Collector thereafter shall issue the proceedings of recall to the concerned Chairman, President or the Member of the respective Farmers Organisation immediately stating that the recall became effective from the date of passing of the resolution, and accordingly, he shall cease to hold such office.

13. Constitution and Functions of Sub-Committee.— The constitution and functions of Sub-Committee shall be as follows:-

(1) Managing Committee of the Farmers Organisation may constitute specific Sub-Committees to carry out specific functions as assigned by the Managing Committee.

(2) The following Sub-Committees may be constituted by a Farmers Organisation:-

(i) Finance and Resources Sub-Committee

(ii) Works Sub-Committee

(iii) Water Management Sub-Committee

(iv) Monitoring Evaluation and Training Sub-Committee

(3) Each Sub-Committee shall consist of a convener and four members

(4) (i) A Convener, who shall be a member of the Managing Committee other than the Chairman / President.

(ii) In case of a Project Committee, Members not exceeding *four* to be selected for each Sub-Committee from Presidents of Water Users Association in that Project.

(iii) In case of Distributory Committee Members not exceeding *four* shall be selected for each Sub-Committee from the General Body of the Distributory Committee or from the Territorial Constituencies of Water Users Associations within its jurisdiction.

(iv) In case of Water Users Association Members not exceeding *four* to be drawn for each Sub-Committee from out of land holders with voting rights; and

(5) The Sub-Committee shall be constituted in the General Body of the respective tier committee.

(6) No member shall represent more than one Sub-Committee.

(7) If the strength available from the above arrangement is short of the requirement, the Chairman/ President of the respective Managing Committee may co-opt members of the Territorial Constituencies:

Provided that not more than one member of the Territorial Constituency of Water Users Association can be co-opted in the Sub-Committee.

(8) The functions of the Sub-Committees shall be as follows:—

(i) *Finance and Resources Sub-Committee:*

(a) to mobilise and collect resources;

(b) to ensure collection of dues from members as levied under section 25 of the Act;

(c) to recommend to Managing Committee the use and deployment of resources; and

(d) to maintain records relating to financial matters.

(ii) *Works Sub-Committee:*

(a) to recommend estimates of works for administrative approval;

(b) to supervise works and ensure quality control; and

(c) to approve payments for the works.

(iii) *Water Management Sub-Committee:*

(a) to carry out the decisions of the Managing Committee and the General Body on Water Regulation, schedule of water release;

(b) to organize patrolling of the canal, channels and regulate the use of water;

(c) to check the irrigation and drainage system regularly;

(d) to record the water deliveries;

(e) to report to the Managing Committee any violations in the use of water; and

(f) to maintain records of landowners and Water Users.

(iv) *Monitoring, Evaluation and Training Sub-Committee:*

(a) to identify training needs and organise training to the Water Users;

(b) to educate in optimum use of water; and

(c) to monitor specific items like area irrigated, productivity, disputes settlement and resources building.

(9) The Sub-Committee shall meet as frequently as necessary. The Convener of the Sub-Committee will preside over the meetings and maintain the record of discussions and decisions thereof.

(10) The Sub-Committees shall function under the general superintendence, control and direction of the Chairman / President of the respective Managing Committee of the organisation.

14. Changes in Farmers Organisation.— (1) The Government shall review any changes required in the notified Farmers Organisation, as per the provisions in section 16 of the Act.

(2) If any changes are felt necessary by the delineated Farmers Organisation with regard to the extent, boundaries, regrouping of the command area under territorial constituency, or any alteration and cancellation, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Government.

(3) The Government shall after review of the suggested changes, decide such issues.

15. Filling up of Vacancies.—A vacancy arising in any of the Farmers Organisation either due to disqualification or due to death or resignation / recall, or by any reason, such vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:—

- a. (i) If a vacancy in the office of the President of the Water Users Association arises, the President of the Distributory Committee in which the Water Users Association is situated, shall nominate one of the existing Managing Committee Members of the Distributory Committee as President of the Water Users Association;
- (ii) If a vacancy of a member of the Managing Committee of Water Users Association arises, the President of the Distributory Committee shall nominate any one of the landholders from that particular constituency in which vacancy has arisen, as a member of the Managing Committee;
- (iii) In case of an irrigation system where Water Users Association alone exists, the vacancy of the President shall be filled up from among the members of the Managing Committee through consensus. The vacancy of any member of the Managing Committee shall be filled up from among the landholders from that particular constituency by the Water Users Association President by nomination.
- b. (i) If a vacancy in the office of the President of the Distributory Committee arises, the Chairman of the Project Committee shall nominate one of the members of the Managing Committee of the Project Committee as President of the Distributory Committee;
- (ii) If a vacancy of a member of Managing Committee of Distributory Committee arises, the Chairman of the Project Committee in which the Distributory Committee is situated shall nominate, one of the members of the General Body of the Distributory Committee as a member;
- (iii) In case of medium irrigation system where no Project Committee exists the vacancy of the President shall be filled up from among the members of the Managing Committee of the Distributory Committee through consensus.
- c. (i) If a vacancy in the office of the Chairman of the Project Committee arises, the Apex Committee shall nominate one of the members of Managing Committee of the Project Committee as the Chairman;
- (ii) If a vacancy of a member of the Managing Committee of a Project Committee arises, the Apex Committee shall nominate one of the General Body members of the Project Committee as a member;

Provided that the Chairman, the President or the member nominated, shall continue as such till a new Chairman, President or the member as the case may be elected in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

16. General Body.—(1) The general body of a Farmers Organisation shall comprise of all members as specified in sub-section (3) of section 4, sub-section (2) of section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 10 of the Act in respect of the Water Users' Association, Distributory Committee and Project Committee respectively.

(2) The General Body shall be assisted by the competent authority appointed under section 26 of the Act. The competent authority shall have the right to attend the meeting and record his views, but shall have no right to vote.

17. The General Body Meetings.—(1) The General Body shall meet at least twice in a year, once before the first crop and once before the second crop. The meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman/ President and in his absence, by one of the Managing Committee Members duly elected for this purpose.

(2) The General Body may also be called at any time by the President or Managing Committee Members through a majority resolution or by members of the Farmers' Organisation through a requisition signed by not less than 1/3rd of the members with voting rights.

(3) A General Body meeting shall also be held on receipt of a direction to do so from the Government or from the Commissioner or by the next higher tier of the Farmers Organisation in respect of matters relating to urgent public importance.

18. Notice for General Body.—(1) On receipt of a notice either under sub-rule (2) or (3) of rule 17, the Managing Committee of the Farmers Organisation shall convene a General Body Meeting within 20 days by giving 7 days prior notice of the date, time and place of the meeting and also agenda.

(2) Notice may be sent by hand / post / publication / beat of tom-tom and display on the notice of the Organisation.

19. Quorum for the General Body.—(1) At all the meetings of the General Body, the quorum shall be 1/3rd of the members and all resolutions shall be carried by a majority of the members present and voting.

(2) If there is no quorum for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and re-convened again at a date and time not later than three days of the original meeting date.

(3) For the adjourned General Body Meeting, no quorum is required and resolutions would be carried by a majority of the members present and voting, and

(4) At a requisitioned General Body Meeting, the items specified in the Agenda alone shall normally be discussed. Any other subjects will be discussed with the express permission of the Chairman / President or the majority decisions of the members present in the meeting.

20. Minutes of the Meeting.—Every proceeding of the General Body shall be recorded in the minutes book maintained for the purpose and authenticated by the Chairman/President or the person who has presided over the meeting, as the case may be. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the authority at the next higher tier.

21. Managing Committee.—(1) The meetings of the Managing Committee shall be held at least once in every month at the office of the Organisation. Special Meetings may, however, be held if it is so required. A meeting requisitioned, shall be held within 7 days of the receipt of requisition for such a meeting by the Chairman/President.

(2) Notice for the meeting shall be sent by hand / post / delivery or published on the Notice Board and beat of tom-tom.

(3) The Chairman/President shall preside over the meetings of the Managing Committee. In his absence, the Managing Committee may elect a member from amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.

(4) Every proceeding of the Managing Committee shall be recorded in the minutes book maintained for the purpose, by the person chairing the meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the authority of the next higher tier.

(5) The quorum for the meeting shall be 1/3rd of the members. All resolutions shall be carried by a majority of the members present and voting and

(6) If there is no quorum for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened at a date and time not later than three days after the original date.

(7) For an adjourned meeting no quorum is required and resolutions would be carried by a majority of members present in the voting.

22. Powers of General Body.—The General Body shall have the following power namely:—

(1) to approve the Operational Plan for each crop season and review its implementation in the area of operation;

(2) to allocate water amongst various main canals, branch canals, distributories and direct sluices and sluices in irrigation tanks according to the operational plan approved;

(3) to decide on the manner of regulation and distribution of water;

(4) to prepare annual and long-term financial and works plans and prioritize works for maintenance / repairs / upkeep, rehabilitation of the irrigation system;

- (5) to approve annual financial budget and review of the performance of previous year's budget;
 - (6) to appoint auditors for the annual audit and / or concurrent audit and to fix fees for the same;
 - (7) to set up Sub-Committees of members for various activities and functions of the Organisation;
 - (8) to create or set up such fund as may be required for different activities / works;
 - (9) to entertain and dispose appeals against orders of the Managing Committee between Water Users;
 - (10) to levy a fee as defined under section 25 of the Act;
 - (11) to take decisions on raising of resources under section 27 of the Act, to invest surplus funds in Bank or Government approved securities as may be directed by Government from time to time for the benefit of the organizations;
 - (12) to decide on permissible administrative expenses within the ceilings prescribed, from time to time;
- and
- (13) to carry out the recall proceedings as per section 13 of the Act.

23. Operational Plan and Water Budgeting.—(1) The Managing Committee of the respective Farmers' Organisation shall along with the assistance of the Competent Authority, prepare a water budget for the area of operation under its control as detailed below:-

- (i) One month before the onset of the irrigation season, the Project Committee shall, subject to such directions as may be given by Government from time to time, work out the anticipated inflows and existing water availability in the reservoir and work out the water allocation to all Distributory Committee and the Distributory Committee in turn shall allocate the water made available to Water Users Associations in its jurisdiction.
- (ii) A Farmers' Organisation in distributing water to its member constituents shall have regard to allocations meant for drinking waters, or for any specified purpose as may be decided by Government from time to time.
- (iii) For the second crop season, the Project Committee will determine the area to be thrown open for irrigation based upon the actual availability of water at the beginning of the second season. The water so available shall be allocated equitably among the Distributory Committees.
- (iv) Each Farmers' Organisation, shall draw up an operational plan which shall specify the quantity of water to be drawn on a fortnightly basis.
- (v) The drawals of water shall be monitored each day at specified gauge points as decided by the Farmers' Organisation.
- (vi) Review of the drawals and distribution shall be done by each of the Farmers' Organisation at the end of each fortnight and corrective measures taken.
- (vii) At the end of each season the respective Farmers' Organisation shall prepare a report of water received and utilised along with the area irrigated, quantity of water supply and extent of crops.
- (viii) The Farmers' Organisation shall analyse the short comings and deviations in water budget and report to the next higher tier.
- (ix) In respect of a minor irrigation system the Water Users Association shall decide the operational plan, date of release of water which are to be thrown open for irrigation depending upon the storage / inflows into the tank.

24. Water Regulation.—(1) After a water budget is prepared, the Farmers' Organisation shall draw up a plan of water regulation as follows:-

- (a) The dates of release and closure shall be informed to all members well in advance.
- (b) Equitable distribution of water amongst all users shall be the main principle in water regulation.
- (c) A Farmers' Organisation shall draw water and monitor flows based on the operational plan prepared.
- (d) A rotational water supply shall be prepared for each sluice in a Farmers' Organisation.

- (e) The Farmers' Organisation shall, carry out Azmoish of the ayacut with the assistance of the Competent Authority along with the Agriculture and Revenue Personnel and
- (f) A Farmers' Organisation may, for the purpose of monitoring, install such devices as may be required and observe water flows and document, within its jurisdiction.

25. Levy and Collection of Fees.—(1) A Farmers' Organisation may levy a fee ranging from rupees two hundred and fifty to rupees five hundred per hectare per year from every water user for carrying out any specific purpose mentioned in sub-rule (2).

(2) The purpose of levying a fee shall be —

- (a) to provide for operation and maintenance of the irrigation systems taken over from Water Resources Organisation;
- (b) to provide infrastructure facilities;
- (c) to provide specific services;
- (d) to meet any urgent needs of the Farmers' Organisation;
- (e) to build up assets of the Farmers' Organisation and
- (f) to improve the system.

(3) The Managing Committee shall levy a fee proportionate to the land holding or to the number of members and through a demand notice.

(4) All fees collected shall be duly accounted for through proper receipts.

(5) A fee collected for a specific purpose shall be used only for that purpose:

- (a) Where a member has defaulted in payment of such levy levied by a Farmers' Organisation, the Managing Committee shall prepare a list of defaulters along with the amount due.
- (b) The defaulters list so prepared in clause (a) above shall be furnished to the Tahsildar of the area in whose jurisdiction the area of operation of a Farmers' Organisation lies, for recovery as provided in section-39 of the Act. A copy of the defaulters list shall be furnished to the Collector of the District.

26. Grants from the Government.—Information related to share of water charges collected and any other grants to augment the financial resources of the Farmers' Organisation shall be notified by the State Government then and there.

27. Accounts / Finance.— (1) The Farmers' Organisation shall open an account in a Nationalised Bank or Co-operative Bank or any Agricultural Co-operative Society in its name and shall be operated jointly by the President / Chairman and one of the Managing Committee member as nominated by the Managing Committee. The Farmers' Organisation shall maintain the cash book and accounts of expenditure with appropriate vouchers and receipts.

(2) Every expenditure should be supported by a receipt or voucher, which shall be duly passed for payment by the president or any body, authorised by him.

(3) All expenditure has to be approved by the Finance and Resources Sub-committee, at least once in a month.

(4) Every Farmers' Organisation shall maintain accounts register. Each of the following record shall bear the name, address and the seal of the Farmers Organisation and shall be machine numbered, namely:-

- (a) Cash Book
- (b) Bill Registers
- (c) Contingent Registers
- (d) Amanath Register (Day Book)
- (e) Receipt Book and
- (f) Cheque Register.

28. Social Audit of Farmers' Organisation.—At the end of each crop season the Farmers' Organisation shall conduct social audit as detailed below:— (1) The Managing Committee shall appoint an Auditor who has adequate experience in normal auditing work.

(2) Social Audit shall be for both water utilisation against the water budgeting and expenditure incurred for maintenance of the system with reference to the funds available with each of the Farmers' Organisation.

(3) The Social Audit shall cover—

- (a) equity in Water distribution;
- (b) increase in production;
- (c) increase in productivity;
- (d) crop diversification;
- (e) multiple cropping;
- (f) water use efficiency;
- (g) utilisation of resources for execution of works;
- (h) improvement in the cultivated areas of the Farmers' Organisation compared to previous season; and
- (i) quality of works undertaken.

(4) The social audit so conducted shall be made known to all the beneficiaries under the Farmers' Organisation by way of displaying a list containing the benefits accrued with reference to funds spent on the notice board of the office of each of the Farmers' Organisation.

(5) Whenever a work is taken up, the estimated cost of the work, item of work proposed to be executed, details of the executors of the work etc., are to be exhibited on a board at the place of the work, so that every beneficiary under the Farmers' Organisation is aware of the details of the work being executed and expenditures to be incurred.

