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7. Preparation or the roll' for After &limituion of territorial couütuenies UD&r Cha#é'r 11 *hall• under •.it8 superintendence, direction and control cause io prepared with" ihe provisions of the Regulation, the .conuined Cbpt+ U" diecti6u issued by AdåinJiuabr. theelectarå mirror each coisdtncy

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9. Electoml Clief Bbetoral : (L) mudÖency there be ah • who shall be ucb Officer Of Admilikgün Of a u Commluion iny, in So"u.ltatioa wlQi Ad*IDlkrat«, • (2) C0Nniubn •e or an of Administration Omcer. 33 of 209. The iakshadgeep "Ette PUBLB%ED. DY AUTHNITY 1921 VQL.XXXV No: OF TAE UNION TERMORY bland, Dated : 01,09.99. NOTIPC.ATION Ä.—Ä.-: - In •exccise of powers confared by Section 81 of the 4 Union Territoxy of Labhadweep. hzeby m*es -the following rules, namely : - (EWim y (•AXEDdmnt) mes, 19B.. (2); n.ese shall come in to with IL be Election Rules, 195 (referred toas the Rin* Ra.», ruE 9, shan be : - (l).ne rot p—• te- of his (2) Bwty.AsJiAEt EWtwal äR*sÜün Oncershdl1,LQWt to Ä'coÜ01 of be any of Oe-funcdms of&e u. 13, : - lie frun 22, to in b&lf to tbe —r) : Hovi&d Qeal iall n« prun &siring to be W, or to, neeorol of 34 of 209. 2 (2) Evay .eal nb mie (1) (a) in •e a siy»ed by the qpæu=t; and (b) to be a paioed dsys fimm the dee of of the decision or sent to regi.8ieEd post 80 as go him witin that (3) ne• pre—täön of an .eal rule *all have -effect of staying or post- pming uy be token ONcer 13. (4) Evq ebe be io so rar u it •woes or a of BeemöÅl ReÖüüion it- shill effect eiy from do of the &cisim in appeal. (5) 'lbe EEEeral *all to be mo in the mll as be to this Tule" . rules, nde 27, for tie

sub - (6) , fonm•ing süb-rule new :- (6) Bvaynonination (1 be by a casb &pocit Rnming OGeeet of a of be for. frbed if*e •me demit, ; af békiult ". -hovn whee •a candWue hu been nominud by more thn in cmstian•cy, not more me &posn shall requind. uAM.AN l.æ 35 of 209. The lakshadweep gazette PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY N.•ø, NO ADWNISTRATION OF L.NION TA..RITORY OF (MÜCTORATE 0B PANCHAYATS) F.No.5/I'5D4-DOP+ in exgéise conferred by Sgetien:• "The W94 - (4 of Union TüiEOr of following in me 9 of (Election to RAAZ, . to Ade 9, Öe. ±AII uded subinle (3). (3) Subject to mmmigion, Chief .shdl of all-electoml Dib end an nd tbe R&se , (RAJEEV TALWAR) PRICE: 75 PAISE LOPXvLJ-2W1.i*97nOO 36 of 209. 5 IO. Publication of draft elætoral roll : •.(J) '1%e •electoral•.mU unda I. "invitibg suggestions and objections shall be piblished in draft'by: inspection at the omce of the Regisü"tion, OfTicer if it is within the connituency.and at such pleeor•.piæeejn•: the by•.hinii.fbr 'his omce is outsi&: • the cons"Lumcy, (2)The draft electoral roll 80 published under sub:iulé () shali remain available for public inapectiöa suggestions nd, for a period often days from the date of such publication. I Suggztions and . (I) A suggestion or objection 8ball bé presented to the Blectoral Registration Offic•ef of ps may.bedesiöited-»..iby him in Ihi8.W*lfvt sent by post ot o*ction shall-be-limited to or.- .of• tw of condtuency. (2) It 'hall be •ghe.per"%• aFt•. O"icer•• or objection ben filed. issue-in Eknöw[édgment to Ukeme. 08 be . of ' i4..4iti•ng a • ef., .bi'. or 13. rale 12 • 'B«m 3 in roll so publi&d Shail nial., 14. 'Custody and •nd safe • eubdy of to if u may giwn by. the CÖii•mission in this bebdif, direct: 37 0f209. 6 (2) Every person Shan have the right to inspect the '01.1 and Eo anesteia copy entry extract therefnrn in such manner and payment of socti fæs'as "WY be fixed in this belnlf by the Oief Electorat Officer Pmvided that the Registration 'Officer shall be the compoent to. whom die application shall be made and for arranging insrwction or for issue of certified copy as case may be : Provided further that the fee realisedon this account shill be deposited by the Electoral Registmtioa O"iæt un&r (be Pnn&sayat Fund. CHAPTER Iv ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF PANCHAYAT 15. DisqUalifiéaüon on eccöunt ofnon payættottaxete. A perÖn shall be qualifiäd und« cloose (i) of sect%n 12, being chæén z, being, R member 6f a he coorcuÜve 16. Superi&nderrce. ofcooäEt•of eleciööng A. (1)' Tbecotetofelectims itd&r tl•æ direction and the Cémmislon: (2) .Withmat ••mejodiée to• tib BCÄality.ofthe proeisiong ogæb Rile the Conmission if It so considers-expedient, thn such the dt;tie and of the Reumih8 Olliær Uze rules ni" specified or OfNo« polling Nse cubjeet to such EütEdons and t:i0N as be in the Blédon: 'VA seöd eletbn 17-shall in' Q'thbGqerfMt•e ptpoe Of constituting a 'D'* paheh"it and the expirün of its duratiön or on its &selün

