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6. Copies and extracts: • Å åhall no.inspect euch orders and to get • attested: of any entry or extr±t therefrom in strii 'nd on paynænt of suc.h fees as rey be' dxedby ibe Commission. El..EC10R.AL ROi.4* 7. Preparation or the roll' for After &limituion of territorial couütuencies 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 coisdtnency

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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 $o"u.ltatioa wlQi Ad*ID1krat«, • (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 eome 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 Oncershd1,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, neeoral of 34 of'209. 2 (2) Evay .eal nb mie (1) (a) in •e a siy»ed by tbe qpeu=t; and (b) to be a paiod dsys fmm tbe dee of of the decision or sent to regi.8ieEd post 80 as go him witin that (3) ne• pre—taöon 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 ReØüüion it- shill effect eiy from do of tbe &cisim in appeal. (5) 'Ibe EEEral 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 OGeet of a of be for. frbed if*e •me demit, ; af békiuIt ". -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 ADWNISTR.ATION 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 piblighed 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 objectiön 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 bebdf, direét: 37 0f209. 6 (2) Every person Shan bave tbe right to inspect the '01.1 and Eo anestea 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 thal 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 mey 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 lv ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF PANCHAYAT 15. DisqUalifiéaüon on eccöunt ofnon payættottaxete. A perØn shall be qualifiåd und« cloose (i) of sect%n 12, being chæén z, being, R member 6f a he coorcuÜve 16. Superi&nderrce. ofcooäEt•of eleciiöng A. (l)' Tbecotetofelectims itd&r tl•æ direction and the Cémmisslon: (2) .Withmat ••mejodiée to• tib BCÄality.ofthe proeisiong ogæb Rile the Connission 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 EütÆdons and t:i0N as be in the Blédon: 'VA seöd eletbn 17-shall in' Q'thbGqerfMt•e ptpoee Of eonttituting a 'D'* paheh"it and the expirün of its duratiön or on its &selün

18. Notification gæaer•l eJeün•md or dites : byæ or PNi&d Official Gætteoa m.bo upon to eiæt.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 Rétuming. moæ tban (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$tmdén. or of a flocd (2), Every Assistant •Retiming •Omcer to Retuming em—t toperfom PmvW that no-Aziiun}, Retuning omer*hich fran 21. plea: the provide i d. plees tor •ad nMiiy•dE lio poli(ng. or • of voters f« whiå •underr& 25. • 22. Preoding omcer .a in sub•leiall 39 of 209. 8 næ mue in dEsame (2) Preidl:w Officer perform such functioxas 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 Præiding Officer ford* polling plaæ in performmce of his functions and todo euchoUÄ duties as he is to dou&r this Chaper: Proväed 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-appdnttnent he 8ball .-infMtn R«urn ing "cordingly, (3) Ifthe irøiding Omcer from the pollihg plea, funedons pet-formedby Such •polling ofi%er as bas preyioasly 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 tlwlüer's etc:- nod.ßcäioh 'ig meial -moint• hours, fqr:• mtniüatims

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25. Public notice of election: On the issue ofa notification under rule Rctuming Ofljcev stnll give, in }plhinks T*'blic.notice of the: ebction in Fonn.4 inviting nominations of canulates for . such election specifyfig place atwhich nomina- tion papers are to be deliyøed, 26. Printing of n«ninaqon foans Reiurning supply•or printed nomiåat.ion forms to the candidates: Ibe price of eE) nomination be such as may be fixed by ghe Commission. (I) an .iti a -Panciuyal• déliy« 'ither in or by his propsér tø.tERchünhg Om—ræ or bafMe ttE du ind pleeand airing. .tIE noun mder.i•uk 24,. ebidy specifying -from 'Whigh re.pi•opäes to coniest by Ibe candidate by an eleetor of the.eonsdtueocy is •propæer. any seat is reserved Büled• a. cndidate shall not bedeeinal quditied 4.0.be chosen to fill thit eeat • •unlew his nomination piper coM'aiu- the pgtE&r be ica (3) is be. by is vomm. 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(5) At the end of scrutiny, the R<uming Officer shall' armounce the namé of candi- dates whose nominations 'Ite hus accepted end shall prepare a list, as per Fonn 7 showing the " names in Englikh arranged in alphabetical Oder, with particulars as given in the nomination papers of the •eondidates. wbownomin•tion he has ecep(ed. The list with Mahl translation g Itrcase may shdll be imxed•ofi Notice Board ofhié,omee. 30; 'WithdriWåtiof candiditue:. (l) Any-camUdaE inny withdraw- bis catdådMure by a notiée .ih shall by, Dim . him Föonally 6pby:big-pmpser.mWRetuming 'Omceronör betörö the.• date for gtven.cannot witbdrawn and. find . The • mtugning pmcér 8ball'. on •ati•stied as- to genuineneæ of aioticé of withdräwal, cause the tort* uffixpd in plaæ in : 31. Sy*R •forelectjoe .10 •$y in bat may •be' candidiies -in . 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(5) allotment by the Relumine Officer of any to n candidate shall be final except where it..is inconsiG1éntwith any directions :issued by the Commission. in this which ease the &mmission •mgy revise the insuch minner as il thinks fit'; (6)Ewry candidateor.hi8 election agem *halifonhwith be int«xnrd ot tie symbol allotted to the candidateandiWRiipplied.-witJt *pedimen diereof.by the Returning-Officer. (I) The Returning Offiær- aner 32. List of cdntekting cuodidätes: the expiry DftbedÄte .iixed undef rule'Z4- prepare, and publiNt- allist of e«tteSLing 'The contesting candidates shall be in English. and Malnya.iamv•Miii as •the nuy LB, add •Shail c6ntain. naps in ot theconteting candidates as given • 'in their • nominetiön• .Fperp•ex.l shall •ileo symbols cmididBtes. alph&tical Üder with rereene to the names oteandi'dntes in English lenguage. (3) A cöpy of the- -list of' contating.cändidatæ.indieating-syfiåoiallotted to æh•ihall be sent to Elæiiou Comii8Riøn and the'ChidE}ætoml Officer imnEdiate1y. 33, Unemtested; elections: (1) WlÜe: on cule 32 Reauming finds in fMhwi.th candidate duly.dected.•. (2) Te Reguming Officer r$ha)L to Cammbaioi atietBleuoml sub. rule- seatw remaining - The shilli in theOmciaJ Gaaue•. call upn the to (3)-ifapll thé omær -su*y, eopy lit of toerb erliit iii •tie Omaal Gaætte, 34.' Appointænt of