(6) The Competent Authority shall render all assistance in the conduct of the social audit. The revenue and agriculture officials shall also render the requisite assistance.

(7) The Social Audit so conducted shall be recorded and a copy of that be sent to the Distributory Committee in the case of Water Users Association, to the Project Committee in the case of Distributory Committee and to the Apex Committee and the Government in the case of Project Committee.

(8) The auditor shall incorporate the social audit report in his annual audit report together with his specific observations on rectification of defects, any, noticed in the social audit.

29. Financial Audit.—At the end of each financial year, and not later than three months after the commencement of the new financial year, each of the Farmers' Organisation shall cause its accounts to be audited as follows:

- (i) The Managing Committee shall, appoint an Auditor who has adequate experience in normal auditing work.
- (ii) The Auditor so appointed shall be a person of repute in the area of the Farmers' Organisation who has reasonable knowledge in accounts or any recognised Auditor.
- (iii) The appointment of the Auditor shall be approved by the Managing Committee of the Farmers' Organisation.
- (iv) The Auditor so appointed shall take all steps necessary to scrutinise the accounts of receipts and expenditure, within thirty days of his appointment and furnish the audit report along with statement of accounts and balance sheet to the President of the concerned Farmers' Organisation, duly attesting the same.
- (v) The audit report shall be submitted to the General Body in its meeting for its approval.
- (vi) The Managing Committee of a Farmers' Organisation shall furnish the implementation report to the General Body on all matters so pointed out in the audit report and the Managing Committee shall implement the decisions of the General Body in this regard, and
- (vii) If the overall transactions exceed Rs. 10.00 lakhs per annum, the Farmers' Organisation shall engage the services of a Chartered Accountant.

30. Budget.—Each Managing Committee of the Farmers' Organisation shall prepare a detailed budget covering all the activities for the next financial year, commencing from April each year. The Budget details shall be prepared in the Form XIII and presented to the respective General Body and its approval sought before the end of February each year.

31. Procedure for Compounding of Offences:

- (1) The Competent Authority or the President or the Chairman of the Farmers' Organisation shall give a notice of the offence to the individual.
- (2) The individual who has committed the offence shall be given a reasonable opportunity, to explain his point of view.
- (3) The Competent Authority or the President or the Chairman of the Managing Committee may fix an amount not exceeding the amount of penalty specified in section 32 of the Act as compounding fee and recover it.
- (4) The money recovered as per sub-rule (3) above shall be duly acknowledged and accounted for.

32. Records to be maintained.—(1) Each Farmers' Organisation shall maintain the following records other than the records specifically mentioned in the Act and the rules and up-to-date copy of the Act / Rules / Directions and orders of the Commissioner / Government.

(2) The following maps and registers shall be maintained by each Water Users Association, namely:-

- (i) map showing the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Association, water conveyance system, within the boundaries of the association;
- (ii) map showing the localised / notified ayacut with Survey Numbers;
- (iii) map showing the area under irrigation not falling within notified ayacut; and
- (iv) ayacut register as per localisation in Form XIV

(3) The following registers shall be maintained by each Farmers' Organisation namely:-

(A) Property Register and Records.—These records shall contain the details of properties, assets and liabilities vested in a Farmers Organisation like lands, buildings, canals, etc. and includes

- (i) **Inventory Register (Component Register):** An inventory register in Form XV shall contain particulars of hydraulic particulars of structures, including details of canals and with their hydraulic particulars.
- (ii) **Register of Land, Buildings (Form XVI)**
- (iii) **Miscellaneous Property Register: (Form XVII)** Other minor properties such as trees, grass etc. and
- (iv) **Register of Machineries: (Form XVIII)** shall furnish the list of machines working and condemned.

(B) Membership Register and Records. —Register's relating to membership are specified under rule 4.

Every Farmers' Organisation shall maintain the landholders register, and voters registers as in Form V and Form V-A respectively.

(C) Rain fall and Water Flows Register and Records.—Every Farmers' Organisation shall be supplied with water, based on the operational plan prepared. These flows need to be monitored daily at specified locations as decided by Farmers' Organisation. The rainfall details may be obtained from the near by recording stations periodically and documented.

- (i) **Reservoir Gauge Register (Form XIX):** A gauge register shall contain the particulars of water levels in the reservoir tanks within the jurisdiction of a Farmers' Organisation. The water levels must be monitored daily to assess the quantum of water available and

(ii) Canal Gauge Register (Form XX)

A canal gauge register shall contain the particulars of discharges in the branch canal /Distributory or water courses as the case may be. The flows must be monitored daily to assess the quantum of water supplied.

(D) Area and Crops Register and Records.

(i) **Ayacut Register** village-wise / Water Users Association-wise Distributory committee-wise showing extent (Form XXI) Crop register shall show the village-wise crop extent and

(ii) Farmer-wise Demand Register (Form XXI)

The Farmers Organisation shall assess quantum of area being irrigated, to raise demands on water charges.

(E) Works Register and Records.—

Every Farmers' Organisation shall take up O & M as per the procedure prescribed.

(i) **Register of Administrative Sanctions (Form XIII A)** The register shall contain a list of all administrative sanctions, date wise issued by a Farmers Organisation.

(ii) **Register of technical clearance (Form XIII A)** The register shall furnish a list of all technical clearances given by the Competent Authority to take up works.

(F) Cash Register and Records.

(i) **Cash Book (Form XXII)** The cash book shall contain all the daily receipts and expenditure in a Farmers' Organisation, It must be written each day.

(ii) **Receipt Book (Form XXIII)** Anything received by a Farmers' Organisation shall be given a receipt in token of acknowledgement. The receipt book shall be numbered serially and attested by Chairman / President.

(iii) **Bill Register (Form XXIV)**

(iv) **Cheque Memo Register (Form XXV)** and

(v) **Special fee register (Form XXVI)**

(G) Minutes Register and Records.—

Every proceeding of a General Body meeting, Managing Committee meeting, a Sub-Committee meeting shall be recorded separately in a minutes book.

(i) **General Body:** The Chairman or President of a Farmers' Organisation shall minute every proceeding of a General Body.

(ii) **Managing Committee:** The Chairman or President of a Farmers' Organisation shall record the minutes of every meeting of the Managing Committee.

(iii) Sub-Committee (for each Sub-Committee) separate register shall be maintained.

The Convener of every sub-committee shall record the minutes of every meeting of the Sub-Committee constituted for the purpose.

33. Power of Commissioner.—The Commissioner shall call for a meeting of any Association or Committee of the farmers' organisation to discuss matters relating to urgent public importance.

34. Power of revision by the Commissioner.—(1) The Commissioner may either *suo motu* or on an application from any person interested, call for and examine the records of the Collector in respect of any proceeding to satisfy themselves as to regularity of such proceeding or the correctness, legality or propriety of any decision or orders passed therein, and if in any case, it appears to the Commissioner that any such decision or order should be modified, annulled or reversed or remitted for reconsideration, he may pass orders accordingly:

Provided that the Commissioner shall not pass any order prejudicial to any person unless such person has had an opportunity of making a representation.

FORM-I

[See rule 3(1)]

Under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) read with Sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rule, 2002, the Collector of District, in the first instance, hereby delineate and declare the command area under the irrigation systems specified in column (2) of the table below with the total ayacut area of the irrigation systems, in column 3 as Water Users Association area for the purpose of necessary follow up action by Water Resources Organisation officials

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Irrigation Systems	System's Total Ayacut area (ha)	Location of the Ayacut area (Taluks)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Collector

.....District.

FORM-II

[See rule 3(3)]

Under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) read with sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rule, 2002, the Collector of District hereby delineate the Command area under the Irrigation System specified in column (2) of the table below into Water Users Associations with the name as specified in column (6) in respect of the village specified in column (4) thereof.

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Irrigation System	Name of the Irrigation Source and location (canal system)	Ayacut Area of Operation		Name of the Water Users Association
			Village	Extent in hectares.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Collector

.....District.

FORM-III

(See section 6 and rule 6)

Under section 6 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby delineate the areas mentioned in column (3) below as the Distributary Committee areas for Irrigation System, for the purpose of constituting Distributary Committees as specified in the table below:

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Distributary Committee	Location of the off take sluice	Name of the Water Users Association	Name of the Taluk	Name of the District
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Collector

.....District /

Water Users Association.

FORM-IV

(See section 9 and rule 7)

Under section 9 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby delineate the areas mentioned in column (3) of table below as the Project Committee areas for Irrigation System, for the purpose of constituting the Project area as specified in the Table below:---

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Project Committee	Location of the off take sluice	Name of the Distributary Committee	Name of the Taluk	Name of the District
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Collector

.....District / Water Users Association

FORM -V
[See rules 4(1), and 32 (3) (B)]

Under sub-rule (1) of rule 5 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002, I, the Collector of District hereby publish the land holders list as indicated in the Table below.

Any objections or claims against the above list may be filed before me within seven days from the date of display of this list on the notice board of the Panchayat or the Panchayat Union.

..... Irrigation System.

..... Water Users Association

Name of the Village: Total No. of Territorial Constituencies.

Name of the Taluk Name of the major / medium / minor

Total Ayacut in hectares Territorial Constituency No.

Part No.

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the land holder	Extent of holding (ha)	Survey Nos.	Name of the Village	Age
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Collector

.....District / Water Users Association.

FORM - V-A

[See rules 4 (1) and 32 (3) (B)]

Under Sub Rule 1 of Rule 6 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) I,, hereby display in this Form the List of all Voters who are the Landholders and have completed eighteen years of age on the date of issue of Notification prepared Territorial Constituency-wise, for electing the President and Members of the Managing Committee of the Water Users Association specified below.

Any objection against the List may be filed before the undersigned within a week of display of the List for consideration and finalisation.

VOTERS LIST OF WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

Name of the Water Users Association

Name of the Village Name of the Taluk

District

Total Ayacut (hectares)

Total Territorial Constituencies

Territorial Constituency No.(Part No.)

LAND HOLDERS LIST

Sl. No.	Name of the Voter	Father's Name	Age	Name of the Village	Land Holding	
					S.No.	Extent (ha)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

Collector

.....District / Water Users Association.

FORM – VI

[See rule 4(3)]

Objection for inclusion of Name

To:

The
 Water Users Association

Sir,

I * son / wife / daughter of Thiru. at
 Sl. No. of Electoral Roll object to the inclusion of the name of at
 Sl. No. in Water Users Association Electoral Roll for the
 following reasons:

.....

I hereby declare that the facts mentioned above are true to the best of knowledge and belief.

Signature / Thumb Impression of
 Objector.
 (Full Address).....

Date:

I am an elector included in the same Electoral Roll in which the name objected to appears. My Serial
 Number therein is I support this objection and countersign it.

Signature of the Elector.

Date:

Name (in full)

Note: Any person who makes a statement or declaration which he neither knows nor believes to be false
 or does not believe to be true is punishable under the provision of Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management
 of Irrigation Systems Act 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001).

* Strike out the inappropriate words.

FORM - VII

[See rule 4 (3)]

Claim application for inclusion of name

To

The,
..... Water Users Association

Sir,

I request that my name be included in the Electoral Roll for the above Water Users Association.

1. Name (in full)
2. Father's / Husband's Name
3. Particulars my place of residence are
 - (a) House No.
 - (b) Street
 - (c) Town / Village
 - (d) Post Office
 - (e) Police Station
 - (f) District
4. Particulars of Land holding
 - (a) Survey No.
 - (b) Extent
 - (c) Name of the Village
 - (d) Name of the Irrigation System

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief

(i) that I am citizen of India.

(ii) that my age on the 1st of January / 1st of July of
was years and months

(iii) that I am Water User of this Water Users Association at the address given above.

Place:

Date:

Signature or Thumb Impression of Claimant.

Strike out the inappropriate words.

FORM - VIII

[See rule 4(3)]

Application for Deletion of entry in Electoral Roll

To

The

..... Water Users Association

Sir,

I submit that the entry at Serial Number of the Electoral Roll for the Water Users Association relating to * Thiru. / Thirumathi / Selvi * son / wife / daughter of Thiru. requires to be deleted for the following reasons

- * - the said person is dead
- the said person is not a Water User in this Water Users Association
- his / her Name is already included in the Voters List at Serial Number.....

I hereby declare that the facts mentioned above are true to the best my knowledge and belief.

I declare that I am an Elector of this Water Users Association enrolled at Serial Number of this Roll.

Place

Signature or Thumb Impression of Objector.

Date:

(Full address)

Note: Any person who makes a statement or declaration which is false or which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true is punishable under the provisions of Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001).

* Strike out the inappropriate words.

I am an Elector included in the Electoral Roll of the same Water Users Association in which the claimant has applied for deletion. My Serial Number therein is I support this claim and countersign it.

Signature of the Elector
Name (in full).

Note: Any person who makes a statement or declaration which is false or which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true is punishable under the provisions of Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001).

FORM - IX

[See rule 4 (3)]

Notice for final publication of Electoral Roll

It is hereby notified for public information that the final list of the Land Holders, Voters and other Water Users of the Water Users Association have been prepared in accordance with the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) and a copy of the said lists have been published and will be available for inspection at my office.

Place:

.....
Designation

Date:

.....
District.

FORM - X

[See rule 4(5) (a)]

Declaration

I son / wife / daughter of Thiru resident at Door No. of Village Age years hold lands as follows:

Survey No.	Extent in hectares.	Village.	Territorial Constituency Number.

I declare that I intend to vote in Territorial Constituency No.

Place:

Signature.....

Date:

To

The
 Water Users Area
 Taluk
 District.

I, the of the Water Users Association do hereby allot Territorial Constituency to Thiru for the following reasons:

1. Based on the applicant's request
2. Based on the extent of land held
3. Others

Acknowledgement. Received an Application Form for exercise of option to Territorial Constituency in Water Users Association from Thiru.

Place:

Designation

Date :

District.

FORM - XI

[See rule 12(2)]

Recall Notice

The undersigned persons constitute one-third of the total number of Voters / Members of the General Body of the Water Users Association / Distributory Committee / Project Committee, situated in Taluk / Taluks District / Districts. We have lost forth confidence in President / Chairman / Member, Managing Committee of the said Water Users Association / Distributory Committee / Project Committee. We propose to recall them. (Strike whichever is not applicable).

Accordingly it is requested to call for meeting of the following Voters / Members of the General Body of the said Water Users Association / Distributory Committee / Project Committee under Sub-Rule (4) of Rule 15 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002 and to move this motion of recall and conduct voting thereon for the purpose of passing a resolution to that effect.

Date:

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name	Village	Sl. No. Voters List	Signature
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

To:

The / Nominated Officer,
 Taluk / Office of the Collector and
 District Magistrate District.

FORM - XIII-A

[See rule 32(3) (E)]

REGISTER OF TECHNICAL SANCTION (TS) / ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION (AS)

Name of Water Users Association / Farmers' Organisation.