18. Notification gæaer•l eJeün•md or dities : byæ or PNi&d Official Gætteoa m.bo upon to eiæet.txmbmån with providoni Regulatbn .aöd Of m's &ü'0Dder : 38 of 209. 7 Provided that where n general is Gld thn oa of existing Paaxhaynt.. ' ne.Teatioa 'Shall be issued•it uuy earlier than •ix nontu prbr to the date on which the idurntkm of Pambayat Wouid ex*e, 19.. Retiming Officer : (t) eachconstiurency.tbereshallbeaRetumingOmcer.wbQ±all be. — in• -coosultäüon• -with or nominee: provided that nothing in this rule shall prvent the Cömmi"ion frun .Egnüing Or nominating the sarne person to be the Réturning. moæ than (2) Retuming Officer Usfunctions requied to. be. peaformu this alapter and genet') dulfatany ebeim ED coMÄing m. Assistant ReturninÄl OfTiEt . (1) b.aaizt • Reuning in Pmv.idedthat iVe,ry •such ba moffEer of {be Admini\$tmén. or of a flocd (2), Every Assistant •Retiming •Omcer to Retuming em—t toperform PmvW that no-Aziiun}, Retuning omer*high fran 21. plea: the provide i d. plees tor •ad nMiiy•dE lio poli(ng. or • of voters f« whiä •underr& 25. • 22. Preoding omcer .a in sub•leiall 39 of 209. 8 næ mue in dEsame (2) Preidl:w Officer perform such functioas a.re ofhim un&r this Ch*etand it shali behiiseoeml duvtokeep ta see that poll is conducted in afree and f.ir manner. '23. Nii0gOfPcer; kewtning OMær Rha!..l; appoint f«eeb iuch Polling OKWor Offiéers •s be thinks oece—ry toaüi*t Präiding Officer ford* polling plaæ in performmce of his functions and todo euchoUÄ duties as he is to dou&r this Chapter: Provæd that .O'e Returning •Officer shall not appoint•ny penm who has beet — oyed by or onb&if ot, or •hu ben.dhefWise •working forj•a (21M üent from (he polling 'Lee,- the. : Presiding Omer may appobif wbö .is præent at the place 00M than a •person who h" emplqed by oron behalf ot. ochns working for a.candidate in or eæün, roiiiiig during Of iue •tid -in any such-appdntntent he 8ball .-infMtn R«urn ing "cordingly, (3) Ifthe iröiding Omcer from the pollihg plea, funedons pet-formedby Such •polling ofi%er as bas preyoiasly by Che Returning omeer fdr the "(4) 'For eeb pliitsg placé theatiall be authÜitedby nan» by. the Returning omcer a Polling omet to lhe functions of the Ptuidiag Omeer in tlwlür's etc:- nod.ßcäioh 'ig .issuedi Gibe tion in the•Omeial -moint• hours, fqr:• mtniüatims

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(2) The Retuming Officer üa)l retum one cow thereof to the Eleeäon Apt aner affixing•tbereon his seal and
signMure in to"n of of •anoi*iunent: 35. • rolling Agentr. • (1) A wit—ting candidu or his appoint.any
person to act as polling agent or •uch eandid•te at exh polUng place, (2) The appointme:it shall be-nude by
letter in Midni in



Form 11 hnâsban be mide owt to the polling agent tor at the polling place. (3) No polling •gent Rhall be Admitted into Ibe polling place unless he hu delivzed to thc Ptesidine Officer the 'eter of his ippolntmcnt sub-rule (2) after duly completing and signing before the Presiding OMOer• ;the declaration Contained ttzeln. • 36. Conlested elec!ions: Whee on préparing list of cmtesLing candidates under rule 32, the Retumitw Officer Cind8 •that there ate mom than one contesting candidates in a cons(itu- ency, he Shan forthwith publiâ tho list in akodecâam lhai be on the date and place and durini une boon fixed in behalf