A*nt: Q) A in writing iaF«6i IO •in: iny otberann iseligibk election- to his Election Agent. 44 of 209. 13 (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 hnåsban 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 publiå tho list in akodecåam lhai be on the date and place and durini une boon fixed in behalf

37. Death of candidate before poll: If a candidne whoee nominüion hu•been fqund valid on erutiny under rule 29 and who h" not withdran hi8 aitdid•ttre under mk 30 dies and a repott of his deadt iB reccivéd the list.of cüitédng candidnes rule 32 oc if a .contening candidudies and öfhiR'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 fuiifiefnominationqhall•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 pnper sheu be in sucb Form and particulars theria shall be in Engliå 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 'i'tinguisbed by the addition- of their !gidemea or in seme other annn«. 40, Arranpwnts or polling: (l) 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 thc 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 pcrwn •on the dale on which a pbil is t*en atuny.pollingpl•ce commu be following ecb within thcpoiiing 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 eleet« {o vow f9f• any penicular candidate; or • to vote:at election:.or. (eyexbibWng any or Rigrr(otlz tban 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 lhe electors entitled; and (b) a copy of dB lisl of contesting candidates. At each •poliingstatiön, 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 eiectors 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)T1i omcec •tall the ballot box in -for the insertion; of ' ballot paFß emiinj shiti allow.ihe 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) lhe serial and of (he polling place; (c) Ibe EIJed •iri•.at lhe Of- the on the Label dates-sf poll; and (ey diningiei8hed 'ina*, if any, (3) before the of • poll. Ptuiåing OMcer *all demon%ete n•nR .olher frenoni .•is and the refuted to in (2). (4) Tlz shall Om in fun view.ofthe Presiding aoå 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±oonstitætcy Ns -vdd9.G' (ü) no vote any ebäion if in cmnned in a poon wbQt•r und% • tence of ("i) voeån 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. rspæt Qt.women elec(om and, in particular to help in searching any woman elætor in cage it becomes necessary

45. Identificetion ot.elec_tori: (l) Theelætor shell pmduce his ideytjty.cud before the Preeiding Officer or the piling officer authorisedby bimin thiß (2) AR each elector eocrx polüng place • the Presiding Omeeior the Pollidg Officer authorised by bim in this behalf shall check the elector•s name and other'particulars witb the relevant entry in Ibe electoral roll and then call out the serinl number, aaæ•antl other paniculars of the elector. (3) An deciding the right or a person to obtain a bolloi paper the Officer or the Polling as the case. may be, shall overlook merely clerical or printing error, in an sntry in lhe electoral roll, if he is satisfied that sucb person is identical with the électmto whom such mtry relates. '46. (hailenging of Identity: (l) Any polling agent may challenge the i&nttty of a person claiming to be a particular elector by first depositing a sum of two tupees;. in cash with the Presiding Officer for each such challen&, (2).On such deposit being made, the Presiding Officer. shall,- • (a) warn [he person chat!enged of the penatty for impersoriation; (b) reed thc relevantentry in the electoral roll •in he i'&e person referred to in that egüy.•, (c.) enter his name Rnd address in. tbe iist 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 tbefl on oatb. : ond (c) administer an oath t04fie pemn and other offering Io give evi- &née 48 of 209. The lakshadueep 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 ofåe powrs conferred by Section 81 Lakshadweep Pmch•yas.Regulatin, 1994 (4 of 1994) nd of eva numb" •i 999, åe Union herév makis åe 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 tbe 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 retum it to the dtalienger at the conclusion of the inquiry

47. Safeguards against imprionation: (1) Bvety elector about who" identiW the PEsiding Officer or lhe Polling Offiær, us 'heczemay be, is satisfied, Shail allow his right thumb to be insp&ted by the Presiding Officer PoUirig Omcer and an-indelible ink mad' to be put on it.(2) if any elector,, (a)' to allow his right thumb to be or marked in ecordancewlthsub- lute (I) or has already such R mark on his .tight thumb M does uty ect with a ink mark, or (b) fails or refuses to pmdueehis identiw card as required by shall not be Bupplied with any ballot paper or ellowed •to vote. (3) Where poll is taken simultaneously in a Village (Dweep) Panchayat cooniDury and the District Panchayat cmstituency. an elector riÖt ümmb hu ætked with indelible ink or who has produced his idpndw cud at such ebctioo •all, n$wiMnding any&iitg coniainedin sub-Mes (J) and (2); bc with a balloi paper for tb ebcdon. Expianauon:- Any reference this Nie to the right üumb of an eiecnr shaii, in cue where the elector hu his right thunb -missing, be cmuttueduaref«eoceto of his' right hand and in hud "e also miuibß, a reference tothe thumboranyotberRnvofhis leRband, i4 case IhumBstod allihis are 'iissing be u a Eter- ence to such extremity of•his tight or left arm z be posses—. ét "JIM •papersföætoo:; (i) BvewWloi p.' it isæed to an. be stauped on distinguee dirut. and eww ballot it iiA1d, shdl be' in bek by Oe Prsiding Omcer. (2) At the time of IguW a ballot p.er to ut eteciot Polling omcz in • eon & 'Oe to• iodieate thA a ballot paper has been issued to hiin.without however recording Uprein of the ballot issued to thu elecbr. (3) No pem«i in the polling station *all note downthe szialnomber of the ballot paper issued to püdcular eleetoa. 50 of 209. •n LAKSHADWE B UXIZAOiDINARY 49. Maintenance of secrecy ot voiing by electors within polling pl»e.ahd voting Mre- dure: (i)Eyay elector to.wbom a ballot pa*rhnsbeeni80d other provijionéf these n.des Bhall maintain sececy ofvoting within the Polling plaæ and for that purpoæ obem the voiing procedun heminaner laid doWn. (2) The elector m.receivQ the billot papr *hali fortfiWith- (a) nceed to one of-the voting (b) there •make a, matkon the ballot.aperwiththeiastrumansuppliedforthe or neat the symbol of candidite against the name ofeandidatef& whom he intends to vote; (c)fold the bnlfot;paper 00 to.conceal his vote; (d) if requied; stnw to Ihe Pæ"ding omcer U*-disiinguisbing mark on the ballot p*r; (e} inieri lite folded ballot paper intq the bell* box; end (f) qultthe polling plue. Every „wiåtout. (4) No elector shall be allowd to•enter- a vöting• compattment when another electöf'fs høs..;ben-isgu4 refue,. i'dmiåggiven by tj&hesidioå down ia ornqti iike hiKby ditetion • After AEIöthe Öh.•its bik -words ithe violaied". are which'*aU bear. on 'wor& " Ballot paprs: vodni .(8) Withaltpr*diæ toey '&her penalty. yhich an fom whoma*ballot paper un&r sub-rule (5); may li&', tbe€æ, •W oh suchballöt shab 50. Recording of. blind-QWiQOrm (l) if th4t• to. •ot #sk.ilåÖÄrtNty, unible sym"b Presiding. #emü with htm a coniiniü) "e td the reÄrding vole on tis 51 of 209. with his wishes. and if negessuy, for folding be ballot so to the vote •nd insetting into the ballot Provi&d thu no person shall be permitted as the companion of mom one elector my pdli1W ploce åe ume Öy: . Provided further betoæ uy is pemitEd to the cocoanion of Wi elector on any day under (his "le, he penon *all to declam 13 will keep secet the ecor&d by him on behalf of -the elector and bat he.hasnotaleady acted as ute companion of any other elector at any •poliing plea •on (hit day. • Presiding Officer dull keep R record:of all cus under (his rule in