Sl. No.	WAS / DAS / PAS WTS / DTS / PTS	Sanctioned by	Head of Account	Name of Work	Amount of Estimate	Date of Sanction	Initials
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

Note: WAS - W.U.A's Administrative Sanction

WTS - W.U.A's Technical Clearance by Competent Authority

DAS - Distributory Committee - Administrative Sanction

DTS - Distributory Committee - Technical Clearance by Competent Authority

PAS - Project Committee - Administrative Sanction

PTS - Project Committee - Technical Clearance by Competent Authority

FORM - XIII

(See rule 30)

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR

Name of Water Users Association / Farmers' Organisation

Sl. No.	Description of works and activities	Rate per ha. Rs.	Estimated Cost Rs.	Budget (Quarterly Requirements) in Rupees				Total
				April-June (5)	July- September (6)	October- December (7)	January- March (8)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1.	Operation and Maintenance of Systems taken over (.....ha.)	50						
2.	Proposed Special Repairs in							
	((i) Distributary No. 1 (.....ha.)	75						
	((ii) Distributary No. 2 (.....ha.)	60						
	((iii) Direct Sluice No. 1 (.....ha.)	35						
	((iv)							
	((v)							
	Sub Total							
3.	Establishment Cost (Annual)	Rs./month						
4.	Other proposed activities	L.S.						
	Grand Total							

Assessment of Funds Flow

Interest from	Special Contribution from Farmers.	Share of Water Charges.	Funds for Special Works from Government.	Grants from Governments (State and Central).	Revenue of Related Activities and Assets.	Loans from Financial Agencies	Contribution from Philanthropist	Other Receipts	Total	Remarks
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)

FORM -XV

[See rule 32 (3) (A) (i)]

REGISTER OF COMPONENT WORKS

Name of the Scheme..... Name of Water Resources Organisation / Farmers' Organisation

Sl. No.	Distance from head	Position Right - @ Left - (l) Across (a/c)	Name and Description of Work	Reduced Levels (m) or (ft.)			Dimensions (m) of (ft.)		Slopes of bank number of vents* openings	Ayacut Canal catchment or Damage (ha/km ²)	Maximum Discharge (m ³ /s) (a) Canal (b) Drainage	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
			Canals, Channels aqueducts or super passages	(a) FSL of Canal (b) MFL of Drain	(a) Top of lining (b) Bank/ Parapet (c) Flood Bank	(a) Canal BW/Bed Fall (b) Drain BW/Bed Fall	Depth or height of wall (a) Canal (b) Drain	Top width of bank R/L (a) Canal (b) Flood Bank	Front and Rear Slopes (a) Canal (b) Flood Bank	(a) Ayacut below (b) Drainage below	At (a) FSL of Canal (b) MFL of Drain	1. In case of regulators and bridges the dimensions under column 9(a) should be up to bottom of Order 2. The abbreviations stand for the following FSL-Full supply level MFL - Maximum flood level BW - Bed width
			Drops and Canal Falls	Front (a) Bed (b) FSL	Rear (a) Bed (b) FSL	Length (a) at sill (b) at top	Height of opening vent or notch	Overall length	Number of openings or vents	Ayacut below	At FSL of canal	
			Sluices or siphons	(a) Canal bed front/rear (b) Drain bed	(a) Canal FSL front/rear (b) Drain MFL	Width at sill	Height of vent	overall length of pipe or barrel	Number of vents	(a) Ayacut (i) parent canal (b) offlake canal	(a) At FSL (i) Parent canal (ii) offlake canal (b) At MFL of drain	
			Inlets, Outlets escape sluices	MFL (a) above (b) below	Top (a) Canal bank (b) Flood bank operating	Width of wall (Top / Bottom) of vent	Height of wall or vent	Overall length	Number of vents	Drainage area	(a) At MFL (b) At FSL	
			Regulators and bridges	FSL (a) above (b) below	(a) Platform (b) Road	Width of (b) road way	Height of (a) vent (b) parapet	Overall length	(a) Number of Vents (b) Number of gates	Villages connected	At FSL	

**M. P. REGISTER
FORM - XVI**

[See rule 32 (3) (A) (ii)]

REGISTER OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS

Name of Water Users Association / Farmers' Organisation.

Sl.No.	Village and S.No. and Location	Building Type							Lands				Rent / Auction Amount realised		Remarks	
		Name and Description	Walls	Floor	Roof	Plinth Area in M ²	Land Area	Standard Rent	Canal/ Drain	Reach	S. No.	Extent (ha.)	Type Wet/Dry Waste Barren	2000-2001		2001-2002
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)

**M.P. REGISTER
FORM - XVII**

[See rule 32 (3) (A) (iii)]

REGISTER OF TREES - GRASS - OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

Name of Water Users Association / Farmers' Organisation

Sl. No.	M.P. Item No.	Tank and Canal Poramboke R.F. - L.F. Reach from	Details of M. P. Item					Year-wise allocation			
			Location	Tree No.	Name of the tree	Girth and Height of Trunk	Grass/ Juitiflora	Others	Minimum Rent / Bid fixed	Year	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	2000-2001	2001-2002
										(11)	(12)

RESERVOIR GAUGE REGISTER

FORM-XIX

[See rule 32 (3) (C) (i)]

RESERVOIR GAUGE - DISCHARGE REGISTER

Name of Reservoir/Tank:

F.T.L. : M.W.L.

T.B.L.

Name of Water Users Association/Farmers' Organisation.

Date	Reservoir Level 8.00 A.M.	Capacity in M.m ³	Initial storage M.m ³	Head Sluice (1) Sluice (2)				Spill way/surplus Weir.				Evaporation.		Total Dep-let-ion.	Rise/Fall of Resr. Level in m.	Net Stor-age M.m ³ Q	In-flow M.m ³	Rain fall in cm.	Net utili-sation.	Re-marks.			
				Front Gauge in m.	Rear Gauge in m.	Vent way and opening.	Head in m.	Rate of Dis-charge m ³ second.	Quantity (Q1) M.m ³	head over crest (m.).	vent way and opening.	Rate of Dis-charge m ³ per Sec-ond.	Quantity (Q2) M.m ³								in cm.	in M.m ³ (Q3).	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	

NOTE : F.T.L. : Full Tank Level.
 M.W.L. : Maximum Water Level.
 T.B.L. : Tank Bund Level.

FORM-XXI

[See Rule 32 (3) (D)]

REGISTER OF IRRIGATED AREAS AND DEMANDS (AYACUT REGISTER)

Name of Source.....
 Name of Water Users Association/Farmers' Organisation.....

Sl. No.	Name of Land Holder/Father's Name	Tenant	Survey Number	Extent of Holding as per Localisation	Actual Area Irrigated (ha.)	Type of Crop Wet/ I.D.	No. of wettings	Water Charges Assessment	
								Rate per hectare.	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)

FORM-XXIII.

[See rule 32(3) (F) (ii)]

DUPLICATE
TEMPORARY RECEIPT
[Stamp of Farmers' Association]

Receipt No. _____ Date: _____
 Received Rupees.....
 from Thiru.....
 S/o.....
 R/o.....
 Towards the.....

Signature of
 Authority of
 Authority of the Farmers
 Association

Place: _____ Date: _____

ORIGINAL
TEMPORARY RECEIPT
[Stamp of Farmers' Association]

Receipt No. _____ Date: _____
 Received Rupees.....
 from Thiru.....
 S/o.....
 R/o.....
 Towards the.....

Signature of Authorised
 Authority of the Farmers
 Association.

Place: _____
 Authorised
 Farmers: _____
 Date: _____



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AMENDMENTS TO TAMIL NADU FARMERS' MANAGEMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS RULES.

(G. O. Ms. No. 657, Public Works, 15th December 2003.)

No.SROA-1/2004.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 50 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002:—

AMENDMENTS.

In the said Rules,—

(1) in rule 3, in sub-rule (4), in Clause (d)—

(a) for Sub-Clause (ii), the following Sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(ii) In case of minor irrigation systems, especially irrigation tanks, the minimum area for a Water Users Association may be maintained as 40 hectares and above keeping the area under each territorial constituency according to site conditions based on hydraulic boundaries."

(b) Sub-clause (iii) shall be omitted;

(2) in Rule 6, after Sub-rule (2), the following Sub-rule shall be added, namely:—

"(3) the Collector shall prepare the Voters list for the election of the President and Members of the Managing committee of the Distributry Committee. The Voters list shall be in Form V-B";

(3) (a). Rule 7 shall be renumbered as Sub-rule (1) of that Rule;

(b) after Sub-rule (1) as so renumbered, the following Sub-rule shall be added, namely:—

"(2) The Collector shall prepare the Voters list for the election of the Chairman and members of the managing committee of the Project Committee. The Voters list shall be in Form V-C".

(4) for the Forms III, IV, V and V-A, the following Forms shall be substituted, namely:—

"FORM-III "

(See Section 6 of the Act and Rule 6)

Under Section 6 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby delineate the areas mentioned in column (3) of the Table below as the Distributory Committee areas for.....Irrigation System, for the purpose of constituting Distributory Committees as specified in the Table below:

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Distributory Committee.	Location of the off take sluice.	Name of the Water Users Association.	Name of the Taluk.	Name of the District.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

FORM-IV

(See Section 9 of the Act and Rule 7)

Under Section 9 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby delineate the areas mentioned in column (3) of the Table below as the Project Committee areas forIrrigation System, for the purpose of constituting the Project area as specified in the Table below:-

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Project Committee.	Location of the off take. Sluice.	Name of the Distributory Committee.	Name of the Taluk.	Name of the District.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

FORM-V

[see Rules 4 (1) and 32(3)(B).]

Under Sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002, I,.....hereby publish the Landholders List as indicated in the Table below.

Any objections or claims against the above list may be filed before me within seven days from the date of display of this List on the Notice Board of the Panchayat or the Panchayat Union.

.....Irrigation System.

.....Water Users Association

Name of the Village.....Total No. of Territorial Constituencies.....

Name of the TalukName of the major/medium/ minor irrigation system.....

Total Ayacut in hectares.....Territorial Constituency No.....

Part No.....

THE TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the land holder.	Extent of holding (ha.)	Survey Nos.	Name of the Village.	Age.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Collector.....

"FORM-V-A

[See Rules 4 (1) and 32(3)(B).]

Under Sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002, I,.....hereby display in this Form the List of all voters who are the Landholders and have completed eighteen years of age on the date of issue of Notification prepared Territorial Constituency-wise, for electing the President and Members of the Managing Committee of the Water Users Association specified below.

Any objections against the List may be filed before the undersigned within a week of display of the list for consideration and finalisation.

VOTERS LIST OF WATER USERS ASSOCIATION.

Name of the Water Users Association.....
 Name of the Village..... Name of the Taluk.....
 District.....
 Total Ayacut (hectares).....
 Total Territorial Constituencies.....
 Territorial Constituency No.....(Part No.)

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LAND HOLDERS LIST

Sl.No.	Name of the Voter	Father's Name	Age	Name of the Village	Land Holding	
					S.No	Extent (ha.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

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to

Collector.....

(5) after Form V-A, the following Forms shall be added, namely:—

"FORM V-B

[See sections 8(2) and 8(3) of the Act and rule 6(3)]

Under sub-sections (2) and (3) of the section 8 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) and rule 6(3) of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002 I.....hereby display in this Form the list of all Voters who are all the Presidents of the Water Users Associations coming under the Distributory Committee area for electing the President/Member of the Distributory Committee specified below:—

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VOTERS LIST OF DISTRIBUTORY COMMITTEE

Name of the Irrigation System.....
 Name of the Distributory Committee.....
 Name of the Taluk.....District.....
 Total ayacut of Distributory Committee.....hectares.
 Total No. of Water Users' Associations
 constituting the Distributory Committee.....

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LIST OF VOTERS

Sl. No.	Name of the Water Users' Association	Name of the President of Water Users' Association	Father's/Husband's Name	Age	Name of the Village and District related to Water Users' Association
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Collector.....

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"FORM V-C

[See sections 11(2) and 11(3) of the Act and rule 7(2)]

Under sub-sections (2) and (3) of the section 11 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) and rule 7(2) of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002 I.....hereby display in this Form the list of all Voters who are all the Presidents of the Distributory Committees coming under the Project Committee area for electing the Chairman/Members of the Project Committee specified below:

VOTERS LIST OF PROJECT COMMITTEE

Name of the Project.....
Name of the Project Committee.....
Name of the District.....
Total ayacut of Project Committee.....hectares.
Total No. of Distributory Committees (DCs)
Constituting the Project Committee.....

LIST OF VOTERS

Sl. No.	Name of the Distributory Committee.	Name of the President of Distributory Committee.	Father's/Husband's Name.	Age	Name of the Village and District related to Distributory Committee.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Collector....."

(6) for Form-IX, the following Form shall be substituted, namely:—

"FORM-IX

[See rule 4(3)]

(NOTICE FOR FINAL PUBLICATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL)

It is hereby notified for public information that the final list of the Land Holders, Voters and other Water Users of theWater Users Association have been prepared in accordance with the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) and a copy of the said lists have been published and will be available for inspection at my office.

Place:

Date:

Collector....."



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TAMIL NADU FARMERS' MANAGEMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS ELECTION RULES, 2003

[G.O. Ms. No. 14, Public Works (W2), 12th January 2004.]

No. SRO. A-1(c)/2004.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 50 read with sections 5, 8, 11 and 19 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following rules:—

CHAPTER -1 PRELIMINARY

1. *Short title.*— (1) These rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Election Rules, 2003.

2. *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Act" means the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001);

(b) "Assistant returning Officer" means an Officer not below the rank of Tahsildar appointed by the Collector for the conduct of election;

(c) "Form" means a Form appended to these Rules;

(d) "Polling Officer" means an Officer appointed by the Collector to assist the Presiding Officer while taking poll in a Polling station;

(e) "Presiding Officer" means an Officer appointed by the Collector for taking poll in a Polling station;

(f) "Returning Officer" means an Officer not below the rank of Revenue Divisional Officer appointed by the Collector for the conduct of election;

(g) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 2000 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2001) and the Tamil Nadu Farmers' Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002.

CHAPTER-2

ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY

3. *Returning Officer.*— (1) For the conduct of election to fill the offices of members of the Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations, Presidents and members of the Distributory Committees and Chairmen and members of the Project Committees, the Collector shall appoint by order an Officer as Returning Officer.

(2) It shall be the general duty of the Returning Officer at any election to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for conducting the election, in the manner provided in these Rules.

4. *Assistant returning Officer.*— (1) The Collector may appoint one or more Assistant returning Officers to assist the Returning Officers as may be necessary for the conduct of election.

(2) Every Assistant returning Officer shall, subject to the control of the Returning Officer, be competent to perform all or any of the functions of the Returning Officer.

5. *Presiding Officers and Polling Officers.*— (1) The Collector or any other Officer authorised by him shall appoint a Presiding Officer and Polling Officers for each Polling station as he thinks necessary but he shall not appoint any person who has been employed by or on behalf of or has been otherwise working for a candidate in or about the election:

Provided that only Officers of the Government, Local Authorities, Co-operative Institutions or Undertakings owned by the State / Central Government or Aided Schools may be appointed for this purpose:

Provided further that, if a Polling Officer is absent, the Presiding Officer may appoint any person who is present at the Polling station other than a person who has been employed by or acting on behalf of the candidate or has been otherwise working for a candidate in or about the election, to be the Polling Officer and inform the Returning Officer accordingly.

(2) A Polling Officer shall if so directed by the Presiding Officer, perform all or any of the functions of a Presiding Officer under these Rules.

(3) If a Presiding Officer, owing to illness or other unavoidable cause, is obliged to be absent himself, from the Polling station, his functions shall be performed by such Polling Officer as previously authorised by the Returning Officer to perform such functions during any such absence.

(4) It shall be the general duty of the Presiding Officer at the Polling station to keep and maintain public order there at and to see that the poll is conducted in a fair manner.

(5) For conducting election to the offices of the Presidents and members of Distributory Committees and Chairmen and members of Project Committees; the Collector or any Officer authorized by him may appoint one or more Presiding Officers as may be necessary to assist the Returning Officer in conducting the election.