37. Death of candidate before poll: If a candidne whose nominüion hu•been fqund valid on erutiny under rule 29 and who h" not withdran hi8 aittid•ttre under mk 30 dies and a repott of his deadt iB receivéd the list. of cütédng candidnes rule 32 oc if a .contening candidudies and ôfhiR'deth 18 betom of poll, tte ReturnGg •ot6cz shilj•,• iadified of & or the candidate, by order, cmaptermand the poll ond the fact to the Commiuim and also to the Chief Eléctoral pmcer ind ail pmepedi•wiüi the •lectba cotamenced anew in all typects if for i e)ædoh: Pmvided• that no fuiiiefnominatqhahll•be in the' ease of aspersoh wbd wu a centesling candidate ai Khe tinz oc thecountermanding dflhe.pll: Provided further no person who has given a notice ot withdrawal of his candidure under rule 30 before tbé tbé• poll'shall•be ineligible .a•s a candidu for the election aner such 38. of ballot box—: Every balk* •box 'bdl be «sudn be awoved by Commission

39. Form of baliot pnpem: (i) Bwry ballot pnpere sheu be in such Form and particulars theria shall be in Engliâ nd Malayalam o(hz language at the may direct.(2) '1%e names of be urangedöD (n the cime in which Owy appear in the list of contesting candidates. 45 of 209. 14 TIB (3) If two ot moæ candi"z Sear the ume noe upy shall be 'it'inguisbed by the addition- of their !gidemea or in seme other annn«. 40, Arranpwnts or polling: (1) Tbe Retuning Officer shall pØvide each polling pire a gumcmt of ballot boxes e.ies of lhé reJennt pan of tke zolls ø:bliched under nle 13 in epect of polllög zea or ballot papers, insinnrentR for' stu*ng Uwdistlngui*ing mark onballotpspers and anicles:wcessary ror electors to the ballot papers, as Well as *torms and material nuy be pres%ibed by the Conunissbn Cor taking the poil at such polling (2) On the preceding day and on •cunn date of poll, no public meeting or shall be held..no prweMion be taker. an _no electioneering of -any kind eh•ll be conducted in the,Panchayat area whet* eEions are hekl. No perwn •on the dale on which a pbil is t*en atuny.pollingpl•ce commu be following ecb within thepöiing pire «in any place, public of hundred ot the polling Piwe, naæly:- canvassing of vMcs; or (b) soliciting vote•ot any elector; or (g) my elect« {o vow f9f• any penicular candidate; or • to vote:at election:.or. (eyexbibWng any or Rigr(otlz than an omciai notice) elaiing to dwelecdon. - , • plling piece thete shall "displayed prominently-(a) a notice spebify- ing the polling area, the electors or which •are entitled. Io vote at Ibe polling plee and, when Lhe polling area has morethan: one polling the, particulars of lbe electors entitled; and (b) a copy of dB list of contesting candidates. At each •poliingstation, the± shall.be set up one or voting compartownts •in. which voters can their votes 41. Admission •to polling Piwe: Presiding Officer *helilrégnlaigthe admission of ielectors plue and shall exclude therefrom an persons. except- (a) the' polling (b) each his.eEion agent •and bis poßing agent* (c) •the Officers aud ,public servants on daty.iiE00iEctidn• widi eEåons; (d) a chlld in arms electr,•• 46 of 209. 15 (e) a companion Ofa blind or infitm elector *ocannot move withwt belp; nd (D bucb other penong :the frordtinpto dme üiit foc purpose of a—isling him in taking pll•

42. Prepuation oreallöttöxenforpo}l: (I)Tli omceec •tall the ballot box in -for the insertion; of ' ballot paFß emiinj shiti allow.the polling agentR to amx. ugy so ae•iæ, seals. (2) balba used at ' .the polling bear labels, büiniideand outiide. •tith' (i) tite ærlai numtz, -if my, aod naRE of the constituency; (b) lbe serial and of (he polling place; (c) Ibe EIJed •iri•.at lbe Of- the on the Label dates-sf poll; and (ey diningiei8hed 'ina*, if any, (3) before the of • poll. Ptuiâing OMcer *all demon%ete n•nR .olher frenoni .•is and the refuted to in (2). (4) Tlz shall Om in fun view.ofthe Presiding aoâ Polli"" 43. RiÖt Io We: nan_E is. tip* in, ekctoral ron petuHnato beatitw to In that Provided (i) no per•n shill a -Boeri! sanz a vües in su±oonstitæcy Ns -vdd9.G' (ü) no vote any ebäion if in cmnned in a poon wbQt•r und% • tence of ("i) voeân tbE once, DOMUi• stmdlng lit' name h— tban and if ali 44; for pi—eis nd —n 47 of 209. electors, the mesiding Officer may direct dint ttry shall be admitted into the polling piace alter- nately in separate batches,. (2) 'ibe Retuniing Officer or •the Pæsidin•g Officer may appoint a woman (o seive as an attendant at any polling plce to mist womm electors and also (o RMist the Presiding Officer generally in, the poll in. rspæet Qt.women elec(om and, in particular to help in searching any woman elætor in cage it becomes necessary