51. Spilt and requrned ballot paprs: (l) An elecbr has in*dvertently dealt with his bailot papr in such manner that it cannot be conveniently used u billot paper on returning it to the Ptesiding Officer and on satisfylng him of the inadvertence, be given another ballot paper.The ballot •paper so tuunsd *hall "be marked Officer. (2) Ifan elector aner obtaining a decidea not wuse he shanremrn it to the Presiding Oflicer and the ballot paper so retumed shell be marked as "Retumed: by the Presiding. Officer. (3) All ballot papers cancelled under sub-rule(l) or gub-rule(2) keß,in R searate 52- .*fbndered. votes: (l) Lf a peron hiöelf•to be ape&ularelector applies for a ballot paper afer another.prson •voted •u such •elector, •shall on satisfactorily angwzing such .quegions réluing to his idenüty the Presiding Omcer may be subject todE povisions ofthis rule, to marka in thee rules teEüed to as a "tendered baiiQt in any (2) Every such person Niall, being su*ied wit' bal.l« sign his name against*he entry Glatiog Whim in a list as per

Form IS. (3) A ballot papet shall be the Otha ballot p.ecusedatüe pliiog exæpt that,r (a) such tenered ballög p»er •hall be •eeriatLt; the lut in of'büt issued for use at be Polliig ind (b). tendered belloi paper chan be endorsed on with ballot- paper" by lhe Presung Officer in hia ova 'éped by Nm. (4) .The elector naer nzking pqec•in fdding it, *Al, of.pttiag box, it to &l.l 52 of 209. plee it in e cover specially kept for the pu.rpose

53. Closing of poll: The shall fix ibe hours during which the poll will be taken; and the hairs so fixed shau be Bublisbed in Official Gaz.ete and in such manner as the Ekction Commigioo may fic Provided that Ibe tote! period on any we day for pdling shall not be less than eight hours. '(2) The Preiding Omcer shall ciose polling plee at ume hour • nied .in that behalf uMer sub•rule ••ßh811 theteifbr any into polling plee; Pmvided that all electors pmsentat the polling before it is ci%dd shall allowed to cast thelr votz (2)' questim arises Whether:an at the polling . it wu closed, 'it. shall •deci&d by tbe Presiding Officer and hii deisi0ii Shal] bé finü PII, the •hejiding Officetihdiclose slit of UÉba\bt box and the box not contain any inehantcal &vice for closlng tie slit, he-shall seal up ithé Blit•ähd also allow ahy piling agent present to amx his gal. (2). Tte ballot 1m Ahail theregfter sealed and"cuged. (3); -Wherever nessary louse asmnd setting fulliiØB dmt shall' proudéd and put •into esee

55. Accoiirit• •of ballot p*rs: (l) Presiding Ofücei ihau at closi 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•idpoliiq & •••giesi •true cow. 56. S".ling (t) ne gibed io.fdll 53 of 209. -TEE BXTMORMNMY ballotpaprs not issued. to- vmen; (d) the ballM- paprs eanælled; voles; (e) -lhe:list or. cita.,. 21 (D the cover containing the 'tendered bauut •nd thelistin Form -'nd any ppers directed bytheCommiuiön•to be kept;in a sealed pacxet. (2) Each such puket shall with tie seal of the. with the seäis eitherorthe candidateoi Of his aptt:orofhis pllingagentwho may be at the polling station atKl. may desire affix-his gal Rlæreon; 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, adjønrni*0t poll to a dite LO pdl- is-Presiding shall forthwith inform-the. C) a.pil irüEdiQelY. (be. to Cömmi"ion. Returning Omcer *all, u. smn.O may widi 54 of 209. 22 of the Conuniesion, duy vhichRhe.pollÖa'l nx po!ling and'bäll coum until -8bajl (3) In every AEh case as. afåresaid, 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:) pmvi8ioåi Grilles 34 to 57 shalii prietic.åE,,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 ttwc. end (7) The.Fnsiöiig Oüiær shaii•opn æäiedpaüet• in F—enee. Of • Uie FQiiing Agents For naddng Ibe 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 circuætijkes into the at..iu Nling— b "€oid* 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. Älț Otoe. *that An rault:ot the counting . that pixe Raumijw - diall fogh'ith Ibe 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.XTRAORDINARY (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 Reiuinii•g Officcr, if front any Olber unavoidable cause •he is unable to proceed with couiliing of vöies, die iitlteand date appointed under Gub-rulet l), -thc Retuniiitg Officer o-tny p08tpoue the counting -Io Rnolhe.t dale and lime and may fix it necessary another.pipcefor thc coun\ing or voles on tbc to which thecountjng has KO. postpbned and writing Io die candidates or ibeir counting ageni8

64. Pelsons whomay bc present 9t thc cognüng of."Dles: (l) Subjccl•k' LIE provisions pf. rule 62 die. Relumilig' Omcer siiall. not allow any person 10..be prsen(at 'lhe counting of volcs except such person$ as Ire unuy.øproint to nssis(him in counting the yotes•. No person Who has '*en employed by hns •been otherwiRc Tor, a candidate jn or did e)edion, Shull beappointed •to. assist the Retuming omccr in countinü the Voles, (SSP Cg'ulliing Ageilix- (1) A or his ElcCtion Agent. appoint pne subject such general Of •speiai as. thc Commisiion mw ixi thii as. his •at Of"" votes. .'änd sucliuuppöln•nént•• is bc •given• in.