6. *Polling stations.*— (1) The Collector shall arrange to publish a list of proposed Polling stations for the Territorial Constituencies of Water Users Associations in Form-27 for Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation Systems and call for objections if any. Such objections shall be lodged within next day of publishing the list. These lists shall be displayed on the Notice Boards of the office of the concerned Panchayat and Panchayat Union.

(2) After receiving the objections if any, the Collector shall consider all such objections and finalize the lists of Polling stations and publish the list in Form-28 on the next day. The lists so finalised shall be displayed on the Notice Boards of the office of the concerned Panchayat and office of the Water Users Association.

(3) *Conduct of more than one election simultaneously.*— A notified Polling station can be used for the purpose of conducting election either for a member of Territorial Constituency of a Water Users Association or a President of a Water Users Association. The Officers appointed for the purposes of conducting one election shall be deemed to have been appointed for the purposes of holding all other elections so held simultaneously at that Polling station.

CHAPTER - 3

ELECTORAL ROLL FOR WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

7. *Electoral roll of Water Users Association.*— The electoral roll for Water Users Association shall be the voters list prepared under rule 4 of the Tamil Nadu Farmers Management of Irrigation Systems Rules, 2002.

8. *Language of the roll.*— The roll shall be prepared in Tamil. The roll may also be prepared in such other language or languages considering the necessity therefor.

9. *Preparation of copies of rolls.*— (1) Arrangements shall be made to provide as many copies of the roll as deemed

necessary by the Collector for conducting the election. One copy of all parts of rolls relating to all the Water Users Associations falling within his jurisdiction shall be placed on record at the office of the Collector. One copy of all parts of the roll related to individual Water Users Association Territorial Constituency wise shall be placed on record at the office of the Water Users Association concerned. One copy of all parts of the roll relating to the Water Users Association arranged Territorial Constituency wise, shall be placed on record at the office of the Village Administrative Office.

10. *Sale of electoral rolls and custody of rolls.*— (1) The copies of rolls may be sold to the public at the prices determined by the Collector from time to time and the proceeds shall be remitted into the relevant Head of Account of the Government.

(2) One copy of such roll may be kept in the office of the Collector for a period of six years from the date of its final publication or till a new roll is published whichever is earlier.

CHAPTER - 4

ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MEMBERS OF TERRITORIAL CONSTITUENCIES AND PRESIDENTS OF WATER USERS ASSOCIATIONS

11. *Notification of programme of election.*—(1) For conduct of election to fill the offices of members of the Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations, the Collector shall notify the Schedule of election for the Farmers Organisation. The notification shall specify the date on which the notice of election shall be published and other details regarding election Schedules. The notification shall be in *Form-1*.

(2) The notification referred to in the *sub-rule (1)* shall in case of election to the offices of the Presidents of Water Users Associations and members of Territorial Constituencies of Water Users Associations be published in the concerned District Gazette.

12. *Election schedule.*— The following shall be the Schedule for conducting election to the offices of the members of the Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations.

SCHEDULE

Events	Date and Time
Receipt of nominations and publication of final list of contesting candidates	Date :
(a) Receipt of nominations from the contesting candidates for members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations.	9.00 AM to 4.00 PM
(b) Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of valid nominations.	Date: 9.00 AM to 2.00 PM
(c) Withdrawal of candidature.	2.00 PM to 4.00 PM
(d) Finalization of list of contestants and allotment of the election symbols	from 4.00 PM onwards till completion of the work on the same day
Polling and announcing Results	Date:
(e) Polling to elect the members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations.	7.00 A.M. to 2.00 PM
(f) Counting of votes and declaration of results.	4.00 PM onwards

Explanation.—It shall however be competent for the Collector to alter the timings indicated above, provided that the entire poll process of electing President and members shall be completed on the same day.

13. *Notice of election.*— (1) The Collector shall, publish the notice of election to elect the members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations in *Form-2*.

(2) The notice shall specify the Territorial Constituencies and Water Users Associations for which elections are to be held, the place, dates, timings and Officer for receiving nominations, scrutiny of nominations, withdrawal of candidature, finalization of list of contesting candidates and allotment of symbols, venue for election, the date and time during which poll shall be held and counting of votes for the election to the members of the Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations.

(3) The election shall be held after a minimum of five days after the date of publication of final list of contesting candidates.

(4) the Collector shall also arrange for the display of the notice of election in the Notice Board and two other conspicuous places of the Water Users Association.

14. *Presentation of Nomination paper.*— (1) Any person may be nominated as a candidate for the office of the member of Territorial Constituency or President of Water Users Association as the case may be, if he is qualified to hold the office, under the provisions of the Act.

(2) Every nomination form shall be in *Form- 5* which can be obtained from the Returning Officer concerned. The nomination forms duly filled up and signed by the candidate shall be presented at the appointed date and time, by the candidate himself or by his proposer to the Returning Officer.

(3) A candidate for the election of member of Territorial Constituency or President of a Water Users Association and his proposer shall be the persons, whose names are borne on the electoral roll relating to the Territorial Constituency or the Water Users Association as the case may be.

(4) On receiving the nomination form, they shall be numbered serially in the order in which it is presented and a receipt in *Form-6* shall be given as a token of receiving the nomination form.

15. *List of nominations received.*— Immediately after expiry of the time specified for receipt of the nomination forms on the date fixed for that purpose, a list of nominations received shall be arranged to be published at the office of the Returning Officer in *Form-7* (Territorial Constituency wise) with a notice that the nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at the specified place, the date and the time.

16. *Scrutiny of nominations.*— (1) On the date, time and place appointed for scrutiny of the nominations, the candidate, or his proposer or a person duly authorised in writing by the candidate may attend at such time and place of scrutiny. No other person shall be entitled to be present.

(2) The nomination forms shall then be examined with reference to the electoral roll and objections if any shall be decided by the Returning Officer at the time of scrutiny of nominations after summary enquiry as he thinks necessary. The Returning Officer may reject any nomination on any of the following grounds namely:—

(i) that the candidate is ineligible for election as a member or President of Water Users Association under section 17 of the Act; or

(ii) that the name of the candidate (or) of his proposer is not found in the electoral roll; or

(iii) that the signature of the candidate or the proposer in the nomination paper is not genuine:

Provided that the nomination of a candidate shall not be rejected merely on the ground of an incorrect description of his name or of the name of his proposer, or of any other particulars relating to the candidate or his proposer as entered in the electoral roll if the identity of the candidate or proposer, as the case may be, is otherwise established beyond reasonable doubt.

(3) The decision shall be endorsed on the nomination form for accepting or rejecting the same. If the nomination is rejected, the reason shall be recorded in writing a brief statement for such rejection in the appropriate place of *Form - 5*.

(4) The scrutiny shall be completed within the time and date appointed in this behalf and no adjournment of the proceedings shall ordinarily be permissible except to provide an opportunity to a candidate to rebut any contention raised against his candidature.

(5) For the purpose of this rule, a certified copy of an entry in the electoral roll shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the person referred to in that entry is an elector in the Territorial Constituency for that Water users Association unless it is proved that he is subject to any disqualification mentioned in the Act.

(6) Immediately after all the nomination forms have been scrutinised and the decision of accepting or rejecting the same have been recorded in nomination *Form-5* a list of candidates whose nominations have been found valid shall be prepared and affixed on the Notice Board of the office where the nominations are received and scrutinised, in *Form- 8*.

17. *Withdrawal of Candidature.*— (1) Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by notice in writing in *Form-9* signed by him and delivered either by such candidate in person or by his proposer at any time after the presentation of his nomination paper.

(2) On receiving a notice of withdrawal under *sub-rule (1)* as soon as may be, a list of notice of the withdrawal shall be caused to be published in *Form-10*.

(3) A candidate who has withdrawn his candidature under *sub-rule (2)* shall not be allowed to cancel the withdrawal.

18. *Publication of final list of contesting candidates and assignment of symbols.*- (1) After scrutiny of the nominations, a final list shall be prepared (Territorial Constituency wise) in alphabetical order in *Form-11* of persons whose nominations have not been rejected and who have not withdrawn their candidature and displayed it on the Notice Board of the office of the Returning Officer.

(2) If poll is found to be necessary the final list of candidates shall specify the names of the distinctive symbols allotted to them, in the order of approved list of symbols (list of symbols appended in *Annexure I and II*). A specimen of the symbol allotted shall be supplied to the candidates at the time of publication of the final list of contesting candidates.

19. *Procedure where there is only one validly nominated candidate.*- If there is only one validly nominated candidate in an election, he shall be declared to have been elected for the office of member of Territorial Constituency or President of Water Users Association as the case may be in *Form-24*. A certificate of election in *Form-26* shall be issued to him.

20. *Effect of death of candidate before poll.*- If a contesting candidate dies and a report of his death is received before commencement of the poll, the Collector shall after being satisfied of the fact of the death of the candidate, countermand the poll and election proceedings shall be started afresh in all respects as if it is a new election :

Provided that no fresh nomination, shall be necessary in the case of a candidate who stood validly nominated at the time of countermanding of the poll.

POLL

21. *Arrangements at Polling stations.*- (1) There shall be a minimum of one Polling station for each Water Users Association. As far as possible, all the booths in a Polling station of a Water Users Association shall be located in a single premises, convenient to electors of all the Territorial Constituencies so that counting of votes can be taken up immediately after the close of poll.

(2) In cases where the above arrangement is not feasible, adequate arrangement for the safe transport of all ballot boxes, and other polling materials and for their safe custody shall be made until commencement of the counting of votes at a common place fixed.

(3) There shall be a minimum of one polling booth for every Territorial Constituency. The booths shall be increased according to the number of electors in order to accommodate them for completing the poll within the specified time.

(4) There shall be as many ballot boxes as may be necessary for the Polling stations to cover all the Territorial Constituencies in a Water Users Association and the total number of ballot boxes shall be decided depending on the number of electors.

(5) Outside each Polling station, there shall be displayed prominently -

(a) a notice specifying the polling area, the serial number of electors in relevant electoral roll who are entitled to vote at the Polling station; and

(b) copy of the list of contesting candidates with the serial numbers, names and the symbols assigned to them.

(6) Each Polling booth shall contain one or more separate compartments in which electors are to record their votes, in secrecy.

(7) Separate ballot boxes for the election of member of Territorial Constituency and for the election of President of Water Users Association shall be kept in each polling booth and separate ballot papers shall be issued whenever necessary.

(8) The names of the contesting candidates along with their symbols shall be displayed both at the entrance of the polling booths and inside the polling booth above the ballot box to enable the elector to exercise his franchise without difficulty.

(9) Counting shall be arranged on the same day in the afternoon following the poll.

(10) The Collector shall arrange to provide at each Polling station sufficient number of ballot boxes, together with copies of the electoral roll or such part thereof, so as to contain the names of the electors entitled to vote at the station, and such other papers and articles necessary for electors to mark the ballot papers, stationery and forms as may be necessary.

22. *Preparation of ballot boxes.*- (1) Where a paper seal is used for securing a ballot box, the paper seal shall be signed by the Presiding Officer and the signature of the candidates desirous of affixing their signature shall be obtained.

(2) The paper seal shall be fixed in the space meant therefor in the ballot box and then secured and the box sealed in such manner that the slit for the insertion of ballot paper therein remains open.

(3) The seals used for securing a ballot box shall be affixed in such manner that after the box has been closed, it is not possible to open it without breaking the seal.

(4) Where it is not necessary to use paper seals or securing the ballot boxes, it shall be secured and the ballot box sealed in such manner that the slit for the insertion of ballot papers remains open and the candidates present allowed to affix, if they so desire, their seals.

(5) Every ballot box used at a Polling station shall bear label both inside and outside marked with

(a) the description of the Polling station;

(b) the serial number of the ballot box (to be filled in on the label outside the ballot box only); and

(c) the date of poll.

(6) Immediately before commencement of the poll the Presiding Officer shall demonstrate to the candidates and other persons present that the ballot box is empty and bears the labels referred to in sub-rule (5)

(7) The ballot box shall then be closed, secured, sealed and placed in full view.

Explanation.- The specification of ballot boxes, size, shape and material to be used shall however be decided by the Collector to ensure secrecy in voting.

(8) Immediately before commencement of the poll, demonstration shall be made to the candidates present the marked copy or copies of electoral roll as the case may be, to be used during the poll.

(9) The declaration before the commencement of the poll in Form-18 shall be signed by the Presiding Officer and the signatures of such candidates who are present and are willing to sign in the said Form-18 obtained.

23. *Marked copy of electoral roll.* - (1) There shall be as many marked copies of electoral rolls as may be prescribed by the Collector.

(2) Immediately before the commencement of the poll, demonstration to the persons present shall be made that the marked copy of the electoral roll or rolls to be used during the poll does not contain any entry other than those made in pursuance of these Rules and other authorised corrections made by the Collector.

24. *Facilities to women electors.* - (1) Where a Polling station is for both men and women electors, arrangements shall be made that they shall be admitted into the Polling station alternatively in separate batches.

(2) A woman may be appointed to serve as an attendant at any Polling station to assist women electors to help the searching of any woman elector in case it becomes necessary.

25. *Challenging of Identity.* - (1) Any candidate may challenge the identity of a person claiming to be a particular elector.

(2) (a) The person challenged shall be warned of the penalty for impersonation;

(b) The relevant entry in the electoral roll shall be read in full and the challenged person be asked whether he is the person referred to in the entry;

(c) His name and address in the list of challenged votes in Form-21 shall be asked to be entered;

(d) The challenged person shall be asked to affix his signature in the said list.

(3) A summary inquiry shall be held into the challenge and may for that purpose -

(a) request the challenger to adduce evidence in proof of the challenge and the person challenged to adduce evidence in proof of his identity ;

(b) put the person challenged any question necessary for the purpose of establishing his identity and require him to answer them on oath ; and

(c) administer an oath to the challenger and any other person offering to give evidence.

(4) If, after the enquiry, it is considered that the challenge has not been established, the person challenged shall be allowed to vote and if the challenge has been established, the person challenged shall be debarred from voting and such person shall be handed over to the Police personnel on duty for being dealt with in accordance with Law.

(5) The decision of the Presiding Officer for the Polling station, under *sub-rule (4)* shall be final.

26. *Identification of electors.*— (1) When a person presents himself to vote and at any time before a ballot paper is supplied to him, he may be enquired if so required by a candidate put to such person either one or both of the following questions—

(a) are you the person enrolled as follows? (reading the whole entry from the roll);

(b) have you already voted at the present election at this Polling station or at any other Polling station?

(2) The person shall not be supplied with a ballot paper unless he gives an unqualified answer to the question or questions put to him in the affirmative to the first and in the negative to the second or such question.

(3) Except as mentioned herein, every person whose name is found on the electoral roll shall be entitled to be supplied with a ballot paper.

27. *Safeguards against impersonation.*— (1) Every elector about whose identity is satisfied shall arrange to allow his left forefinger to be inspected and an indelible ink mark to be put on the back of the left forefinger on the ridge between the skin and the root of the nail.

(2) If any such elector—

(a) refuses to allow such inspection of his left fore finger; or

(b) refuses to allow an indelible ink mark to be put on left fore finger; or

(c) persists in doing any act with a view to removing any such mark after it has been put, he shall not be entitled to be supplied with any ballot paper or record his vote at the election.

(3) Any reference in this rule to the left forefinger of an elector shall in case where the elector has his left forefinger missing, be construed as a reference to any other finger of his left hand and shall, in case where all the fingers of his left hand are missing, be construed as a reference to the forefinger or any other finger of his right hand and shall in case where all his fingers of both hands are missing, be construed as a reference in such extremity of his left or right arm as he possesses.