45. Identification of elector: (1) The elector shall produce his identity card before the Presiding Officer or the polling officer authorised by him in this behalf. (2) The Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer authorised by him in this behalf shall check the elector's name and other particulars with the relevant entry in the electoral roll and then call out the serial number, and other particulars of the elector. (3) In deciding the right of a person to obtain a ballot paper the Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, shall overlook merely clerical or printing error, in an entry in the electoral roll, if he is satisfied that such person is identical with the elector to whom such entry relates. '46. (Challenging of Identity: (1) Any polling agent may challenge the identity of a person claiming to be a particular elector by first depositing a sum of two rupees, in cash with the Presiding Officer for each such challenge, (2). On such deposit being made, the Presiding Officer shall, - (a) warn the person challenged of the penalty for impersonation; (b) read the relevant entry in the electoral roll in the presence of the person referred to in that entry, (c.) enter his name and address in the list of the challenged votes in



Form 12 and • (d) -require &ierson challenged (Q affishiseignature iu the said lisi. • (3) fie Preaiding Omcer shall thereafter hold a summary thechnlleoge. and may for that purpose- (a) require the fhalieneetio in .of. •nd the person challenged to evidence ii proof bfhis i&ntity;• necessuy (Of. the:m'T0E of enabli8hlng hiä identity abd require-lth'.tnnsweer thefl on oatb. : ond (c) administer an oath t04fie pemn and other offering Io give evi- &née 48 of 209. The lakshadweep gazette PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY 8 EXTRAÄ•dARY VOL.xmn. No. 66, 1m AGRAHAYANA. 19B (SAKA) 'ADP.m•üSTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORYOF LAKSHADWEEP • Kavratti Island, Dated :29.11.97. F.Nn. K/*-DOP•- exemise ofäe powrs conferred by Section 81 Lakshadweep Pmch•yas.Regulatin, 1994 (4 of 1994) nd of eva numb" •i 999, äe Union heréy makis äe Nlowing rules, nunely:- (1) 'kules may be called tb Lak.&dwiQ to PucbayÜ. (Amendmat) 1. Rules. 19972' (2i 'liebe shall Come dite of&eir in Labhadweep to gules, 1995 - i.k hlb-ndé (i) +f..gle 45, for#e eüy, Allowing "(i) a polling ii ituüed of which have been Riiles, Vy'Hm (ii) sub-riles (i) (3) 4S u (ROBEV TALWAR) PRICE: 75 PAISE 49 of 209. 17 THE (4) If, aner the enquiry, the considers that the challenge has not been establisW he shall allow the parson challe.d to vote; and if he consideo that the challenge hu been established he shall debu the pøoncbaile* from voting. (3) If the Presiding Officer is of the opinion that thechdlense is frivolous' or hu not been made In good faith, he shall forfeited to Panchayat and in other case. h? shall return it to the dtalienger at the conclusion of the inquiry



Form 14



51. Spilt and returned ballot papers: (1) An elector has inadvertently dealt with his ballot paper in such manner that it cannot be conveniently used as ballot paper on returning it to the Presiding Officer and on satisfying him of the inadvertence, he shall be given another ballot paper. The ballot paper so returned shall be marked by the Presiding Officer. (2) If an elector after obtaining a decision not to use it, returns it to the Presiding Officer and the ballot paper so returned shall be marked as "Returned: by the Presiding Officer. (3) All ballot papers cancelled under sub-rule(1) or sub-rule(2) shall, in accordance with section 52- of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, be treated as void. (1) If a person himself to be an elector applies for a ballot paper after another person has voted in such manner, he shall on satisfying the Presiding Officer of the facts relating to his identity the Presiding Officer may be subject to the provisions of this rule, to mark in the rules referred to as a "tendered ballot" in any (2) Every such person shall, being supplied with ballot, sign his name against the entry relating to him in a list as per