Form 17 induplicate. •One. copy or .ti* 'Fprny Sha!) 'Iie Rewrnitw whiic theotbéreqpy sliail ten•nadé qyer.. -Lo thc ,Tør •préd'Äion boffrc -Retiifiling one hoi.i'i IECore time.fixedforcountingp:• No Couniing Agent be adgnitiéd iilio thc pike fixed for mdriiihg 'uhiess has• delivered LOIhe Return.iDi: capy of ids.a*ntnent aner duly camp;eling . and signitwuhe•ßeagcation coniüned an tor enuy jmo:ÜEfrIace fixed omcet. 66. counting of votis: Oh.dD date•åbd ting and placé 6312 Retuniing Officer eauiitflhé - voles wiurréspect.tg. billoq boxps,uAlI.at.ihe poi),_ (i)Detore. any•bäIIM box is •opdEd'ate counting tablii UieCounting AgentR proent at tlmt table slitdl aliihv,cd .to..i1is•r4' Idip:.bgllpttboxee and •their. as might .hnve arfixbd thereon and'to eq@isry inax&t. • 11b' SRéiurhißg. nitty *hinniCi.Ui0i nono boxcs hnsf•iiii' widv, *ran' Icrouml bithe Retuntlng OmcerAO hivetiecmtampezcd with ike Returniög., pioeäueldd doin complued, recommene counting oh -tie dite and alti* time and Pluee •mkiitite«l bim -in this behalf of which notice bas becn previously givenlo the candidates their election agenG and 57 of 209. 25 •rue counting "ents. (iii) ur the Retumiag Officet is that 81! (he ballot boxes pah i'? ve been eceived end in order be shall take up thecounling of banc! papets (2) . Subject -to such general Or apecial directions, if as may be given by Commission in thisbehalf, the ballot papers taken out or au boxes uwd more than one polling place in a constituency shall be mixed *ther and then gransed in convenient buodias •nd scrutiniæd

67. Grounds for rejection of ballot papers: (I) A ballot paper contained in i ballot box shall be rejected it,- (a) it bears any mark or wriging by which the etec!or can be identified f.or (b) it a serial or is of a design different Trom ihe erinl numbers or, as the ease may be. design of the ballot papm authorised for use at the PIIing plee at whiéh the bailoi box in Which it Wis found=Was or (c) the Returning Officer i' *Misßed that it isspurious ballot paper that it hu been so damaged ot mutilated*hal- as a genuiæ ballot paper cannm (d) it bear* no mad(at all or.40 Jndicate tte vote, it maå elewhze ihan pn næ.r tip syrpw of one of the candidates M'•the of the oi it a -murk with the ingtrument for the pumoæ•, or (e) the woes are.given on lt- ih favour of-more tb•n oné•candibite•, or (O it docs not the tnark andthe signature.which it should•haye'boræ provisions l) of-rule-48: or (gytbe .tnark indigating, vae- Iberemi ' fin a as:tö ruke it doubtful to whiå) camlidate given: Provi&d ibal where the ütuming Odicer is •uliRtiéd : that any such «ect• as is mentionedin clauæ(b) or(D byariy tnisl•læ bi•faiture on the or a P*iding Polling Officer, the ballot' -nm *cled metelY on or &fæt•. •.Pmvided R bntlm • mee}y. on the • Itint the -inkrk the indistim foc a 'Tay — isa;aed. r*eting any p« RetumiQi Omcer albw —h wun!inz .nt Beseol •to 58 of 209. anovhim to •handie *jbor any (3) The Returning Omcet• end0f* on every bat!ot pare wh.ieh reject* tlz w.ctd ' 'REECTEiYi ihc• •ground* of rej%tiøn .io_ tonn in his.own hand or, by •neans Ot a initial papet* so *brit bundied. toged•æ 'Il»e Offiær validity of å in: bäliot fi,odi, teVeml Ott. ut- eieetioii •peiitiöii ealiing quesqiow. 68. paper Which iG un&r rule 67 and paprdiali be' (2) bnt.W iii {he baitdtboxes used..ai'; in lbe • nmké eiiui4g in xte.sultet iji Fonti 'hllgjt•; . Whidh •.eated ot .ABéiits or as .may . räé6rdéd the plling: used; and I*ßicable,... has 'LOB .dUtihe .7C. the ectaiiFdw_i1fi: "Anji 59 of 209. mauoi i*.eii 'iii. :ai1Y . and ii 60 of 209. 28 EXTRAORDINARY (b) amend the result Shet in

Form 18 to-the extent necessary afte.r such recmnnt; and (c) announce the amendment so by him; (6) After the total number of votes polled by each candidate been annc»næd under sUb-ruie(5). the-Retuining Offiær• shallcomplek and sign theresuli in Form 18 and no ippligition för a' recmant• shall be entertaided lhereafter : Provided that no step under this sub-Nke shall Wthked.on completion of (he counting until due candidates present at the completion theæofhave.been given a reasonable opportunity to eiercise the right conferred by sub-role (2)

73. Equality OT votes.' If an equality of voteé is found to exist between any candidates and the addition of one vote will entitle one of those candidnes tobe declared elected.. .u»e Retum- ing Officer shall forthwith decide between thosen candldates by lot and proceed as if the candidu.on• .wliom: the lot falls had received an 74. Declaration 'of candidate elected: (l) On the completion of the counting Lhe Retuming Officer *hall, forthwith declare the candidate to whom the largest numberOf valid vote$ hqye been polled to be elected : (2) The Returning Officer ehell grant to such candidate aceitificäte of eleetioön'

