

Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Classification of Fairs and Festivals) Rules, 1999

(G.O.Ms.No.145, Rural Development (C4), dated 21st July, 1999)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (xlii), sub-section (2) of Section 242 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) and in supersession of the Rules relating to classification of Fairs and Festivals, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following Rules: -

RULES

1. Short title.- These Rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Village Panchayats (Classification of Fairs and Festivals) Rules, 1999.

2. Definition. – In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, “Act” means the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994).

3. Classification of fairs and festivals.- The classification of fairs and festivals in any Village Panchayat area as appertaining to the Panchayat Union Council or the Village Panchayat shall be ordered by the Inspector in consultation with the Secretary of District Panchayat and Joint Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine of the district concerned. The Government may notify any fair or festival in a district as district fair and festival which shall be organised by the District Panchayat and District Collector.

4. Consultation with the District Panchayat, Panchayat Union Council and the Village Panchayat.- Before any classification is ordered under Rule 3, the District Panchayat, Panchayat Union Council and the Village Panchayat concerned shall be given a reasonable opportunity for expressing their opinion.

5. Maintenance of list of fairs and festivals.- Every Panchayat shall maintain a list of fairs and festivals taking place in its jurisdiction. The District Panchayat shall maintain a master list of Village Panchayat, and Panchayat Union wise classified fairs and festival. The master list shall indicate the place, purpose, objective, importance, period, day of each fair and festival taking place in the district concerned.

6. Revision of classification.- The Government in respect of classification ordered by the Inspector under Rule 3 may revise the classification. The advice of the District Panchayat under Section 163 (2)(c)(ii) of the Act shall be obtained before deciding any such revision of classification. The District Panchayat may furnish annually in the month of March, its suggestion for any revision in classification.

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