(4) Normally at the time of issue of ballot paper to an elector as per the electoral roll, indelible ink mark is applied as referred in sub-rules (1) to (3) above. In the election to Farmers Organisation, an elector may have voting rights in more than one Water Users Association. In such cases an elector having land in more than one Water Users Association shall be supplied ballot paper after verifying his name in the electoral roll of that Water Users Association where he is voting irrespective of the elector having already indelible ink mark. If necessary indelible ink mark shall be applied on the finger next to forefinger and so on.

28. *Ballot paper.*— (1) The Collector shall arrange to procure the ballot papers in sufficient numbers to cover the electors in the Water Users Associations (Territorial Constituency wise) and some extra ballot papers for any contingency.

(2) Every ballot paper shall have a counterfoil attached thereto. The said ballot paper and the counterfoil for the election of President of Water Users Association shall be in *Form-12*. Every Ballot paper for the election of member of Territorial Constituency shall be in *Form-13*.

(3) Every ballot paper shall, before issue to an elector, be, stamped or shall be written on its back with the details—

(i) Name and number of the Polling station ;

(ii) Name of the Water Users Association ;

(iii) Number of Territorial Constituency ;

(iv) Name of the Taluk ;

(v) Signature of the Presiding Officer.

29. *Manner of voting.*— At every election where a poll is taken, votes shall be given by ballot and all electors voting at an election shall do so in person at the Polling station and no votes shall be received by proxy.

30. *Issue of ballot papers.*— (1) Immediately before any ballot paper is issued to an elector the Polling Officer concerned shall:—

- (a) call out the number, name and description of the elector as stated in the electoral roll; and
- (b) record on its counterfoil the number of the elector as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll and obtain the signature or thumb impression of that elector on the said counterfoil :

Provided that no ballot paper shall be issued to an elector unless he has put his signature or thumb impression on the counterfoil of that ballot paper.

(2) The entry relating to the elector in the marked copy of the electoral roll shall be underlined in every case and where the elector is a female shall put a (v) mark also on the left hand side of the name of the female elector.

(3) The indelible ink mark on the ridge between the skin and the root of the nail of the left-hand forefinger of the elector shall be applied as detailed in *rule 27*

(4) No person in the Polling station shall note down the serial numbers of the ballot papers issued to any elector.

31. *Voting procedure.*— (1) The Collector shall arrange to see that the election is conducted fairly and peacefully and to that end keep order at the Polling station to regulate the number of electors to be admitted at a time and shall exclude all persons other than -

- (a) the candidate;
- (b) the police and other public servants on duty;
- (c) such persons as the Collector may from time to time, admit for the purpose of identifying electors;
- (d) persons authorized by the Government ;
- (e) a child in arms or a child accompanying an elector; and
- (f) a person accompanying a blind (or) infirm elector who cannot move without help.

(2) Where a woman elector cannot be identified by reason of her observing purdah, she may be required to be identified by any of her near relatives unless she otherwise proves her identity.

Explanation.— *If a question arises as to whether a person is or is not a near relative within the meaning of this sub-rule, it shall be decided by the Presiding Officer and his decision shall be final.*

(3) Every elector to whom a ballot paper has been issued shall maintain secrecy of voting within the Polling station and for that purpose observe the voting procedure hereafter laid down.

(4) The elector on receiving the ballot paper or papers, as the case may be, shall forthwith--

- (a) proceed to one of the voting compartments;
- (b) mark on the ballot paper or papers with the instrument supplied for the purpose, on or near the symbol allotted to the candidate for whom he intends to vote;
- (c) fold the ballot paper or papers vertically first and thereafter horizontally so as to conceal his vote;
- (d) insert the folded ballot paper into the specified ballot box; and
- (e) leave the Polling station by the exit provided.

(5) Every elector shall vote without undue delay.

(6) No elector shall be allowed to enter a voting compartment when another elector is inside it.

32. *Blind and infirm electors.*— (1) If owing to blindness or other physical infirmity an elector is unable to recognise the symbols on the ballot paper or to read the names or to mark thereon, without assistance, the elector shall be permitted to take with him a companion of not less than eighteen years of age to the voting compartment to record the vote on the ballot paper or ballot papers on his behalf and in accordance with the wishes of the elector, fold it so as to conceal the vote and insert it into the ballot box.

(2) While acting under this rule, the secrecy shall be observed and a brief record of each such instance shall be kept but shall not indicate therein manner in which any vote has been given.

(3) A record in *Form - 20* of all such cases under this rule shall be kept.

33. *Spoilt and returned ballot papers.*— (1) An elector who has inadvertently dealt with his ballot paper shall deliver it to the Presiding Officer and on satisfying of the inadvertence, the elector shall be given another ballot paper and the ballot paper so returned and the counterfoil of such ballot paper shall be marked as "spoilt-cancelled"

(2) If an elector after obtaining a ballot paper decides not to use it, he shall return it and the ballot paper so returned and the counterfoil of such ballot paper shall be marked as "returned-cancelled" and signature affixed.

(3) All ballot papers cancelled under sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) shall be kept in a separate packet and properly accounted for.

34. *Tendered votes.*— (1) If a person representing himself to be a particular elector, applies for a ballot paper after another person has already voted as such elector, he shall, on satisfactorily answering such questions relating to his identity be entitled subject to the following provision to mark ballot paper (hereinafter in these rules referred to as a tendered ballot paper) in the same manner as any other elector.

(2) Every such person, shall, before being supplied with a tendered ballot paper, sign his name against entry relating to him in a list in *Form - 19*.

(3) A tendered ballot paper shall be the same as the ballot paper used at the polling except that it shall be—

(a) taken serially from the bottom of the bundle of ballot papers issued for use at the Polling station in successive cases; and

(b) endorsed on the back with the words "tendered ballot paper" and signed.

(4) The elector, after making a tendered ballot paper in the voting compartment and folding it, shall not put it into the ballot box, but shall hand over to the Presiding Officer for being placed in a cover specifically kept for the purpose.

35. *Adjournment of poll in emergencies.*— (1) Where --

(a) the proceedings at any Polling station are seriously interrupted or obstructed by any riot or open violence or otherwise; or

(b) a large number of electors are unable to attend the poll at a Polling station by reason of an act of God, such as flood or fire;

(c) the Presiding Officer shall stop the poll at that Polling station. The fact that the poll has been so stopped shall be immediately announced by the Presiding Officer to the persons present at the Polling station.

(2) Where the Presiding Officer stops a poll under *sub-rule (1)*, he shall observe the procedure given in these rules for closing of poll and sealing of ballot boxes, covers, accounting of ballot papers etc., and forthwith make a full report of the circumstances. The Presiding Officer shall report forthwith the fact of adjournment of election with full details of the events which led to the adjournment of the election to the Returning Officer.

(3) The Returning Officer shall thereupon order—

(a) that the poll be continued at the Polling station for the number of hours for which it was not held on the previous occasion; or

(b) that the proceedings at the poll held at the Polling station on the previous occasion be ignored and that a fresh poll be held at such Polling station for the full number of hours for which it should have been held on the previous occasion; and

(c) any order passed by the Returning Officer under this *sub-rule* shall be final.

(4) Any order passed under *sub-rule (3)* shall—

(a) state—

(i) the date on which, the hours between which the continuation poll or the fresh poll, as the case may be shall be held; and

(ii) the date on which and the place and hour at which, the counting of the votes shall be commenced;

(b) indicate for wide publicity in the polling area concerned by the Returning Officer in such a manner as the Returning Officer may direct, announcing the date, place and hour of polling fixed under clause (a).

36. *Continuation poll after adjournment.* - (1) Where an order is passed under clause (a) of *sub-rule (3)* under rule 35 or the continuation of the poll in the Polling station where the poll was adjourned shall be arranged to be proceeded afresh with all the packets containing the marked copy of the electoral roll ballot boxes and other materials required for the poll made by the Presiding Officer at the time of adjournment of poll.

(2) The packets shall be opened just before commencement of the continuation poll in the presence of such persons as may be present at the Polling station and the poll commenced precisely at the hour fixed therefor in the order passed by the Returning Officer under clause (a) of *sub-rule(3)* under rule 35.

(3) At the continuation poll, only such electors shall be allowed to vote who did not vote in the previous occasion.

(4) Those votes cast at such election shall not be counted until the continuation poll or fresh poll has been completed.—

37. *Fresh poll after adjournment.* — Where an order is passed under clause (b) of sub-rule (3) under rule 35 for holding a fresh poll, the Returning Officer shall arrange to proceed afresh and a fresh poll shall be held at the Polling station concerned in accordance with the provisions of these Rules in all respects as if, it is being held at such Polling station for the first time and there shall be no fresh nominations in this case.

38. *Fresh poll in the case of destruction, etc. of ballot boxes.* — (1) If at any election, any ballot box used at a Polling station or at a place appointed for counting of votes is unlawfully taken out of the custody of the Returning Officer or is accidentally or intentionally destroyed, or lost, or is damaged or tampered with to such an extent that the result of the poll at that Polling station cannot be ascertained the Returning Officer shall, after taking all material circumstances into account, either—

(a) declare the poll at the Polling station to be void, appoint a day, fix the hours for taking a fresh poll at that Polling station and direct that the day so appointed and the hours so fixed be published in the manner laid down in clause (b) of sub-rule (3) of rule 35, besides intimating the contesting candidates; or

(b) if satisfied that the result of a fresh poll at the Polling station will not in any way affect the result of the election or that the error or irregularity in procedure is not material, the Returning Officer may direct for the further conduct and completion of election.

(2) The provisions of these rules or orders made thereunder shall apply to every such fresh poll as they apply to the original poll.

39. *Poll persons influencing voting.* — (1) Any person performing any duty in connection with an election shall not conduct in any manner, which helps in the furtherance of the prospects of the election of any candidate or candidates.

(2) No such person as aforesaid and no member of police force shall endeavour to.—

(a) persuade any person to give his vote at an election; or

(b) dissuade any person from giving his vote at an election; or

(c) influence the voting of any person at an election in any manner;

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) shall be handed over to the police personnel on duty for being dealt with in accordance with Law.

40. *Removal of ballot papers from Polling station.* — (1) Any person who at any election, fraudulently takes or attempts to take, a ballot paper out of a Polling station or willfully aids or abets the doing of any such act shall be liable to be handed over to the police personnel on duty for being dealt with in accordance with Law.

41. *Misconduct at the Polling station.* — Any person, who during the hours fixed for the poll, at any Polling station misconducts himself or fails to obey the lawful directions as the case may be, may be removed from the Polling station, by any police personnel on duty for being dealt with in accordance with Law.

42. *Disorderly conduct in or near Polling stations.* — (1) No person shall, on the date on which a poll is conducted at any Polling station, commit any of the following acts within the Polling station or in any public or private place within a distance of one hundred metres radius of the Polling station, namely:—

(a) canvassing for votes; or

(b) soliciting the vote of any elector; or

(c) persuading any elector not to vote for any particular candidate; or

(d) persuading any elector not to vote at the election; or

(e) exhibition of any notice or sign, other than an official notice relating to the election; or

(f) using or operating within or at the entrance of the Polling station or in any public or private place in the neighbourhood thereof, any apparatus for amplifying or reproducing the human voice, such as a megaphone or a loud speaker; or

(g) shouting or otherwise acting in disorderly manner, within or at the entrance of the Polling station or in any public or private place in the neighbourhood thereof, so as to cause annoyance to any person visiting the Polling station for the poll, or so as to interfere with the work of the Officers and other persons on duty at the Polling station.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-rule (1) shall be liable to be handed over to the police personnel on duty for being dealt with in accordance with Law.

43. *Cancelled ballot papers.*—(1) If an elector, to whom a ballot paper has been issued, refuses to observe the procedure for voting, even after warning the ballot paper issued shall be taken back from him whether he has recorded his vote thereon or not.

(2) After the ballot paper has been taken back, the words shall be recorded on its back as "cancelled - voting procedure violated" and signature affixed below these words and all such ballot papers shall be kept separately bundled and properly accounted for.

44. *Sealing of used ballot papers.*— The valid ballot papers of each candidate and the rejected ballot papers shall thereafter be bundled separately and the several bundles made up into a separate packet which shall be sealed and of such of the candidates, as may desire to affix their seals thereon, and on the packets so sealed shall be recorded the following particulars superscribed namely:—

- (a) Number of the Polling Station;
- (b) Name of Water Users Associations;
- (c) Number of Territorial Constituency;
- (d) Village / Town;
- (e) Taluk;
- (f) Date of counting.

45. *Closing of poll.* — (1) The Polling station shall be closed by the Presiding Officer at the hour appointed for closing and any elector shall not be admitted into the Polling station:

Provided that all electors present at the Polling station before it is closed shall be allowed to cast their votes.

(2) As soon as practicable after the end of the poll, the slit of the ballot box shall be closed with a slip, signature affixed and any candidate present be allowed to affix his signature on the same slip. The ballot box shall thereafter be kept secured.

(3) Where it becomes necessary to use a second ballot box by reason of the first ballot box filled, the first box shall be closed, and secured as provided in sub-rule (2) before another ballot box is put into use.

(4) All the items of the ballot paper account in *Form-22* carefully filled and a copy of it issued duly signed to the candidate on request under due acknowledgement on the duplicate copy.

(5) At the end of the poll, in the presence of the candidates or persons duly authorised in writing by the candidates who may be present the following shall be made into separate packets for keeping in separate cloth-lined covers supplied—

Packet No. 1.

- (a) unused ballot papers;
- (b) spoiled and returned ballot papers;
- (c) counterfoils of used ballot papers;
- (d) ballot papers cancelled for violation of voting procedure;
- (e) marked copy of the electoral roll concerned;
- (f) tendered ballot papers;
- (g) ballot paper account or accounts;
- (h) list of challenged votes.

Packet No. 2

- (a) spare copy of electoral roll of the Territorial Constituency;
- (b) hand book of "Instructions to Polling Officer";
- (c) list of blind and infirm votes;

(d) Diary of the Presiding Officer ;

(e) Booklet containing other forms and annexure used in elections duly filled in, as directed.

Packet No. 3

Stationery and other materials as directed.

COUNTING OF VOTES

46. *Admission to the place of counting.* — (1) The Returning Officer shall exclude from the place fixed for counting of votes all other persons except:—

(a) the candidate or a person duly authorised in writing by him ;

(b) the person arranged by the Collector ;

(c) such persons to be known as counting Officers and counting assistants as the Returning Officer may designate to assist him in the counting ;

(d) Public servant on duty in connection with the election.

47. *Scrutiny and opening of ballot boxes and counting of valid votes.*—(1) The Returning Officer shall cause to open, simultaneously the ballot box or boxes belonging to the same Territorial Constituency and shall have the total number of ballot papers found in such ballot box or boxes counted and checked with reference to the entries made in *Form-22*.

(2) Discrepancy if any, between the total number of ballot papers actually found in the ballot box and the ballot paper to be found as per item number 8 of *Form-22* shall be recorded at the appropriate portion of the *Form-23* and signed by him.

(3) Before any ballot box is opened for counting of votes, the candidates or their duly authorised persons present there shall be allowed to inspect the ballot box and satisfy themselves that it is intact.

(4) It shall be satisfied that none of the ballot boxes has in fact been tampered with, in any way.

(5) If it has been concluded that any ballot box has in fact been tampered with the ballot papers contained in that box shall not be counted and the procedure laid down in *rule 48* in respect of that Polling station shall be followed.

