

# THE KERALA PANCHAYAT RAJ (FIXING OF STRENGTH) RULES, 1994\*

**S.R.O. No. 894/1994.**— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of Section 6 and Section 254 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994) the government of Kerala hereby make the following rules, namely:-

## RULES

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) These Rules may be called the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Fixing of strength) Rules, 1994.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

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

(a) “Act” means the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994);

(b) “Population” means the population assessed at the last census the relevant details of which have been officially published;

(c) “Section” means a section of the Act;

(d) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules, but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

**3. Strength of Panchayats.**—A Panchayat shall consist of such number of members as may be notified under Section 6 by the Government or the officer authorised by the Government under Section 275, in accordance with the following scale,-

(a) in the case of Village Panchayat having-

<sup>1</sup>[(i) territorial area with a population not exceeding fifteen thousand, <sup>2</sup>[thirteen] members;

(ii) territorial area with a population exceeding fifteen thousand, <sup>3</sup>[thirteen] members for the first fifteen thousand of the population and one additional member for every two thousand five hundred of the population in excess of fifteen thousand, subject to a maximum of <sup>3</sup>[twenty three] members;]

(b) in the case of a Block Panchayat, having-

<sup>4</sup>[(i) territorial area with a population not exceeding one lakh and fifty thousand, <sup>5</sup>[thirteen] members;

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1. Substituted by S.R.O. No. 660/99 w.e.f. 3-8-1999. Prior to the substitution it read as under:

“(i) territorial area with a population not exceeding ten thousand, eight members; \_  
(ii) territorial area with a population exceeding ten thousand, eight members for the first ten thousand of the population and one additional member for every four thousand five hundred of the population in excess of ten thousand, subject to a maximum of fifteen members”

2. Substituted for the words “twelve” by SRO No. 959/2009, published in K.GEx. No. 2122, w.e.f. 17-11-2009.

3. Substituted for the words “twenty two”, “twelve” by SRO No. 959/2009, published in K.GEx. No. 2122 w.e.f. 17-11-2009.

4. Substituted by S.R.O. No. 660/99 w.e.f. 3-8-1999.

5. Substituted for the words “twelve” by SRO No. 959/2009, published in K.GEx. No. 2122, w.e.f. 17-11-2009.

(ii) territorial area with a population exceeding one lakh and fifty thousand, <sup>6</sup>[thirteen] members for the first one lakh and fifty thousand of the population and one additional member for every twenty five thousand of the population in excess of one lakh and fifty thousand, subject to a maximum of <sup>6</sup>[twenty three] members;]

(c) In the case of a District Panchayat, having—

(i) territorial area with a population not exceeding ten lakhs, <sup>7</sup>[sixteen] members;

(ii) territorial area with a population exceeding ten lakhs <sup>8</sup>[sixteen] members for the first ten lakhs of the population and one additional member for every one lakh of the population in excess of ten lakhs, subject to a maximum of <sup>8</sup>[thirty two] members.

## **THE KERALA PANCHAYAT RAJ (CONDUCT OF ELECTION) RULES, 1995\***

[Translation in English of the Kerala Panchayat Raj (conduct of Election) Rules, 1995, published under the authority of the Governor.]

**S.R.O. No. 229/95.**— In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 50, 52, 53, 56, 57, 58, 60, 62, 63, 64, 70, 74, 75, 80, 85 and 91 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994) read with Section 254 thereof, the Government of Kerala in consultation with the State Election Commission, make the following rules, namely:-

### **RULES**

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (i) These rules may be called the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1995.

(ii) They shall come into force at once.

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

(a) ‘Act’ means the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994/7)

(b) ‘Ballot Box’ includes any box, bag or other receptacle used for the insertion of ballot paper by voters;

(c) ‘Counterfoil’ means the counterfoil appended to the ballot paper printed under the provisions of these rules;

(d) ‘Form’ means a form appended to these rules;

‘[(ഡിഡി) ഇലക്ട്രോണിക് വോട്ടിംഗ് യന്ത്രം എന്നാൽ സ്ഥാനാർത്ഥികൾ വോട്ടുകൾ നൽകുന്നതിനോ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനോ വേണ്ടി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്ന ഏതൊരു ഇലക്ട്രോണിക് യന്ത്രമോ മറ്റേതെങ്കിലും യന്ത്രമോ എന്നർത്ഥമാകുന്നു.]

(e) ‘Marked copy of the electoral roll’ means the copy of the electoral roll set apart for the purpose marking the names of electors to whom ballot papers are issued at an election;

(f) ‘Returning Officer’ means an officer designated or nominated by the State Election Commission under Section 41 and includes the Assistant Returning Officer appointed under Section 42;

(g) ‘Section’ means a section of the Act;