Form 19 and. obtain from the candidate Rh ecknöwledgment of-its •receipt dbly tiiyied by hiriüd immediately send the ecknowlédgtnem to ihe Conunissiqt. 75.. of rzuit : iAs soon As may be after reguli of an election-has beeqi declared, the Retiming Officer shall repon theosult to the Commission and bbail. alå6 ihform Admin- inrator.. '16.. •BEction ore "If to:more upn one sé.it.ki ihe then unlea WiUtirFffneeti•Ö» +6m the due'of.«E'liræ Of resighs all but o" öfi.tæ.oeals •by• writihi• to écÖmeaveaM.:The •hill' be to the Administrator or•sucif officer u byrgei±ral *chaj Oroz, ; 79. Mspoaql papem : : •of mulD, 'iBé •e"clion'tö be (b) Thc Rétüming Officer shall forwud dE packets of unused ballot papers; used ballo((including gen&æd» *ted or wid) copy oi&ctoril tolls au othérpapers telatiD8 61 of 209. The Lakshadweep gazette PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY VOLXXXIV. No,47, TUESDAY, 12th PAUSHA, 1920(SAXA) ADIvT.nSTR.ATION OE UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSRADWEEP, 09-0i-1999. LNnææm.2-å.: In exercise of the powers c.onfe•réd by. section 81 ofthe Panchaym Reguläimj 1994 (4 of 195k), the I-Jnion Tercitoty oflNAadweer had,y ile Ellowing m.les: •iürnely : - Rules, 199?. (2) npse come into force with effect fram the date of their bub*ieasoa 2. 779 By•elee€ons theseat ofaæba to oris wcaM or his eInioa uclared void, n$nto —e offillåg , fin a Wm (1) I—to a Woæ, .xyr, S ABE 62 of 209. 25 , to election in steel seal. them wilh of Ibe Commission, foraafeautodyto-the Sub Tx—wry Offiær {o such authority the Administrat« un&r danue lock. 'lie seal shall be to Commission Emædiate!y themaner a compliance mpem sent Lo Comrniß8i0åÄ by wireles,snelegram indicating ume "d date of of the seal-to Commission. (c) In BiLra island Where 'here is no •tunctioning, the Returning:oncer shall send f«sde cos% to Sub-Treuury at or at•tbe pixe of pertaining to Chetlat .lslend as -mentioned _in kept. (d) The •key ot: one OC ofeeh gtunk will to the Sub*'æaaury Officer or to (be officer nny. bedirected AdminisNor aod the keyof of eEh innk shall be 'RAuming tutwtWe Pne.hayMhimself. (2) While in the arstody of•t'E Retuming •or „any otlwr authority pækøts or valid. reÄed or tendeæd. cqy aid; t}Rir be Inqeew by or,ptoduced: before, ny authö*jty exepeui*jer tbe adem of aoUÉi•iOi 118. (3) qen •u"ect to sucheondiüoos.•and paymenrofsuchfee as, •ihe may direct. (4) Subjee go. any 4ir4ion to & contrary giym by the auUEfity un&r ••C8 Or by im (l) RhqiT of tix nnilhgfmm date of pblicatim -under ruk 78• •be dattoyed : -ihdv;ifån pelitiOn ii.fiE; and mfemed.•to-in diis ruleAiOll unle is nailly Of (Z) of C&moision, •PüÉhAyat- and At' •pleo", ethe Commiesim may IhinE•nt, • giVing-üøaaæs ib pawns elected. 79' shall all upn. in 'niq In of a Explandiui:- -A emux Of 63 of 209. 30 tine durinitjp &wation of a PenchaytL 80. of %ting.•- Every Officer. Cléü. Agent or oilier lemon who tx•formsony duty in connectkm with the •tecording.ör counting or voles at an election shall maintain, and aid in maintaining. lhe secrecy or the VMing and shallot01 (excepe Col. some •purpo.% authorised by or under any law) communicate to any person any intonnn(im calculutéd u) violate such ærecy

CHAPTER V ELECTION OF CJIALRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON AND PRESKDENT-CUM- CRIEF COUNSELLOR AND VICE PRESIDENT-CUM-COUNSELLOR 81. Ejection otC,ltnfrpermn nnd.Viee anirpemoti ot Village(Dwep) Paxhayal:- (l) Sub- Jéct to the contained. in zeclion 23, the concerned Sub,,Di4'.ißional Officershall call the The •meting pir;sidcd (iver by the Sub-D.ivisional but •he 'hall not have the right Io vote, (3) '1%e election of Chairperson shall be held ak provickd under section 23. by show of. hands and by•simple majority. No memet shell have rightio vote Cormorc than one candidate. (4) Any member of the Village (Dwæp) Panchayat i!jay propose any name from anwttgst the inembers of Village-(Dweep) Panchayet. •Ihe Sub-Divisionul Office* •presiding lhe down the names prol poxel, arj-ansellæn in:ttp English. •Iphabei'cal older, calf outname •at count ara n0Re down •'tw of l.nds iti of the, •candidature of lhe persm• who— name was caned 'Ile wili•ømilady 80b*oeiit mnes and dter •IWtbe names have been exhumed; enndidate securiristhe tQ.be duly elected (6) -If any equa!ity of Votes i' found b exil between candidatesi and- the addition of' one Vote will entitle candidates tobedeclaied eleeLd the SubDii.isi0Dal • Offter at the ureling. c•odUes by tot nrid as if Lhe On *Oki dltimüt.v&. 7) The 'In till the expiry of erm ot' the . Panchayat unless the once becomes veaM earlier by•hls '*ignation or or åeith' Of undec afljcirconztanæ•fta -With•åevoVision of the Rewiadon. 64 of 209. 31 Whenever any casu'l *Eancy in theomce ottbe • ajaimernn arises, -the Vinese (Dweep)'Pairhay.t Shail elect a Gairperæn in aoe«rdaoceéilh Ibe pmvisions under •section 30 and sut?tule (3) to (6): 'Provided that lhe n—ting in *his *hell be pr—ided over by Vice ChairperÜ or, in his übsetk•é, such as. {his Widf;undetsuS sectbn (5) -of 8Etim•29. as the case.nnybe. (9) The numt*r of .l*ærved otoces of in Vill. (DW*p)-, Purbayats •for And•ror Woæn shall he degermitied, in (2) Of sectioh."23. by •Clie: Adntinisrmor an •order or. in. the Official GDOtq•e. (.1())• lie Election sheil- Of renerwd. for Scliduted Trik "id under Sui* rule(0) bj Malton by speitied in sub-rule (3) aml vitkd rih<'jiEcling Glting casual •hall