55. Accoiirir• of ballot p*rs: (l) Presiding Oficei ihau at ciosi of. ihe poll. prepn• a bail« papz covet wid. ate *ore iBdIoc. p.er dmoa. furnish to at close of the pdl öC4be mo in ibe Æreeiii% m s'idpoliig & ••giesi •true cow. 56. S".ling (t) ne gibed io.fdll 53 of 209. -TEE BXTMORMNMY ballotpapr not issued. to- vmen; (d) the ballM- paprs eanællèd; voles; (e) -lhe: list or. cita., 21 (D the cover containing the 'tendered bauut •nd thelistin Form -'nd any pprs directed bytheCommuiiöön•to be kept; in a sealed paxet. (2) Each such puket shall with tie seal of the. with the seäis eitherorthe candidateoi Of his aptt: orofhis pplingagentwho may be at the polling station atKl. may desire affix-his gal Rlæreön; St Transmisxion of halim ete 'Io Retuming omeerv(l) Ilie shall then &iiver or cause to. be .10 tWRetuminSOMcer .as the Returning direct,- (c) the «ererrdto in tule 56; and (d) ail at Réumini make safe ;all pejce« and for-their safe custody until votes. \$8. Adjmamnent ofpöli Tatan eEdoni pt—ingcatany ingr .plæe by to so interrupted or -or if iV is: tüe the of. my namkl calamity dr any cause, adjønrrni*0t poll to a dite LO pdl- is- Presiding shall forthwith inform-the. C) a.pil irüEdiQeY. (be. to Cömmi"ion. Returning Omcer *all, u. smn.O may widi 54 of 209. 22 of the Conuniesion, duy whichRhe.pollÖa'l nx pol'ling and'bäll coum until - 8bajl (3) In every AEh case as. afäresaid, ur b such manner as the CommiÄion may the of fixed under.sub- rvg (2). (4) .1f the alany is adjwrn«f -un&r aub•ruie (I:) pmvi8ioäi Grilles 34 to 57 shalii prietic.âE., apply u if poll- atÖe fixed in4batbehalf. (5) When poll is suberuJe Who had already-voted pdl:so tov«e—. .(6) 'J%e Reluming Officer shall ;øovjde hesiding. omeer ot ndjmrned pebtcontaining twc. end (7) The.Fnsiöiig Oüiær shaii•opn æäiedpaüet• in F—enee. Of • Uie FQiiing Agents For naddng lbe Octoc to *omethe isi"d the the *inl npn&r 'o [tlz. dry app'y in telUiOn to the pdii .59. c— of (i) ot ot 'Lhe OITW• Of. is dann.W (b).auy-jn {in is. to r*ofli nd (2) •er•ing all circuaetijkes into the at..iu Nling— b "Eoid* t*ini at nxed'ln (b) ifsütw NUIt 55 of 209. O) mbcs to pdl c.tüi? (t) If any etion,i • in a neer. Ält Otoe. *that An rault:ot the counting . that pixe Raumijw - diall fogh'ith lbe lhe (2) shall, of ag.o«t • at idling. due f« at.tba 'B it'may deem fit; in c*üg, the reatt is •eWim• ii ant •thit ABLe, 135* •of dE ABC'. 1951.1.: ele&É : bé_ø'ven ' dea- 56 of 209. 24 Tile L.AXS11hDWEEFCiAZErre C.EXTRAORDINARY (2) •I he Retuming Officer shan give notigo.Df such date, time and place in writing to all candidates. (3) If. at Lhe time so appöintgd for the counting of votes; ali the •ballot boxcR uscd•at die. poli)iave not becn by dre Reiuiinii•g Officer, if front any Olber unavoidable cause •he is unable to proceed with couilling of vöies, die iitlteand date appointed under Gub-rulet l), -thc Retuniiiig Officer o-tny p08tpoue the counting -Io Rnolhe.t dale and lime and may fix it necessary another.pipcefor the coun'ing or voles on tbc to which thecountjng has KO. postpbnd and writing lo die candidates or ibeir counting ageni8

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Form 18 to the extent necessary after such receipt; and (c) announce the amendment so by him; (6) After the total number of votes polled by each candidate been announced under sub-rule (5), the Returning Officer shall complete and sign the result in Form 18 and no application for a recount shall be entertained hereafter : Provided that no step under this sub-rule shall be taken on completion of the counting until due candidates present at the completion thereof have been given a reasonable opportunity to exercise the right conferred by sub-rule (2)



73. Equality of votes. If an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates and the addition of one vote will entitle one of those candidates to be declared elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot and proceed as if the candidate to whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.

74. Declaration of candidate elected: (1) On the completion of the counting the Returning Officer shall, forthwith declare the candidate to whom the largest number of valid votes have been polled to be elected : (2) The Returning Officer shall grant to such candidate a certificate of election.



