

3. MEETINGS

3.10 Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Moving of Resolutions at Meetings of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1999

(G.O. (Ms) No. 180 Rural Development (C4) Department, dated 30th August, 1999)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (v) and (viii) of sub-section (2) of section 242 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) and in supersession of the Rules relating to moving of resolutions at meetings of Panchayats, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following Rules -

RULES

1. Short title – These Rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Moving of Resolutions at meetings of Village Panchayats) Rules, 1999.

2. Procedure of notice – A member who wishes to move a resolution shall intimate his intention in writing to the President by giving at least ten clear days notice and such notice shall contain a copy of the resolution which he wishes to move :

Provided that the President may allow a resolution with shorter notice than ten days to be entered on the list of business.

3. Admission of resolution . – No resolution shall be admissible which does not comply with the following conditions, namely : -

- (a) It shall be related to the administration of the Village Panchayat concerned;
- (b) It shall be clearly and precisely expressed and shall rise a definite issue; and
- (c) It shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions or defamatory statements, nor shall it refer to the conduct or character of any person except in his official or public capacity.

4. Admissibility of resolution – The President shall decide on the admissibility of a resolution. He may disallow any resolution which, in his opinion, contravenes the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 or the Rules made thereunder and the decision of the President shall be final;

Provided that if, in the opinion of the President, a resolution relates to a matter which is un-connected with the administration of the Village Panchayat concerned, the President shall refer the resolution to the Inspector and obtain his orders as to its admissibility.

5. Entry of resolution in the list of business - A resolution which has been admitted by the President shall be entered in the list of business in the notice for the meeting.

6. The Procedure to move or otherwise of a resolution -

- (1) A member in whose name a resolution appears on the list of business shall, when called on, either:-
 - (a) move the resolution ; or
 - (b) withdraw the resolution in which case he shall confine himself to a mere statement to that effect.
- (2) If the member, when called on, is absent or proposes to withdraw or unwilling to move the resolution or if he has ceased to be member before the meeting, any member present at the meeting may move the resolution; and if no member moves it, it shall be considered to have been withdrawn.
- (3) Every resolution which has been moved shall be seconded. otherwise it shall not be discussed.

7. Mode of discussion

- (1) No speech, except with the permission of the President shall exceed five minutes in duration ;
Provided that the mover of a resolution which moving the same may speak for not more that ten minutes.
- (2) The discussion of a resolution shall be strictly limited to the subject of the resolution moved.

8. Amendment to a resolution

- (1) When a resolution is under discussion any member may, subject to Rules 3,4 and 7. move an amendment to such resolution.
- (2) Every amendment, which has been moved, shall be seconded, otherwise it shall not be discussed.
- (3) A member who has moved a resolution or an amendment to a resolution shall not withdraw the same except by leave of the Village Panchayat.
- (4) No discussion shall be permitted on a motion for leave to withdraw except with the permission of the President.
- (5) When an amendment to any resolution is moved or when two or more such amendments are moved, the President shall, before taking the consent of the Village Panchayat thereon, state or read to the Village Panchayat, the terms of the original motion and of the amendment or amendments proposed.
- (6) Ordinarily the President shall put the amendment to vote in the order in which they have been moved and lastly the original motion, if all the amendments are lost. But it shall be in his discretion in any case to put to vote the original motion and the amendments in such order as he thinks fit.

9. Division of resolution into points for voting — When any resolution involving several points has been discussed, it shall be in the discretion of the President to divide the resolution into points and put each of such point separately to vote.

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