(6) The counting of votes shall commence on the same day and at the place and hour appointed in this behalf, within the area of Water Users Association.

(7) If the Returning Officer finds it absolutely necessary for the reasons to be recorded in writing, may alter the date, time and place or places so fixed, or any of them, after giving notice of the same in writing to each candidate.

(8) Votes shall be counted by or under the supervision of the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer shall arrange the same person and in addition, any other person as may be necessary for counting to assist him in counting of votes:

Provided that the same person shall not count the ballot papers of a Territorial Constituency for which he acted as a person in a Polling station.

(9) No person who has been employed by or on behalf of any candidate or any person whatsoever connected with the election of a candidate shall be appointed to assist in counting of the votes.

48. *Destruction or loss of ballot papers at the time of counting of votes.*—(1) If at any time before the counting of votes is completed and ballot papers used at a Polling station or at a place fixed for the poll are unlawfully taken out or the ballot papers are accidentally or intentionally destroyed or lost or damaged or tampered with, to such an extent that the result of the poll at that Polling station or place can not be ascertained, the Returning Officer shall after taking all material circumstances into account, either—

(a) direct that the counting of votes shall be stopped, declare the poll at that Polling station or place to be void, appoint a day, and fix the hours for taking a fresh poll at that Polling station or place and notify the date so appointed and hours so fixed; or

(b) if satisfied that the result of a fresh poll at that Polling station or place will not, in any way, affect the result of the election, such directions may be issued by the Returning Officer for the resumption and completion of the counting.

(2) The provisions of these rules shall apply to any and every such fresh poll as they apply to the original poll.

49. *Rejection of ballot papers.*—(1) A ballot paper shall be rejected—

- (a) if it bears any mark or writing by which the elector can be identified; or
- (b) if it bears no mark at all to indicate the vote or it bears a mark made otherwise than with the instrument supplied for the purpose; or
- (c) if votes are given on it in favour of more than one candidate; or
- (d) if the mark indicating the vote thereon is placed in such manner as to make it doubtful as to which candidate the vote has been given; or
- (e) if it is a spurious ballot paper; or
- (f) if it is so damaged or mutilated that its identity as a genuine ballot paper cannot be established; or
- (g) if it bears a serial number or is of a design, different from the serial numbers and design, as the case may be, of the ballot papers authorised for use at the particular Polling Station; or
- (h) if it does not bear both the distinguishing mark and the signature of the Presiding Officer which it should have borne under the provisions of sub-rule (3) of rule 28 :

Provided that where the Returning Officer is satisfied that any such defect as is mentioned in clause (g) or clause (h) has been caused by any mistake the ballot paper shall not be rejected merely by the reason of such defect:

Provided further that a ballot paper shall not be rejected merely on the ground that the mark indicating the vote is not distinct or made more than once, if the intention that the vote shall be for a particular candidate clearly appears from the way the paper is marked.

(2) Before rejecting any ballot paper under sub-rule (1) the contesting candidates present shall be allowed a reasonable opportunity to inspect the ballot paper but shall not allow them to handle it or any other ballot paper.

(3) Every ballot paper, which is rejected, shall be endorsed with the word "rejected" and the grounds of rejection in abbreviated form shall be recorded and signed.

(4) All ballot papers rejected under this rule shall be bundled together.

(5) Every ballot paper which is not rejected under this rule shall be counted as one valid vote:

Provided that no cover containing tendered ballot papers shall be opened and no such paper shall be counted.

(6) After counting of all ballot papers contained in all the ballot boxes used in a Farmers Organisation has been completed, the entries in a result sheet in Form - 23 shall be made.

(7) The decision of the Returning Officer as to the validity of a ballot paper shall be final subject to scrutiny only by an election petition.

50. *Counting to be continuous.*—The Returning Officer shall cause to proceed continuously with the counting of votes, and shall, during any necessary intervals, during which the counting has to be suspended, place ballot papers, packets and other documents relating to the election under his seal and seals of such candidates as may desire to affix them and shall cause adequate precautions to be taken for their safe custody.

51. *Recounting of votes.*—(1) After completion of counting, the Returning Officer shall record the result in Form-23, the total number of votes polled by each candidate and announce the same.

(2) After such announcement has been made a candidate may apply in writing to the Returning Officer for recounting of the votes either wholly or in part stating the grounds on which he demands such recount.

(3) On such an application being made, the Returning Officer shall decide the matter and may allow the application in whole or in part or may reject it wholly if it appears to him to be frivolous or unreasonable.

(4) Every decision of the Returning Officer under sub-rule (3) shall be in writing and contain the reason therefor.

(5) If the Returning Officer decides under sub-rule (3) to allow a recount of the votes either wholly or in part he shall—

(a) arrange for the recounting in accordance with the rules and ;

(b) amend the result in Form - 23 to the extent necessary after such recounting;

(6) After the total number of votes polled by each candidate has been recounted under sub-rule (5) the result in Form - 23 shall be completed and signed and no application for a further or second recounting shall be entertained thereafter.

52. *Equality of votes.*—If, after the counting of the votes is completed an equality of votes is found to exist among any of the candidates and the addition of one vote will lead to any of those candidates being declared elected, it shall be forthwith decided among those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received the additional vote.

53. *Declaration of results of election.*—(1) The candidate who polled the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as member of Territorial Constituency or President of Water Users Association as the case may be after recording the results of counting in Form-23.

(2) Once the counting of votes and declaration of results of elected candidates in all the Territorial Constituencies is completed as detailed in Form - 24, the list of candidates elected shall be recorded in Form-25 for members and Presidents and exhibit it on the Notice Board of the office of the Returning Officer.

54. *Disposal of ballot papers.*—(1) The Returning Officer shall, after declaring the results cause to preserve all the packets of ballot papers, whether counted, rejected or tendered. These packets shall not be opened and their contents shall not be inspected or produced except under the orders of an authority competent to decide election disputes.

(2) The packets as given in sub-rule (1) and the marked copies of the electoral roll shall be preserved for a year and shall then, unless otherwise directed by the authority competent to decide election disputes, cause them to be destroyed. However the original copies of declaration of results shall be kept for six years in stitched volumes for all elections in Farmers Organization.

55. *Publication of names of elected candidates.*—In case of election to the offices of the members of the Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations as soon as the result of election has been declared, the Returning Officer shall arrange to display on the Notice Board at his office and in the office of the Water Users Association concerned a notification signed by him, indicating the names of the candidates duly elected in Form-25 for information to the public. The Returning Officer shall arrange to publish the names of elected candidates in the concerned District Gazette.

56. *Issue of certificate of election.* - After declaration of results of elected candidates in Territorial Constituencies and the results of Presidents of Water Users Associations, certificate of election shall be issued to each of such elected candidate in Form-26 on the same day and the acknowledgement obtained.

CHAPTER - 5

ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRIBUTORY COMMITTEES

GENERAL

57. *Holding of elections.*—(1) Election for the purpose of electing the President and members of the Managing Committee of the Distributory Committee and to fill up any vacancy therein shall be held in a special meeting convened for the purpose. One half of the total number of members of the General Body of the Distributory Committee shall constitute the quorum for such special meeting.

Explanation.—Where the strength of the members of the general body of the Distributory Committee is an odd number, for the purpose of reckoning the fifty per cent strength, it shall be rounded off to the next higher number.

58. *Notification by the Collector.*—(1) The Collector shall in pursuance of and in consonance with provisions of the Act in this behalf, by notification publish in Form-3 in the District Gazette, call upon on such date or dates as may be specified therein to elect the President and members of the Managing Committee of the Distributory Committee.

(2) The notification shall specify the phases of election if necessary, the corresponding date or dates of elections and the list of names of Distributory Committees covered in those phases.

(3) The notification shall specify the Distributory Committees for which election is to be held, the place, date of special meeting and time schedule for filing nominations, scrutiny of nominations, withdrawal of candidature, election, counting of votes and declaration of results.

(4) The Collector shall also arrange to send the copy of the notification to all the members of General Body of Distributory Committee (i.e.) to all Presidents of Water Users Associations under the jurisdiction of the Distributory Committee, by registered office, five clear days in advance of the date of election.

59. *Election schedule.* --- (1) The following shall be the time schedule for conducting election to the office of President of Distributory Committee. The election shall be held in a specially convened meeting and shall conclude on a *single day*.

SCHEDULE

Events	Date and Time
	Date:
(a) Receipt of nominations for the office of President	8-30 A.M. to 9-30 A.M.
(b) Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	9-30 A.M. to 10-00 A.M.
(c) Withdrawal of candidature	10-00 A.M. to 10-30 A.M.
(d) Publication of final list of candidates	10-45 A.M.
(e) Election in the event of contest	11-30 A.M. to 12-15 P.M.
(f) Counting and declaration of results	Immediately after poll

(2) Election to the office of members shall be taken up immediately after the completion of election to the office of the President. The candidate elected as President shall not be eligible to contest for the office of members. However, he shall participate in the election for the members of the Distributory Committee. The following is the time schedule for election to the office of members of the Distributory Committee.

Events	Date and Time
	Date:
(a) Receipt of nominations for the office of members	1-30 P.M. to 2-30 P.M.
(b) Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	2-30 P.M. to 3-00 P.M.
(c) Withdrawal of candidature	3-00 P.M. to 3-30 P.M.
(d) Publication of final list of candidates	3-45 P.M.
(e) Election in the event of contest	4-30 P.M. to 5-15 P.M.
(f) Counting and declaration of results.	Immediately after poll

(3) *In exigencies*, it shall be competent to the Collector to change the time schedule mentioned in *sub-rule (1)* and *sub-rule (2)* marginally, provided that the entire poll process for the election to the offices of President and members shall be completed on the same day.

60. *Nomination of candidates.*---(1) Any member of the General Body of the Distributory Committee may file his nomination in *Form-5* for the office of President or member, proposed by one member of the General body of the Distributory Committee to the Returning Officer appointed by the Collector.

(2) On receipt of nomination form, the nomination form shall be numbered serially, in the order in which it is received and give a receipt in *Form-6*.

61. *List of nominations received.*--- The list of candidates who have filed their nominations for the office of President or members shall be announced to all the members present in the meeting and recorded in *Form-7*.

62. *Scrutiny of nominations.*--- (1) The eligibility of the candidate shall be verified with reference to the original certificate of election of the candidate as President of the Water Users Association, under the jurisdiction of the Distributory Committee.

(2) The nomination forms shall be scrutinised to decide the eligibility or otherwise of the candidate and recorded on the nomination form taking the objections raised by the other contestants, if any, into account and also recorded in *Form-5*.

(3) A list of candidate whose nominations have been found valid shall be prepared in *Form-8*.

63. *Withdrawal of candidature.* --- (1) A time of *thirty minutes* shall be allowed to the contesting candidates for withdrawal if any.

(2) The withdrawal of the candidature shall be in *Form-9*.

(3) On receiving the notice of withdrawal under sub-rule (2) as soon as may be, a notice of withdrawal shall be caused to be published in *Form-10*.

64. *Final list of contesting candidates.* — All the names of the candidates left in the contest after withdrawal, shall be recorded in alphabetical order in Form-11 and announced in the meeting.

65. *Result of election where there is only one validly nominated candidate.* — (1) If there is only one validly nominated candidate for the office of President, he shall be declared forthwith as having been elected for the office of President in Form-24 and a certificate of election in Form-26 shall be issued to him.

(2) If more than one validly nominated candidate for the office of President is there election shall be conducted.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

66. *Voting procedure.*— (1) Before commencement of the poll the members of General body of the Distributory Committee present, shall be informed the names of the contesting candidates.

(2) The election of President of the Distributory Committee will be through ballot papers.

(3) Ballot papers shall be prepared containing the names of the contesting candidates in alphabetical order and issued to the eligible electors for the office of President in Form-14.

(4) The ballot box shall be arranged to be prepared and placed on the table, in full view of the contesting candidates and demonstration shall be made to the contesting candidates and the members present that the ballot box is empty before commencement of the poll.

(5) On the reverse of every ballot paper before issuing to an elector, the following shall be affixed —

- (a) name of Distributory Committee ;
- (b) full signature of the Returning Officer.

(6) After receiving the ballot paper, each elector shall proceed to the voting compartment, mark his choice of President on the ballot paper in secrecy and fold it and drop it in the ballot box placed on the table.

(7) The poll shall be closed immediately after all the electors present in the special meeting have cast their votes or on the expiry of the appointed time whichever is earlier.

67. *Counting of votes.* — At the end of the poll, the votes shall be counted and the results recorded in Form-23 and the ballot paper account is prepared in Form-22. If equality of votes exist the procedure outlined in rule 52 shall be followed.

68. *Declaration of results.* — (1) The candidate who secured the highest number of votes shall be declared to have been elected for the office of President of Distributory Committee, and the fact recorded in Form-24.

(2) The certificate of election shall then be issued to the elected candidate in Form-26 on the same day under due acknowledgement.

(3) The Returning Officer shall also display Form-24 in this regard on the Notice Board, at his office.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

69. *Election procedure.* — (1) For the election of the members of the Distributory Committee, the procedure detailed in this chapter for the election of the President of the Distributory Committee shall *mutatis mutandis* be followed in the same sequence, subject to the condition that the candidate elected as President of the Distributory Committee shall not be eligible to contest for the office of the members of Distributory Committee, but he is eligible to participate in the election of members.

(2) The ballot papers shall be prepared containing the names of the contesting candidates in alphabetical order in Form-15.

(3) No election is necessary if the total number of validly nominated candidates is equal to or less than the number of vacancies and all of them shall be declared elected as members of the Managing Committee. Election shall be conducted if the number of validly nominated candidates exceeds the number of vacancies.

70. *Publication of names of elected candidates.* — The Returning Officer shall arrange to display on the Notice Board at his office and in the office of the Distributory Committee concerned a notification signed by him indicating the names of the duly elected candidates in Form 25. The Returning Officer shall arrange to publish the names of elected candidates in the District Gazette.

CHAPTER - 6

ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF THE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE PROJECT COMMITTEES

GENERAL

71. *Holding of elections.*—(1) Election for the purpose of electing the Chairman and members of the Managing Committee of the Project Committee and to fill up any vacancy therein shall be held in a special meeting convened for the purpose. One half of the total number of members of the General Body of the Project Committee shall constitute the quorum for such special meeting.

Explanation.—Where the strength of the members of the general body of the Distributory Committee is an odd number, for the purpose of reckoning the fifty percent strength, it shall be rounded off to the next higher number.

72. *Notification by the Collector.*—(1) The Collector shall in pursuance of and in consonance with provisions of the Act in this behalf, by notification publish in Form - 4 in the District Gazette, call upon on such date or dates as may be specified therein to elect the Chairman and members of the Managing Committee of the Project Committee.

(2) The notification shall specify the phases of election if necessary, the corresponding date or dates of elections and the list of names of Project Committee covered in those phases.

(3) The notification shall specify the Project Committee for which election is to be held, the place, date of special meeting and time schedule for filing nominations, scrutiny of nominations, withdrawal of candidature, election, counting of votes and declaration of results.

(4) The Collector shall also arrange to send the copy of the notification to all the members of General body of Project Committee (i.e.) to all Presidents of Distributory Committees under the jurisdiction of the Project Committee, by registered office, **five clear days** in advance of the date of election.

73. *Election schedule.* — (1) The following shall be the time schedule for conducting election to the office of Chairman of Project Committee. The election shall be held in a specially convened meeting and shall conclude on a **single day**.

