

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUDUCHERRY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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No.104/PSEC/COVID19/ 2021

Puducherry, dt. 27.04.2021


ORDER

Sub:PSEC - Containment of Resurgence of COVID-19-W.P. No.
12184/2020 of Hon'ble High Court Madras - Directions -
Compliance - Instructions-Issued - Reg.

Ref: 1. The Order of Hon'ble High Court Madras in W.P.No.12184/2020
dated 26/04/2021.
2. The Order No.104/PSEC/COVID19/2021 dated 26-04-2021 of the
State Executive Committee, Puducherry.

Whereas the current situation of COVID-19 cases across the Union Territory of Puducherry is in increasing trend. The Union Territory of Puducherry Administration had already imposed Corona Night Curfew and Lockdown restriction upto 30/04/2021 vide order under reference 2nd cited above. The counting of votes casted during the General Election to the Puducherry Legislative Assembly is scheduled to be held on 02/05/2021. The Hon'ble High Court, Madras had made certain suggestions vide order dated 26/04/2021 in W.P.No.12184/2020 in the wake of COVID-19 epidemic.

2. Accordingly, the Order No.104/PSEC/COVID19/2021 dated 26/04/2021 by imposing restrictions is extended upto 3rd May'2021 - Gathering and congregation in any form is strictly prohibited. People are advised to remain indoor until necessity arises.
3. (1) There shall be unhindered movement for election related staff and of Candidates/ Counting Agents to enable them to reach Counting Hall/ Venue.
(2) Contesting candidates and agents and the staff involved in counting process should undergo for RTPCR testing. Further, there shall be a back up plan to deploy RAT in case of RTPCR testing pose any constraints. Those entering Counting Hall should carry a negative test report (of RTPCR failing with of RAT).
(3) The Counting of Votes on 2nd May, 2021 shall be undertaken as per the guidelines / instruction of ECI in compliance of COVID Protocol, without any compromise at all and there should be appropriate measures in place.
(4) As directed by the Election Commission of India vide its letter No.464/INST/2021/EPS dated 27/04/2021, no victory procession after the counting on 02/05/2021 shall be permissible. Not more than 2 persons shall be allowed to accompany the winning candidate or his / her authorised representative receive the certificate from the Returning Officer concerned.


27.4.21
**(ASHOK KUMAR, I.A.S.)
SECRETARY (R&R) /
MEMBER SECRETARY (SEC)**

To

- 1.All Members of the State Executive Committee, Puducherry
- 2.All Secretaries to Government, Puducherry
- 3.The Director General of Police, Puducherry.
- 4.The District Collector -Cum- Chairman, DDMA, Puducherry / Karaikal.
- 5.The District Election Officer, Puducherry / Karaikal.
- 6.All Returning Officer, Puducherry / Karaikal
- 7.The Regional Administrator, Mahe / Yanam.
- 8.All Heads of Departments, Puducherry

Copy to :

1. The Advisors to HLG, Puducherry
2. The Chief Secretary to Govt., Puducherry
3. The Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry
4. The Secretary to HLG, Puducherry