twprestiE over CliRirpeJ son or, in hiß absence. by *'ugh •officerl- ms Ilie Adminimritor may auåiørlz in this Ulider sub section (5} ot section.29i ns the may, Election ...Qf and of DWtiéi POIEhiyai:. Mie Fenetiiyatnnibe . date AdniiniRtrttor •unc&r• Thé •shall be. «ivei by the DitectOc•of Panciiayats, but he sheil ..not• •have t.jgit: v«e. (3). lite 'fien?utmpt .11* as.rrOViE Noiiéiür Any: oc Diitria ($1). .of in • .09 if. •b 65 of 209. 32 be duly elected Preident•cum-Chier Counsellor. (6), It —y equliw of *Nes is found to exist any cudidaB, and the of one eme will entitle any ofthæecandidategtobe declu•ed elected. •np •Director of hnchayas -paiding •t the -meedng -shall forlhwiå bj:lot as if the candidate on noeiwd an Eklitimal *me. .(7) lhc shall continue in' till of tbc term or the.Panehaya1 unless (be office becaæs vacant earlier his tesWion, or ren»yalor dæth any in with (he pmvjRions DC the Regulation. (8), Whewyer my-casual vxmcy in lhe of the PresideN•cum'QLief aries,thé mcqrict .pmvisions uMer:eeetim 30•nd to thal inth•i; over of tee. Vide. Ptai- eheAdrniniArator, or Tn the: at»enee of Vice- astheÄdminOtrator may aulboriæ in (hisbanif under sub secuon (6) ot—don Ultierase may in sub-rule (3) to Jhen apply f«tlæeleiion of bMtt Vie- Prövi&d -Ihat•• the metjng for filling • c"Di1 YÄncy in the omce of Vie-Presiömt-Cuih*Couneellm or inhib by Its o'her or intlwabætce Of boih othean, u tre in 29, •E may be. CHAitZR EL5Ci10N BITTIONS 83, 'EE.ion : (i) An ejecüoo pakha in. preznted io the authority om 85 by •y eudi&e .at eEor of withh Nftea dE dae of-oeiu*ion of the In üii8 who wueaiitled eHion the elec80n eieün (2) A join his ptidon au the & pethioa$r at •sdr- .ileabn. *all 66 of 209. nge 33 copies thereof as Itrre are respondents mentioned in the petition and every guch copy shall. be attesied by the pelitioner undefhis own signatuæ 10 bc a cc.vy of dE petitiÖn. (3) An election petition- (R) shall contain a concise statement of the niaterial facts on which the petitioner relies; (b) sltRII, witb sufficient paniculnrs, forth the ground or grounds on which the election .is caned in question; (c) shall, tn cage it alleges any •compt set forth full partigulacs of that corrupt prec(ice, including full a as poiible of the names of the patties alleged' to have committed such corrupt -præaice end the date and plue• of commission of —ch such practice, a; also an affidavit swom before a magistrate or a notary.oi a Commissioner•of in Forin 20. in *uppon of the allegalion .or eomrpt pad]cuIiiB theteöf; asd (d) shall signed by 'the -and verified in themanner laiddown in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908(5 of 19N), for t'* verification or (Any or. the -shall also the petitiorw mannz as the (4) Where morethnn one election IEtition presented tin 8üne eEction, all of thomchall be l&ned for, to the •uüwdly •who *day, in its di±ndon.uythern separal.ely in one or mote grouß. 84- Relief: that æy• by A claim-' (a) declaration the, ebction 'the returned (6) in addition iherelo. u further declaration ibat he other candidate has been duly (2) ••%e expr—Sion "returfEdendidae"gneiN a niit* his pub: liÉhed, in the omciai Ouene.un&r nie 78

85. Grounds for declaring electiom to tl» void : (l) 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 bcgn 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 Rüch 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,prøetiees' the and (cythat in was fmm any corrupt tnctis•oa the put of candidate or any.of iisagéni.s. unhority nuydecidethit Ibe or-the returned candidate iR- not:vold. (3) Lt pernn who; has. lujFd a rütion in -DödiUm to callini. in qi*ie the eleédon 'Ofuw retutrrd• any cedßeie has ben duly -ata (a)that petitioner or Ruch reeieed. anujMityof1he.valid voles; (b) that.±M for the vote obliinéd by theeiumed caMidate• by pr—éee, the or -othr . of nlid daerdeciying Lo te . tbe pdtioner «siiä) 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 upply 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 n petition shall tried us expeditiously

et&avour *hait be made to conclude the triat wiiliin six mvmthR from Ibe date on which Ibe election petition is pteepied to the auttprity f«triRI

87. Secrecy of voting to be infringed : No witness or other person shall required Io state ror whom he has venetl an 88.•of Authority'* (l) 'conclusion or Ibe 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 elecled. (2) If iny who nn election has in .addition topaUing in question the election of returned cußidate eliinpd.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 thc 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. ojpnunity (2)' An aider or wOnitydismissirig an ebction 69 of 209. 36 •n 113

90. Deposit of security; petieioner shall enclose with 'he pe!ition teceipz chowing that a of five hundred rupees has been mule by him in Lhe Panchayat Fund as swurity for the costs orthe petition

91. Procedure in case of equality of if during.,rhetrial of f*tition it ap*ars *hat ther i$ an •equality or voles betwen any at the election .iindAhat• the addition of a- Vote vould entitle any of those candidates to be .elæted, then, the pre- aulhöfity Bhall!'deide t*tween them by ns if tho one on whom lhe lot falls •had -received an additional Vote

92. Finalityotdecisionu (t) An of authonty.on anaection petition shall be linal and conclusive. (2) An election •ot •member not called in in of (he Regulation Rules be deemed a .gooO• and velid eleciiotv