SCHEDULE

Events	Date and Time
(a) Receipt of nominations for the office of President	Date: 8-30 A.M. to 9-30 A.M.
(b) Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	9-30 A.M. to 10-00 A.M.
(c) Withdrawal of candidature	10-00 A.M. to 10-30 a.m
(d) Publication of final list of candidates	10-45 A.M.
(e) Election in the event of contest	11-30 A.M. to 12-15 P.M.
(f) Counting and declaration of results	Immediately after poll

(2) Election to the office of members shall be taken up immediately after the completion of election to the office of the Chairman. The candidate elected as Chairman shall not be eligible to contest for the office of members. But, he shall participate in the election for the members of the Project Committee. The following is the time schedule for election to the office of members of the Project Committee.

Events	Date and Time
(a) Receipt of nominations for the office of members	Date:
(b) Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	1-30 P.M. to 2-30 P.M.
(c) Withdrawal of candidature	2-30 P.M. to 3-00 P.M.
(d) Publication of final list of candidates	3-00 P.M. to 3-30 P.M.
(e) Election in the event of contest	3-45 P.M.
(f) Counting and declaration of results	4-30 P.M. to 5-15 P.M. Immediately after poll

(3) In exigencies, it shall be competent to the Collector to change the time schedule mentioned in *sub-rule (1)* and *sub-rule (2)* marginally, provided that the entire poll process for the election to the office of Chairman and members shall be completed on the same day.

74. *Nomination of candidates.*—(1) Any member of the General Body of the Project Committee may file his nomination in *Form-5* for the office of Chairman or member, proposed by one member of the General body of the Project Committee to the Returning Officer appointed by the Collector.

(2) On receipt of nomination form, the nomination form shall be numbered serially, in the order in which it is received and give a receipt in *Form-6*.

75. *List of nominations received.*—The list of candidates who have filed their nominations for the office of Chairmen or members shall be announced to all the members present in the meeting and recorded in *Form-7*.

76. *Scrutiny of nominations.*—(1) The eligibility of the candidate shall be verified with reference to the original certificate of election of the candidate as President of the Distributory Committee, under the jurisdiction of the Project Committee.

(2) The nomination forms shall be scrutinised to decide the eligibility or otherwise of the candidate and recorded on the nomination form taking the objections raised by the other contestants, if any, into account and also recorded in *Form-5*.

(3) A list of candidate whose nominations have been found valid shall be prepared in *Form-8*.

77. *Withdrawal of candidature.*—(1) A time of *thirty minutes* shall be allowed to the contesting candidates for withdrawal if any,

(2) The withdrawal of the candidature shall be in *Form-9*.

(3) On receiving a notice of withdrawal under sub-rule (2) as soon as may be, a notice of withdrawal shall be caused to be published in *Form-10*.

78. *Final list of contesting candidates.*—All the names of the candidates left in the contest after withdrawal, shall be recorded in alphabetical order in *Form-11* and announced in the meeting.

79. *Result of election where there is only one validly nominated candidate.*—(1) If there is only one validly nominated candidate for the office of Chairman, he shall be declared forthwith as having been elected for the office of Chairman in *Form-24* and a certificate of election in *Form-26* shall be issued to him.

(2) If more than one validly nominated candidate for the office of Chairman is there election shall be conducted.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

80. *Voting procedure.*—(1) Before commencement of the poll the members of General body of the Project Committee present, shall be informed of the names of the contesting candidates.

(2) The election of Chairman of the Project Committee will be through ballot papers.

(3) Ballot papers shall be prepared containing the names of the contesting candidates in alphabetical order and issued to the eligible electors for the office of Chairman in *Form-16*.

(4) The ballot box shall be arranged to be prepared and placed on the table, in full view of the contesting candidates and demonstration shall be made to the contesting candidates and the members present that the ballot box is empty before commencement of the poll.

(5) On the reverse of every ballot paper before issuing to an elector, the following shall be affixed:

(a) name of Project Committee;

(b) full signature of the Returning Officer.

(6) After receiving the ballot paper, each elector shall proceed to the voting compartment, mark his choice of Chairman on the ballot paper in secrecy and fold it and drop it in the ballot box placed on the table.

(7) The poll shall be closed immediately after all the electors present in the special meeting have cast their votes or on the expiry of the appointed time whichever is earlier.

81. *Counting of votes.*— At the end of the poll, the votes shall be counted and the results recorded in *Form-23* and the ballot paper account is prepared in *Form-22*. If equality of votes exist the procedure outlined in *rule 52* shall be followed.

82. *Declaration of results.*—(1) The candidate who secured the highest number of votes shall be declared to have been elected for the Office of Chairman of Project Committee and the fact recorded in *Form-24*.

(2) The certificate of election shall then be issued to the elected candidate in *Form-26* on the same day under due acknowledgement.

(3) The Returning Officer shall also display *Form-24* in this regard on the Notice Board, at his Office.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

83. *Election procedure.*—(1) For the election of the members of the Project Committee, the procedure detailed in this chapter for the election of the Chairman of the Project Committee shall *mutatis mutandis* be followed in the same sequence, subject to the condition that the candidate elected as Chairman of the Project Committee shall not be eligible to contest for the office of the member of Project Committee but he is eligible to participate in the election of members.

(2) The ballot papers shall be prepared containing the names of the contesting candidates in alphabetical order in *Form - 17*.

(3) No election is necessary if the total number of validly nominated candidates is equal to or less than the number of vacancies and all of them shall be declared elected as members of the Managing Committee. Election shall be conducted if the number of validly nominated candidates exceeds the number of vacancies.

84. *Publication of names of elected candidates.*—The Returning Officer shall arrange to display on the Notice Board at his Office and in the Office of the Project Committee concerned a notification signed by him indicating the names of the duly elected candidates in *Form 25*. The Returning Officer shall arrange to publish the names of elected candidates in the District Gazette.

APPENDIX

FORM - 1

[see rule 11(1).]

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Water Resources Organisation

NOTIFICATION OF PROGRAMME OF ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MEMBERS OF TERRITORIAL CONSTITUENCIES
AND PRESIDENTS OF WATER USERS ASSOCIATIONS

It is hereby notified that the election to fill the offices of Members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations in district shall be conducted as per the schedule given below:

The notice of election shall be issued on

The names of Water Users Associations and the Territorial Constituencies shall be published at the time of issue of notice of election .

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION

<i>Events</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>
<p>Receipt of nominations and publication of final list of contesting candidates.</p> <p>(a) Receipt of nominations from the contesting candidates for members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents for Water Users Associations.</p> <p>(b) Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of valid nominations.</p> <p>(c) Withdrawal of candidature.</p> <p>(d) Finalization of list of contestants and allotment of the election symbols.</p> <p>Polling and announcing Results</p> <p>(e) Polling to elect the members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations.</p> <p>(f) Counting of votes and declaration of results.</p>	<p>Date :</p> <p>9-00 A.M. to 4-00 P.M.</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>9-00 A.M. to 2-00 P.M.</p> <p>2-00 P.M. to 4-00 P.M.</p> <p>from 4-00 P.M. onwards till completion on the same day</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>7-00 A.M. to 2-00 P.M.</p> <p>4-00 P.M. onwards</p>

Station :

Signature

Date

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Full name.....

(COLLECTOR)

FORM - 2
[see rule 13(1)]

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Water Resources Organisation

NOTICE FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MEMBERS OF TERRITORIAL CONSTITUENCIES AND PRESIDENTS OF WATER USERS ASSOCIATIONS.

1. It is hereby notified that the election to fill the offices of Members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations as detailed in the annexure shall be conducted as per the schedule given below.

2. Name of the Returning Officer and address
..... (Place where Nomination Forms are issued)

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION

S.No. (1)	Events (2)	Date and Time (3)
	Receipt of nominations and publication of final list of contesting candidates.	Date : 9-00 A.M. to 4-00 P.M.
(a)	Receipt of nominations from the contesting candidates for members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents for Water Users Associations	Date: 9-00 A.M. to 2-00 P.M.
(b)	Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of valid nominations	2-00P.M. to 4-00 P.M.
(c)	Withdrawal of candidature	from 4-00 P.M. onwards till completion on the same day
(d)	Finalization of list of contestants and allotment of the election symbols	Date: 7-00 A.M. to 2-00 P.M.
	Polling and announcing Results	4-00 P.M. onwards
(e)	Polling to elect the members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations.	
(f)	Counting of votes and declaration of results.	

Station :

Signature

Date

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Full name.....
(in capitals)

(Collector)

ANNEXURE

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Description of the TCWUA.</i>	<i>District / Taluk/ Village.</i>	<i>Place for receiving nomination Form.</i>	<i>Officer receiving nomination Form.</i>	<i>Name of Polling Station.</i>	<i>Place of counting of votes.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>

By registered post with-Ack. Due

FORM - 3

[See rule 58(1)]

Government of Tamil Nadu

Public Works Department

Water Resources Organisation

NOTIFICATION FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF
DISTRIBUTORY COMMITTEES

It is hereby notified that the Election to fill the Offices of President and Members of Distributory Committee as detailed in the annexure shall be conducted as per the schedule given below:

1. The date of Election

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2. Name of the Returning Officer and address
(Place where Nomination Forms are issued)

Schedule of Election

(A) For President

S.No. (1)	Events (2)	Date and Time (3)
1.	Receipt of nominations for the office of President	Date: 8.30 A.M. - 9.30 A.M.
2.	Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	9.30 A.M. - 10.00 A.M.
3.	Withdrawal of candidature	10.00 A.M. - 10.30 A.M.
4.	Publication of final list of candidates	10.45 A.M.
5.	Election in the event of contest	11.30 A.M. - 12.15 P.M.
6.	Counting and declaration of results	Immediately after Poll

(B) For Members for Distributory Committee

S.No. (1)	Events (2)	Date and Time (3)
1.	Receipt of nominations for the office of members of Distributory Committee	Date : 1.30 P.M. - 2.30 P.M.
2.	Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	2.30 P.M. - 3.00 P.M.
3.	Withdrawal of candidature	3.00 P.M. - 3.30 P.M.
4.	Publication of final list of candidates	3.45 P.M.
5.	Election in the event of contest	4.30 P.M. - 5.15 P.M.
6.	Counting and declaration of results	Immediately after Poll

The Presidents ofWater Users Association are requested to attend the meeting along with original certificates of Election at the venue mentioned above without fail for electing the Presidents and Members of Distributory Committees.

Station :

Date :

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Signature

Full name.....

(In capitals) (Collector)

To

Sri / Smt. / Kum.

President of.....

(name of WUA as per records)

Village/town.....

Taluk.....

District.....

Pin code

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Annexure

Sl.No.	Description of the DC.	Taluk.	Place for receiving nomination Form.	Officer receiving nomination Form.	Place of Election.	Place of counting votes.	Remarks.

By registered post with Ack. Due

FORM - 4

[See rule 72(1)]

Government of Tamil Nadu

Public Works Department

Water Resources Organisation

NOTIFICATION FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES

1. It is hereby notified that the Election to fill the Offices of Chairman and Members of Project Committee as detailed in the annexure shall be conducted as per the schedule given below:

2. The date of Election

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3. Name of the Returning Officer and address
(Place where Nomination Forms are issued)

Schedule of Election.

(A) For Chairman

S.No. (1)	Events (2)	Date and Time (3)
1.	Receipt of nominations for the office of Chairman	Date: 8.30 A.M. - 9.30 A.M.
2.	Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	9.30 A.M. - 10.00 A.M.
3.	Withdrawal of candidature	10.00 A.M. - 10.30 A.M.
4.	Publication of final list of candidates	10.45 A.M.
5.	Election in the event of contest	11.30 A.M. - 12.15 P.M.
6.	Counting and declaration of results	Immediately after Poll

(B) For Members for Project Committee

S.No. (1)	Events (2)	Date and Time (3)
1.	Receipt of nominations for the office of members of Project Committee	Date: 1.30 P.M. - 2.30 P.M.
2.	Scrutiny of nominations and publication of list of contesting candidates	2.30 P.M. - 3.00 P.M.
3.	Withdrawal of candidature	3.00 P.M. - 3.30 P.M.
4.	Publication of final list of candidates	3.45 P.M.
5.	Election in the event of contest	4.30 P.M. - 5.15 P.M.
6.	Counting and declaration of results	Immediately after Poll

4. The Presidents of Distributory Committees are requested to attend the meeting along with original certificates of election at the venue mentioned above without fail for electing the Chairmen and members of Project Committees.

Station :

Date :

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Signature

Full name.....
(in capitals) (Collector)

To

Sri / Smt / Kum.....

President of.....

(name of DC as per records)

Village/town.....

Taluk.....

District.....

Pin code

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Annexure

Sl.No	Description of the PC	District	Place for receiving nomination Form	Officer receiving nomination Form	Place of election	Place of counting votes	Remarks

This form is issued to Thiru/Tmt/Selvi
 (Candidate's name to be written by Returning Officer before issue)

FORM - 5

[See rules 14(2), 16(3), 16(6), 60(1), 62(2), 74(1), 76(2)]

NOMINATION FORM

To
 The Returning Officer,

S No. _____
 (pre-printed)

Serial number of nomination form

(as received during election)

.....
 (name of the farmers organization)¹

I wish to contest the election for the following office and furnish my personal details hereunder.

Name of the office contesting..... Irrigation system
 (name of irrigation system)²

Farmers organisation
 (name of the farmers organisation)¹

Town/village.....Taluk.....District.....

1. Personal particulars

a) Full name: Thiru/Tmt/Selvi
 (surname) (full name)

b) Father/Husband name: Thiru
 (surname) (full name)

c) Serial No.in the voters list (contesting candidate)

d) Age Years e) Gender Male Female (please put tick (✓) mark)

f) Total extent of land (i) Owned ha. (ii) Leased ha.

g) Occupation i) Educational qualification

h) Address of contesting candidate :

House No. Street

Town/village.....Taluk.....District

2. Details of the proposer

a) Full name : Thiru/Tmt./Selvi

b) Father/Husband name : Thiru

c) Serial No. in the voters list (proposer) Signature
 (proposer)

¹ Name of the WUA/DC/PC as per records

² Name of the irrigation system e.g: major/ medium/ minor irrigation

3. DECLARATION

(by the contesting candidate)

I solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. I am a registered voter in the electoral roll at serial number.....and that my proposer is also a registered voter in the electoral roll at serial number
2. I am years (in words) old as on the date of this nomination.
3. I am not a village servant or an officer or a servant of the Government of India or any State Government or a local authority or an employee of any institution receiving aid from the funds of the Government.
4. I was not convicted by a Criminal Court for any offence involving moral turpitude committed under any law for the time being in force.
5. I am with a sound mind and I am not an applicant to be adjudicated as an insolvent or an un-discharged insolvent.
6. I am not a defaulter of land revenue or water tax or charges payable either to the Government or to the Farmers Organization.

Station :

Date

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Witness 1

Signature

Full name

Address

Signature.....
(contesting candidate)**Witness 2**

Signature

Full name

Address

Continued.....

For office use

4. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS

1. This nomination form is presented to me by Thiru/Tmt/Selvi.....
 (name of the contesting candidate / proposer)

*candidate/*proposer in person on this day of/...../20..... at..... (AM/PM).
 dd mm yy

2. I have scrutinised this nomination form in accordance with election rules and the
 nomination is (Decision to be written as
 Accepted / Rejected in the box)

3. The nomination is rejected for the following reasons (if rejected)

Station: Signature

Date

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 Full name
 (Returning officer)

* Strike out whichever is not applicable

FORM - 10

[See rules 17(2), 63(3), 77(3)]

LIST SHOWING THE NOTICES OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE

Office.....