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85. Grounds for declaring election to tl» void : (I) Subject to.dwprovisions of sub-rule (2), if authority is of opinion- tba m of candidur wu qualified or •was disquali1W. •to Or any pretiee bu ben comniitted by be retuned cudidate or his•elecgon agent 9K by my aher psooa with*' •coman orhiseEion apt;or 67 of 209. (c) thal nomination has been inwroteiy •rejecæd;• (d) that the result of the election hes been materially affected (i) by lhe impro*r eccepnnce of any nominuion paper; or (ii) by nny•corrup.t practice cmnmilted in the inleæst of the by an awn other than hiwelection agent; or. (iii) by tie injropet reception, refusal or rejection of any vote orthe reception of any vole which is void; ot (iv) by the nmmmpliuce with provisicm OT Regulation or of any. rules ot -orders "iode thereun«kr; the prexribed authoiity sun Ere tbe election of the Murned•candidaqe to void. (2) in (he •pinion: of the retumed candldølehas begn guilty by an agent, other than agent or any-con•upi Of*!lice, but the prescribed authority is satis(klr uo •practice was committed a.t elatioa by tWcaDdid2e his ind eVef•y Rûch COÉTUP.I- pmctice committed emtr«ryto-the witln.lt the cmsenl, of. decandidate or his election agent; e}eétbø ell meani for •l.prévenaini Of coerupt,prætiees' the and (cythat in was fmm any corrupt tinctis•oa the put of candidate or any.of iisagéni.s. unhority nuydecidethit lbe or-the returned candidate iR- not:voId. (3) Lt pernn who; has. lujFd a rütion in -DödiUm to callini. in qi*ie the eleédon 'Ofuw retutrd• any cedßeie has ben duly -ata (a)that petitioner or Ruch reeieed. anujMityoflhc.valid voles; (b) that.±M for the vote obliinéed by theeiumed caMidate• by pr—ée, the or -othr . of nlid daerdeciying Lo te . tbe pdtioner «siä) 00— caMidite, caw nny be 10.hawb"i 86, Procedure 10 by Tie . the 19N (S •of 1B)jn rgu•d Io suits 68 of 209. autbwily*48 far ag it can mede in the trial and disposal -of no petition. The provisions of abe Evi&nce Ael, 1872 (I of "18+2) sliall to apply to the trial of an eJecüon petition. (2) Notwithstanding anything. contained in any qtherlaw to the Contrary.. no document shall be inadmißRible -in evidence at triai of an cleetim petition on the ground that, it iinoQ duly stamped or egisterd. (3) Every election petition shall tried us expeditiously

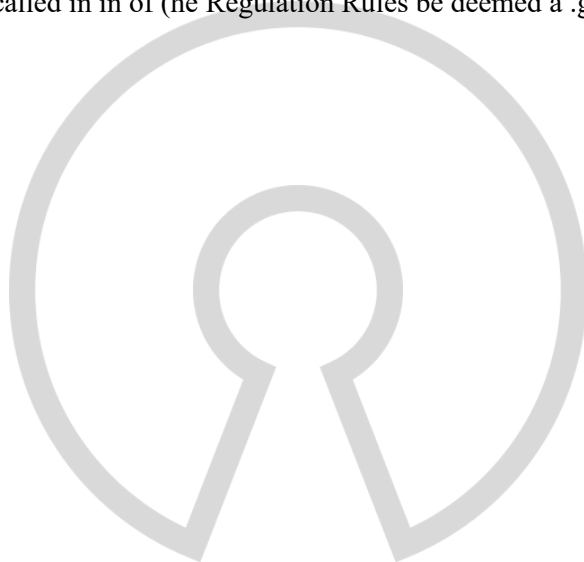
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87. Secrecy of voting to be infringed : No witness or other person shall required lo state ror whom he has venetl an 88.•of Authority'*(l) 'conclusion or lbe trial of an ..(aj dismiR8ing tbe•clecdou '*tition; Or election of Lhe lobe void', or (c) of returneäceadidaE to the:petitimEoruny other candidne to have been' duly elected. (2) If iny who nn election has in .addition topaUing in question the election of returned cußidate eliinp.d.declniion thot been dulyelæed and *tthür.itylhøfaptliibn; in such reeWed a valid. voles; or. by Che retunpd:cmdidpe. the oriudnother caad"ate Äljd have«ained OT; iaJid the after election ot die •returned iowvoid, &clire the candidate, as Ubécaæmny "to duly elecLäI. • 89. Petition- to be «rule90 eæ:not -conv.lEd with, •tt± the Fpetidoær •an. ojpnnunity (2)' An aider or wOnitydismissirig an ebction 69 of 209. 36 •n 113

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 VAISAKHA, 1939 (SAKA) OF INDIA LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION UNION OF
 LAKSHADWEEP Kavaratti Island, Dated : 28-04-2017. NOTIFICATION ENO, 8/9/2009-DOP In
 exercise of the powers conferred by Section 81 of the Lakshadweep Panchayats Regulation, 1994 (4 of 1994),
 the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, hereby makes the following rules, namely:- I. Short and
 Commencement: - (i) these rules may be the Lakshadweep (2) These shall come into force from the date of their
 publication in Gazette

11. In the Lakshadweep (Election to Panchayats) Rules, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Rules, after Rule 94 following Rules shall be Inserted, namely:- Chapter VII VOTING BY ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES 95. Voting By Electronic Voting Machine Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the management and recording of votes by voting machines, in such manner as may be prescribed may be adopted in Ward or Wards as the Election Commission having regard to the circumstances of each area specify. "Voting Machine" means a machine or apparatus, whether operated electronically or otherwise used for giving effect to votes and any reference to a ballot box or ballot paper in these rules shall, save as otherwise provided, be construed as including a reference to such voting machine wherever such voting machine is used at any election. E. Design of Electronic Voting Machines: - Every Electronic Voting Machine (hereinafter referred to as the voting machine) shall have a control unit and a balloting unit and shall be of such designs as may be approved by the Election Commission