931. Oider Cöstk 11•e npRhoriw •role 88 aim fix -tt*reb.y iotal. amount of costs out of tile sæurity - deposit provided for in Pmvided [hai petitbn is dimissed unur of: sub-nale of rule 88, the returned candidate (o incurred byhinT in .eontening'. and authorlty shall make an or&t for in -favour or retuned candidate. If left:out of any ofåe after pyaer•il- under soéh'ba"nce niay, on an .in• thn. in Wbom:ibedepsit was,mach-on.if sücb perni die' utter making such by legal pereon, .to Ihe said the % Communicükon of-orec lio the Commission and Ehe Adminislråt% and the of Lhe case: an." tte •orot byit under rule send • Mder ech to/Lbe Commisiion and Ibe-Admini- stntor,.The recor«k of: the case. shall be -sent by the •ptecribed nuthöfity •to such auttx»rlty as the Administrator:mnyby order (G, S. CHBdA) Aiminisintor. 70 of 209. 37 (Sg ride '-10) Ne*e of electoral in -dtan' To Olte . connituetry. Noeiée -In tae •ouiih8 omee.bmgm. relating (Ende I-j •sw.l -Sit—j— 71 of 209. 38 2. 3. 4 :ihc in itk*in 2 on win'. 6. 7. 9. .....ÅMiÄliM).....,.... Reedp Olic*ion s. R, tte_ 'd" 72 of 209. The iakshadweep gazette PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY No. 43 TUESDAY sæm.on, 1997/ 25Ü1 BHADRA 1919 (SAKA) UNION rnnnony OF LAKSHADWEEP (DIRECTORAN OF PANCHAYATS) KAVARATTI DATED 1009.1997. NOTIFICATION F*oS/1W-DOP:- 81 Panchayat Reguladon, 1994, öe of Union of Iak±ndwep in S to I..*åadweq (Elecdm to Panhyaü) Rules, 1995. (l) For of the Fattm words to Village Disaict " wore 't .80 No..... villap —p) I Dimict " jug belw itie n bold Etta. (2)Afteröe last " at elecdon by be shall (RAJ—VTALWAR) 73 of 209. 39 (Se 25) OF n.UC110N Notice iq bétcby given • t. an ' is bc held gf - in 2. •prqv»scr Relumine Office or to the Renuniwg c 11 a.m. on MY day (ottx -thin a public Intet iban the 3. of nominmion *nay "d timet 4i papers witi ba luken up ætüiny - ...on....r..„et..... S. ntNiee nr •nay by a eanöidaic cr his to of the in a nbove 6. iB the e.-•cåt enatesteg., Lhe patt•wii! he ta*en on - ...and Date .... r0RM S (.%e rule 27)' NOMINAIICN Eladoii the cANdWate ei«ion• to the , OITieer , ... from Connitoexy a Hie emceed My , in No. candidate's Hi* pod ..... . in coneh—y Nov.....nf thee}etrnl n.. -hopo• 74 of 209. Üeady been attached Willi my nmninntion paper at SiNn,...., • Score out this paramaN1. noL nm'icable twßited by etc Reqxmiit* Officer) Serhi Nm of Njminatim Date: *Scote out Ibe won! applicable, 40 n IF. GAZETTE EXT2AORiXNÅRh' the 8bnve menfioned cgndidate, eRsent to thia nomination declare• (a) [bat cornpieed 21 yexs of age, (b) tbRt the syrüls I chosen ere. in order of preference(i) .... . • (e) that my name and ny name bæa correctly spelt out above in la.nwei 'Iltis nominatim wax detiverecl •r Iny QtGce on -.....(dote) by the .cnndidateffiqvær. Of (d) thal .10 the beg of my koowledge axl }eiiet. •n quRliOcd and nat Riso digqualificd rpr being chosen to fill the in .e-..,....Punehayot. * tutqber declye tlzøl am n member of 8 of lhe Lakshadweep Union Territory I further deciare that i am a w«mnn, R"eiB bearing No...,.daqed rupees (-Signature Df candidate) RAurning Officer or RA'trning Officer occepting *ling thc nominMiut paper I have examit*d 'his mminalion papet in rule 29 of the to hnehoyats) Rules. 1994 deéide followr.- Date: Reaming Officer Receipt pepot 'ermiMto be handed to the presenting.the nninntion Série! No. of uaninatiqn paper....„„., .Paæh•yat was neninnim papa or.....e ADd&te fM fr«nb to Ibe ... tö omce by 'be Alt nmiigutioa papers *til ép ror Returning omcz 'Se«e out an mlb•ble. 75 of 209. *ORM 6 (See -OFNOMlNM(5N ike is.4 "Diiiinhiibbs:.iii béen Ntiiin.• . -Åee or ditc dale Piaee.-...-.... .SI.NO. Place *Sifike; off eaadiiate: Sébedufed Tfibes-andt is r, 29(5)• pgvoser dalc 44 nunibet of 9 Retutni)tg -officer Lis* oi*VALiDjXNöMiNATEDCANDiDÅTES Name.nt:candiüate, Name DC: 76 of 209. that I withdraw my candidature. Date Date....„„. 42