(name of the office contesting)¹

Farmers Organisation

(name of the farmers organisation)²

Village

Taluk.....

District.....

Irrigation system.....

(name of the Irrigation system)³

Sl.No.	Name of candidate	Father/Husband Name	Address	Remarks

Signature.....

Full name.....

(Returning Officer)

FORM - 11

[See rules 18(1), 64 and 78]

FINAL LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES

TC No. (for TC election
only wherever
applicable)Office
(name of the office contesting)¹Farmers Organisation
(name of the farmers organisation)²

Village

Taluk

District..... Irrigation system.....
(name of the irrigation systems)³

S.No. (1)	Name of the contesting candidate and father's/husband's name in the order of Tamil alphabet. (2)	Names of Election symbol allotted (wherever applicable). (3)
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3		
4		
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6		
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Abstract of Nominations

No. of nominations received withdrawn Balance

Signature

Polling date 20 Full name
(Returning Officer)

FORM - 12

[See rule 28(2)]

Sl. No.

BALLOT PAPER

(Election to the President of Water Users Association)

.....
(Name of Water Users Association)

Electoral roll parts number..... Territorial Constituency No.....of Water Users' Association.

Sl.No. of the elector.....

.....
Signature or thumb impression
of the elector......
Election to President ofWater Users Association.

Territorial Constituency No.....

S.No. (1)	Name of the candidate in Tamil alphabetical order. (2)	Symbol allotted. (Figure) (3)
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FORM - 13

[See rule 28(2)]

Sl.No.

BALLOT PAPER

(Election to the members of Territorial Constituencies of Water Users Association)

.....
(Name of Water Users Association)

Electoral roll parts number..... Territorial Constituency No.....

Sl.No. of the elector.....

.....
Signature or thumb impression
of the elector.

Election to member of Territorial Constituency Number

..... Water Users Association.

S. No. (1)	Symbol allotted. (Figure) (2)
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FORM - 16

[See rule 80(3)]

Sl.No.

BALLOT PAPER FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

.....PROJECT COMMITTEE

S.No. of the Elector

Signature /
Thumb impression of the Elector.

.....PROJECT COMMITTEE

Sl.No.	Name of the Candidate in Tamil in Alphabetical order.	Put (✓) mark against one name only in the box space provided. (3)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature of the Returning Officer

FORM - 17

[See rule 83(2)]

Sl.No.

BALLOT PAPER FOR ELECTION OF MEMBER

.....PROJECT COMMITTEE

S.No. of the Elector

Signature /

Thumb impression of the Elector.

..... PROJECT COMMITTEE

Sl.No. (1)	Name of the Candidate in Tamil in Alphabetical order. (2)	Put (✓) mark against as many candidates as the number of offices in Managing Committee in the box space provided. (3)
1.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature of the Returning Officer.

FORM - 18

[See sub-rule (9) of rule 22]

DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER BEFORE
THE COMMENCEMENT OF POLL

Election to Member to Territorial Constituency number of the
 Water Users Association
 President to Water Users Association

Number and name of the Polling Station:

Date of Poll:

I hereby declare—

(1) that I have demonstrated to the candidates and other persons present that the ballot boxes to be used for the poll are empty;

(2) that on the paper seal used for securing the ballot box, I have affixed my own signature and obtained thereon the signatures of such of the candidates who are present and desirous of affixing the same;

(3) that I have demonstrated to the candidates and others present that the marked copy of the electoral rolls to be used during the poll does/do not contain any marks other than those used for issuing Election duty certificate and

(4) that I have allowed the candidates to note the first and the last of the serial numbers of the ballot papers and also the numbers on the paper seals which will be used at the polling station.

(Presiding Officer)

Signature of candidates:

Sl.No. (1)	Signature of candidates (2)	Name of candidates (3)

Presiding Officer

FORM - 19

[See rule 34(2)]

LIST OF TENDERED BALLOT PAPERS

Name of the Water Users Organisation
 (As per records)

Territorial Constituency No.

S.No.	Name of the voter	S.No. in electoral roll	Ballot Paper number	Signature/Thumb impression of the elector	Number of Ballot Paper issued to the person already voted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

Date : Signature
 Full name.....

FORM - 20

[See rule 32 (3)]

LIST OF BLIND AND INFIRM ELECTORS

Member to Territorial Constituency number of the
 Water Users Association

Election of
 President to Water Users Association.

Number and name of the polling station :

Sl.No.	Territorial Constituency Number	Sl.No. of elector in electoral roll	Full name of elector	Full name of companion	Address of companion	Signature of companion
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

Date:..... Signature of the Presiding Officer.

FORM - 21

[See rule 25(2)(c)]

LIST OF CHALLENGED VOTES

Name of the Water Users Organisation

(As per records)

Territorial Constituency No.

S.No.	Name of the voter	S.No. in electoral roll	Address of voter and signature/Thumb impression	Name of challenger	Signature/Thumb impression of identifier if any	Orders of Collector
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) (7)

Date :

Signature

Full name.....

(Presiding Officer)

FORM - 22

[See rule 47(1) and (2), 67 and 81.]

BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT

Name of the Water Users Association / Distributory Committee / Project Committee

Name of the polling station / Place

Serial number of the polling station

Territorial Constituency No. (wherever applicable)

From

To

Serial number of ballot papers

(A) Ballot papers used at the Polling stations

(B) Ballot papers used at the polling station, but not put in ballot box

1) Total ballot papers received

2) Details of ballot papers unused (i.e) not issued to voters

(a) With signature of the Presiding Officer

(b) Without signature of the Presiding Officer

(c) Total ballot papers unused [(2a)+(2b)]

(3) Ballot papers used at the Polling Station (1)-(2c)

4) Ballot papers cancelled for violation of voting procedure

5) Ballot papers cancelled for other reasons

6) Ballot papers used on tendered votes

7) Total ballot papers not inserted in voting box [(4)+(5)+(6)]

8) Ballot papers to be found in ballot box (3)-(7)

Station :

Signature

Date

		20
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Full name

(Presiding Officer)

**) Serial numbers need not be given, only total is required strike whichever is not applicable.

FORM - 23

[See rules 47(2), 49(6), 51(1)(5)(6), 53(1), 67 and 81.]

RESULT OF COUNTING

(Election to the offices of Members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations,
Presidents and members of Distributory Committees, Chairmen and members of Project Committees).....
(name of the farmers organisation)¹

Office.....

Irrigation system

.....
(name of the office)²(name of the irrigation system)³

Village

Taluk

District

Date of counting

		20
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S.No. (1)	Candidate's name and father's / husband's name (2)	Number of valid votes cast	
		Nos. (3)	In words (4)
Total valid votes cast			

¹ Full name of the - Water Users Association / Distributory Committee / Project Committee.² Name of the office - TC member / president / members / chairman / members.³ Name of the irrigation system - major / medium / minor irrigation systems.

RESULT OF COUNTING.—contd.

(Election to the offices of Members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users' Associations, Presidents and members of Distributory Committees, Chairmen and members of Project Committees)

* (A) The highest number of valid votes are polled in favour of the following candidate

Thiru / Tmt / Selvi

(surname)

(full name)

son / wife / daughter of Thiru

(full name)

(surname)

* (B) For equality of votes, lots have been drawn and the lot has fallen in favour of

Thiru / Tmt / Selvi

(surname)

(full name)

son / wife / daughter of Thiru

(surname)

(full name)

Signature.....

Full name
(Returning Officer)

* strike out, whichever is not applicable

Tallying of ballot papers

(for election to TC members and President, Water Users' Association only)

(1) Total number of ballot papers
(as per ballot papers account)

No. of rejected ballot papers

(2) Total number of ballot papers
actually found in the box

Difference, if any (1) - (2)

* (A) Certified that the total number of ballot papers found in the box are tallied with that of
ballot paper account

* (B) Certified that there is a discrepancy by.....votes.

Station

Signature.....

Date 20

Full name
(Returning Officer)

*) strike out, not applicable

FORM - 24

[See rules 19, 53(2), 65(1), 68(1), 79(1) and 82(1).]

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

(Election to the offices of Members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations,
Presidents and members of Distributory Committees, Chairmen and members of Project Committees)

.....
(name of the farmers organisation)

contested office.....
.....

Irrigation system

(name of the office)

(name of the irrigation system)

Village.....

Taluk.....

District

Date of counting

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In accordance with the Election Rules I..... Returning officer hereby declare that the
following candidate has been duly elected **where there is only one validly nominated candidate / *After contest, for*
the above office.

* strike out, whichever is not applicable

Details of elected candidate

Name of candidate Thiru/ Tmt./ Selvi
(surname)

(full name)

son/wife/daughter of Thiru
(surname)

(full name)

Age Years Gender Male Female

Extent of land (i) owned ha (ii) leased ha

Occupation Term of office years

Residential Address :

House No Street

Town / Village Taluk.....

District Pin code

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Signature.....

Full name.....

(Returning Officer)

FORM - 25

[See rules 53(2), 55, 70 and 84]

LIST OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

(Election to the offices of Members of Territorial Constituencies and Presidents of Water Users Associations, Presidents and members of Distributory Committees, Chairmen and members of Project Committees)

.....
(name of the farmers organisation)

Village

Taluk

Date of counting

		20
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District

S.No. (1)	Name of the candidate elected (2)	Office to which elected (3)
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2.		
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11.		
12.		
13.		
14.		

Signature.....

Full name.....

(Returning Officer)

FORM - 26

[See rules 19, 56, 65, 68, 79, and 82]



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WATER RESOURCES ORGANISATION
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

I Returning Officer
(surname) (full name)
on this of of
(day in words) (month in words) (year in words)
declare that Thiru/Tmt/Selvi (full name)
(surname)
son/wife/daughter of Thiru (full name)
(surname)
has been duly elected as of
(name of the office)
..... in
(name of the farmers organisation)² (name of the town / village)
of in and that in tok
(name of the Taluk) (name of the district)
thereof this certificate of election is issued.

Station

Signature.....
(Returning Officer)

Date

		20
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Specimen signature / thumb impression of candidate elected

Attested

Signature.....
(Returning Officer)

FORM - 27
[See rule 6(1)]

LIST OF PROPOSED POLLING STATIONS

Under rule 6(1) of the Tamil Nadu Farmers Management of Irrigation Systems Election Rules, 2003, the CollectorDistrict, hereby publish the list of Polling stations together with the areas or groups of voters for which they have been provided in respect of
(name of the water users association)

S.No (1)	Territorial Constituency Number (2)	Location of Polling Station			Serial Number of electors as per electoral roll (6)
		Place (3)	Name of Building / Office (4)	Village and Taluk (5)	

Any objection to the formation of above Polling Stations shall be submitted to the undersigned before 5-00 p.m. on/...../20..... by the members / voters of the.....
(name of the water users association)

Station :

Signature

Date

		20
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Full name
(in capitals) (Collector)

FORM -28

[See rule 6(2)]

FINAL LIST OF POLLING STATIONS

- (A) * Whereas the objections received in respect of Polling stations published in Form-27 on/...../20..... have been considered; whereas no objections are received in respect of Polling stations published in Form - 27.

And whereas it is considered that no modification to this said list in Form-27 is necessary and therefore it is ordered that the Polling stations with other particulars already published in respect of

(name of water users association)

OR

- (B) * And whereas it is considered that amendment to the list of Polling station published in Form-27 is necessary. Now therefore, under rule 6(2) of the Tamil Nadu Farmers Management of Irrigation Systems Election Rules, 2003 a final list of Polling stations in respect of

.....is published as below :

(name of the water users association)

S.No (1)	Territorial Constituency Number (2)	Location of Polling Station			Serial Number of electors as per electoral roll (6)
		Place (3)	Name of Building / Office (4)	Village and Taluk (5)	

* strikeout, whichever is not applicable

Station :

Signature

Date

		20
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Full name
(In capitals) (Collector)

ANNEXURE-1

PRESIDENTS OF WATER USERS
ASSOCIATIONS

நீரினைப் பயன்படுத்துவோர் சங்கத்தின் தலைவர்கள்	
1	Bow and arrow (வில், அம்பு)
2	Electric Lamp (மின் விளக்கு)
3	Lorry (லாரி)
4	Aeroplane (விமானம்)
5	Light House (கலங்கரை விளக்கம்)
6	Hand Roller (கை உருளை)
7	Lamp Post (விளக்குக் கம்பம்)
8	Horse Ladam (குதிரை லாடம்)
9	Electric Fan (மின் விசிறி)
10	Two Tabelas [இரு தபேலாக்கள் (இசைக்கருவிகள்)]
11	Grapes Cluster (இராட்சைக் கொத்து)
12	Sun Flower (சூரியகாந்திப்பூ)
13	Scissors (கத்திரிக்கோல்)
14	Banana (வாழைப்பழம்)
15	Candles (மெழுகுவர்த்திகள்)
16	Well (கிணறு)
17	Coconut Halves (தேங்காய் முடிகள்)
18	Axe (கோடாரி)
19	Pot (பானை)
20	Spade (மண்வெட்டி)
21	Black Board (கரும்பலகை)
22	Ladder (ஏணி)
23	Window (சன்னல்)
24	Spectacles (மூக்குக் கண்ணாடி)
25	Table (மேசை)
26	Beedsmala (மணிமாலை)
27	Drum (முரசு)
28	Hat (தொப்பி)
29	Slate (சிலேட்)
30	Stool (ஸ்டூல்)
31	Helicopter (ஹெலிகாப்டர்)
32	Whistle (விசில்)
33	Veena (வீணை)
34	Sewing Machine (தையல் இயந்திரம்)
35	Brinjal (கத்திரிக்காய்)

ANNEXURE-2

SYMBOLS FOR TERRITORIAL CONSTITUENCY
MEMBERS

ஆட்சி மண்டல தொகுதி உறுப்பினர்கள்	
1	Wall Clock (கவர்கடிகாரம்)
2	Bucket (வாணி)
3	Key (சாவி)
4	Comb (சீப்பு)
5	Granery (தானியக் குதிர)
6	Cot (கட்டில்)
7	Saw (இரம்பம்)
8	Spear (ஈட்டி)
9	Manual Grinder (மாவரைக்கும் திரிகை)
10	Tiffin Carrier (சாப்பாட்டுத் தூக்கு)
11	Iron Pan (இரும்புச் சட்டி(வாணலி))
12	Jug (கூஜா)
13	Glass Tumbler (கண்ணாடி டம்ளர்)
14	Broomstick (குடைப்பம்)
15	Stickle (வெட்டரிவான்)
16	Conch (சங்கு)
17	Radio (வானொலிப்பெட்டி)
18	Tree (மரம்)
19	Car (கார்)
20	Boat (படகு)
21	Rail Engine (இரயில் எஞ்சின்)
22	Hut (குடிசை)
23	Post Box (தபால் பெட்டி)
24	Cart (வண்டி)
25	Cup (கோப்பை)
26	Ball (பந்து)
27	Chair (நாற்காலி)
28	Kite (பட்டம்)
29	Hammer (கத்தி)
30	Telephone (தொலைபேசி)
31	Pineapple (அன்னாசிப் பழம்)
32	Tender Coconut (இளநீர்)
33	Cashew fruit (முந்திரிப் பழம்)
34	Scooter (ஸ்கூட்டர்)
35	Tractor (டிராக்டர்)

N. S. PALANIAPPAN,
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