97. Provision of Voting Officer:- (1) The balloting unit of the voting machine shall contain such particulars as the Election Commission may specify. (2) The names of the candidate shall be arranged on the balloting unit in the same order in which they appear in the list of the contesting candidates. (3) If two or more candidates bear the same name, they shall be distinguished by the addition of their occupation or residence or in some other manner. (4) Subject to the foregoing provisions of these rules, the Returning Officer shall:- (a) Fix the label containing the names and symbols of the contesting candidates in the balloting unit and secure that unit with his seal and the seals of the contesting candidates or their election agents present as are desirous of affixing the same; (b) Set the number of contesting candidates and close the candidate set section in the control unit and secure it with his seal and the seal of such of the contesting candidates or their election agents present as are desirous of affixing the same

98. Arrangements at the Polling Stations:- 1. The Returning Officer shall provide for each polling station one voting machine and copies of relevant forms of at least one as may be required for taking the poll
 2. Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule 1 the Returning Officer may, with the previous approval of the Election Commission, provide one common voting machine for two or more polling stations located in the same premises

99. Preparation of voting machines for pit: - (1) The Control unit and balloting unit of every voting machine used at polling station shall bear a label marked with —the serial number, if any, and the name of the Ward; (a) the serial number and name of the polling station or stations, as the case may be; (b) (c) the serial number of the unit; and (d) the date of poll. (2) Immediately before the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall demonstrate to the polling agents and officers present that no vote has been already recorded in the voting machine. (3) A paper seal shall be used for securing the control unit of the voting machine, and it shall have on the paper seal and thereon the signature of such of the polling agents present as are desirous of affixing the same, , 84 of 209. 3 (4) meant here for In the control unit of the voting machine it shall secure and seal the same. (5) The — A — used for securing the control unit shall be fixed in such a manner that after the unit has been sealed; it is not possible to press the "result button" without breaking the seal. (6) The control unit shall be closed and secured and placed in full view of the Presiding Officer and the polling agents and the balloting unit placed in the voting compartment.

100. Procedure for voting by voting machine: - (1) Before permitting an elector to vote, the Presiding Officer shall — (a) record the electoral roll number of the elector as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll in a register of voters in



FORM 21. (b) obtain the signature or the thumb impression of the elector on the said register of voters; and (c) mark the name of the elector in the marked copy of the electoral roll to indicate that he/she has been allowed to vote: Provided that no elector shall be allowed to vote unless he/she has put his/her signature or thumb impression on the register of voters. (2) It shall not be necessary for any Presiding Officer or Polling Officer or any other officer to attest the thumb impression of the elector on the register of voters

101. Procedures of voting by Electronic Voting Machines:—(1) Immediately on being permitted to vote, an elector shall proceed to the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer in-charge of the control unit of the voting machine who shall, by pressing the appropriate button on the control unit, activate the balloting unit, for recording of elector's vote. (2) The elector shall hereafter do the following— (a) proceed to the voting compartment; (b) record his vote by pressing the button on the balloting unit against the name and symbol of the candidate for whom he intends to vote or against NOTA in any case may be; and (c) come out of the compartment and leave the polling station



102. Recording of votes of blind or infirm electors:- (1) If the Presiding Officer is satisfied that owing to blindness or other physical infirmities, an elector is unable to recognize the symbol on the ballot paper or unable to record his vote by pressing the button thereon without assistance, the Presiding Officer shall permit the elector to take with him a companion of not less than eighteen years of age to assist him in recording his vote on his behalf in accordance with his wishes. Provided that no person shall be permitted to act as the companion of more than one elector at any polling station on any day. Provided further any person is permitted to act as the companion of an elector on any day under this rule, he shall be required to declare that he will keep secret the vote recorded on behalf of the elector and that he has not acted as the companion of any other elector. (2) The Presiding Officer shall keep a record in



FORM 14 of all cases under this rule

103. The Presiding Officer's entry in the voting compartment during poll:- (1) The Presiding Officer may, whenever he considers it necessary to do, enter the voting compartment during poll and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the balloting unit is not tampered with in any way. (2) if the Presiding Officer has reason to suspect that an elector who has the voting compartment is tampering otherwise with the balloting unit or has remained inside the compartment for unduly long period, shall enter the voting compartment and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the smooth and orderly progress of the poll.

104. Sealing of voting machine after poll:- (1) As soon as practicable after the closing of the poll the Presiding Officer shall close the control unit to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shall detach the balloting unit from the control unit. (2) The control unit secured separately in such manner as the Election Commission may direct and the seal used for securing them shall be so affixed that it will not be possible to open the units without breaking the seals. (3) The Polling agents present at the polling station who desire to affix their seals, shall also be permitted to do so



105. Transmission of voting machines, etc to the Returning Officer :- (1) The Presiding Officer shall then deliver or cause to be delivered to the Returning Officer at such place as the Returning Officer may direct —(a) the voting the account of votes recorded in



FORM 22; (b) the sealed packets and (c) all other papers used for the poll (2) The Returning Officer shall make adequate arrangements for the safe transport of the voting machine, packets and other papers for their safe custody until the commencement of counting of votes. 106. Closing of voting machine In case of booth capturing: - Where the Presiding Officer is of the opinion that booth capturing is taking place at a polling station or at a place fixed for the poll, he shall immediately seize the control unit of the machine to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shall detach the recording unit from the control unit.

COUNTING OF VOTES FROM ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES 107. Scrutiny and inspection of voting machines :- (i) The Returning Officer may have the units of the voting machines brought to more than one polling station taken up for scrutiny and inspection and votes recorded in such units counted simultaneously, (2) Before the votes recorded in any control unit voting machine are counted under sub rule (1), the candidate or his election agent or his counting agent present at the counting table shall be allowed to inspect paper seal and other vital seals which have been affixed on the unit and to satisfy themselves that the seals are in place. 108. GAZETTE 5 (S) The Returning Officer shall satisfy himself that none of the voting machines has in fact been tampered with. (4) If the Returning Officer is satisfied that any voting machine has in fact been tampered with, he shall not count the votes recorded in that machine and shall follow the procedure laid down in rule 66 (ii) as may be applicable in respect of the Polling Station or Stations where that machine was used



108. Counting of Votes: • (1) After the Returning Officer is satisfied that the machine has in fact not been tampered with, he shall have the votes recorded therein counted by pressing the button marked "Result" provided in the control unit whereby the total votes polled and votes polled by each candidate shall be displayed in respect of each such candidate on the display panel provided for the purpose in the unit, (2) As the votes polled by each candidate are displayed on the control unit, the Returning Officer shall have —(a) the number of such votes recorded separately in respect of each candidate in Panel on



FORM 22; (b) part 11 of FORM 22 completed in Oher and slgrwd by the counting supervisor •and also by the candidates or their election agents or their counting agents present; (c) corresponding entries made in a result sheet In FORM 23 and the particulars so entered in the result sheet announced. 109, Sealing of voting machines:- (1) After the result of voting recorded in a control unit has been uenalned candidate-wise and entered in Part 11 of FORM 22, the Returning Officer shali reseal the unit wtl hls seal and seals such of the or their election agents present who may desire to affix the seals thereon so however that the result of voting recorded in the unit is not obliterated and tne unlrt retains the memory of such result. (2) The control unit so sealed shall be kept in specially prepared boxes on which the Returning Officer 'hatt record fre following particulars, nannely:- (a) the name of the ward; (b) the Particulars of polling staion or stations where the control unit has been used (c) serial number of the conttot unit (d) date of poll; and (e) date of countlng. (3) The provisions of Lakshadweep (Election to Panchayats) Rules, 1995 shall, so far as may be, apply In relation to voting by voting machines and any reference in those rules to ballot paper, shali be construed as including a reference to such voting machine. (FAROOQ KHAN) Administrator. 87 of 209. FORM 21 [See Rule 100 (1) Election to the Gram Panchayat/ District Panchayat from Ward and Name of Polling Station ...e.... a . Part No. of Electorat Roll Sl. Noe 1, 2, 4, Sl. No of elector In the electora! SignaWre Thump Impression of eEor Signature of he Presiding Officer 88 of 209. THE FORM [See rule 105 (1 (Voting by Electronic Voting Machine) PART I - ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED Eleccion to the Gram Panchayat / District Panchayat from Ward and Name of Polling Station Identification No. of Voting Control Unit (1) Balloting unit Machine used at the Polling Station Balloting Unit (ii) Control Unit 1. Total No. of electors assigned to the Polling Station 2, Total No. of voters as entered in the Register for Voters (Form 25) 3. No. of voters deciding notto record votes under Rule 96-F 4. No. of voters not allowed to vote under rule 9S-F z. NO. Of recorded as oer votltna machine 6. Whether the total No. of votes as shown against Item 5 talliee wtl the total No. of voters as shown uainst item 2 minus No. of voters deciding not to record votes against Item 3 minue No. of Voters as against item 4 (2-3-4) of any discrepancy noticed. 7. No. of votersto whom Endered balm papers were Issued 8. No. of tendered ballot papers 89 of 209. 7 From Received for use , (a) Issued toelectors (b) Not used and returned , (c) Accoum of papers seats Sl. No To From Serlai Numbers of paper seats Supplied From,..... To (2) (3) Total Numbers supplied Number of paper seals used Number of unused paper seals Returned to Retuming Officer (Deduct item 3 item 2) Serial number ci damaged paper seal If any Date Place , To Signature of Polling Agenb 2. 3. 5

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