FORM 8 (See role 30) NNicc witbdrawa} camiidatucc . Election to the .. .. Panchayat from eon*titUency The Return}ng Officer, ...a candidate validly nominated .t the above election do hereby give notice 'Ihis notice was delivered to me at my office at (hour) on by pciti'tg • Signaturc or validly nominated candidate OMcet for Notice of Wlthdrawel (Tb be harided ova to the person detiv=ing be.notice) a vaiidty nominnted candidate at the election to the The notice 'of withdrawal of candidature .....,.....hnchayal from constitueacy wu delivered to me by the my omu •t.....(hout) on Returning Officer *Here insen one.of the foiiowing alternative as may be apnpriate:• (I) Candidate, (2) Candidatc•s propescr who has been authorised in writing by the candidate to delivæ it. (320)) ...Pasrha Corsetumc Eieétion to ahe• .. O. 3 4 6 8 amc • iR hereby degtarett that pot) will bc taken nn . piaceq. Place eandi&ie ...(date) t•etween houn ore alloted - Returning Officer 77 of 209. NE LAkSKADWæ oxærra FORM to (ERtn.Z34) OF Ä..ECÄON 43 Eiection to the To Ihe Returning Officer, .Panchayat . or. Plaee : Piuce: Date ' Panchayet . undidate the above election do hereby appoint my election agent from this day tt the above election. i oec" åe above appointment. Approved Noee:-- be submitqed to the Returning Officer Signature of Lhe candidutc Signature of Election Agent' Signature seat of the Retwning omcec FORM (See rule 35(2)) APPOINTMENT OF nLLINO AGENT* Flection to the .....:...Panchayut from a "candidatehbe agent of. who is g candidate nt the above election dn hereby appoint No... ...nxul for the .Date.• Datc I hereby delare . urnl polling Io nitend polling plaec poil . Sin— of candidaw eteedoa• astee to æt such polling gent Signature of polling agent DECLARATION OF POLLING ACJENT TO DE SIGNED PRESIDING !hnt z: dte abeve election. I will not do any&g fo±idden by Rules 49 and SO of be Lakshadweep. (Electipn to Panchayab) Rules, 1995 Dalc. before me to the Potting At the Strike off iF.qmxpriat2 alternative. 78 of 209. Sinnalurg Polling Agen! FæsidingOffieet fixed fcr 44 Elcction Io Lhe ND. of entery Daqe..... i..AXS1iADWæ G.U.ETT8 FORM b2 (see rule 46) LIST OF CHALLENGED VOTES PanchR at from constituenc •nd Dio lace .....in constituenc No... Name elec- tor 2 Sl.N of of roll 3 Elector's name in Ihat pm 4 Signature or thumb impresi• on of the person S Ades ute person ged 6 Neme Name of of Benti- cha- fiet if Ilen- ger 8 Df pre- siding offi 9 Sip;atute of challen- get on reelving réu.nd Bit 10 Signature of Presiding Officer FORM 13 (See rule)) .....,.Panghayat Election Decleralion by lhe companion ef blind or inh elector Sl.No.... and name of-polling place . .son of. ....aged.....resident?n of hereW declare that: (a) I have not acted as companion of any other elector at apy polling;pkce today, the.....,,.... (b) will keep secret the vote recorded by me on behalf pf • • . Signature of companion *Fuii addre.s bc given "Name, pn No. end serial number of the electoral roll in which the name of the elector (Sec rule 50(2)) List of bliM and infim voters Meclion to the ..,.,..... Panchayat from Constituency No... Nunber and Name of polling conMi:uency Part •No and Serial No. or elector Full nme of Eletor 2 Fult ume of coa*nion 3 79 of 209. Aeras of corrTanion 4 of emnpmion 5 Signture of Preciding Officer TRE K)RM (see S2(2)) LIST OF von.s Panchayat fmm UP conniwency-. El"lian to Lhe ... Number and namg of polliag Not....of Addres« of Pan No.. Cleetor S). No. end name of eiectar Date: Etcetiotl to .. .. Namc of island ,, Sl.No. of ballot pspe SINO. or issued' to the.pzma H" iaied 45 or utumb imprusion of pnon Signaun pf Officer FORM (See rule SS(!)) BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT . Panch•yut ...constituency Number and namedf polling Seda} No. l. Ballot pøpérs received 2, Ballot paper unused '(i.e. not issued 40 (a) with signature of Presiding Officer (b) without thé-signature of the OMeer 'lidal (a-Ebi 3. BAUot paöér used at the p!ecz (% 80 of 209. 46 4. *Ballot papers uscd al thc polling pfaec hut NOT INSERTED INIO THE BALLOT BOX. (a) Ballot papers cancelled ror violation voting preecdure undkc• iDle 49 lb) Ballot papers cancelled for reasons (e) paperx used as tendered b\dlot papbrs ra+b+e) 5. *BRiLot to found in IIIC hox (3-4=5) Signature of Presiding officer Date: '(Scrin' numbcrs nccd not be Elven) FORM 17 (See rule l)) APPOINTMENT OF COUNTINO ACENT Panelliyat-ft•öt'i éöóstituency No..... Eleccion td thc To. 'Ille Returning Officer. , a (:anclidotc/dtc agent iR a cnndiduto.ai lite abttvc o'ccti"l', dn hereby appoint .the IOI'owing person ns my counting agent to auend the counting of votes at Addrcsx of the counting agent Nullig or dic counting ugcnl agree as such counting Ag•ent bale..s.,.... Signatwe of candidaw Blecdon Agent. Signatur ot—unLing Agent Delareiqn of couai!ti$ Agent (i' " s'iind before the Retuming OMecr) • hereby declare that at the election I will not do anything f«bidden by 80 of iheLakshadæep (El*tiqn Rules, 1994 which baye been ov— LO me. Signal me Date •.St•nre Ihe wutd nppUt•nble. 81 of 209. Sigmture of cainting Asem Returning Ollieer na um.AORMNAZY FORM it (See ruie 68(2)) final Relt Sheet (To be used for the result of voting at polling place) ElAion to fre from constituency No,,... Name number of tte constitueney St No.of Polling (2) (3) dté. Total votes polled. Dutc

... . No.of valid cast in favour of c of valid votes FORM 19 (See rule 74) Nn.of rejected votes 47 IMai No. of electors in the Total No.of tendered votes Retuming Office, Retuning Omer for fre Catificate of Bleeüon 19.„.... .deciared Shri ...to have duly by%e nid eontituency in the Oena•a! Electionßye•electioa to be x member of...,.....Panehayat and in token hereof have to him *'tifieate of elxtim. . Place,.....-.. Date 82 of 209. .....hnåaym cettify have on Reornlng Omen for ... constiuency. The laksha&eep Gazette PUBLISHED ay AUTHORITY EXTRAORDINARY VOL No. 8, FRIDAY, MAY, 2017 VAISAKHA, 1939(SAKA) OF INDIA LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION UNION OF LAKSHADWEEP Kavarati Island, Dated : 28-04-2017. NOTIFICATION ENO, 8/9/2009-DOP In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 81 of the Lakshadweep Panchayats Reguldon, IW (4 of 1994), the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, hereby makes the following rubs, namely:- I. Short and Commencement: - (i) these rules may be the Lakshadweep (2) These shall conw in b fou from of ttelr pudicaion In Gazete

11. In the Lakshadweep (Election to Panchayats) Rules, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Rubs, after Rule 94 followirw Rules shall be Inserted, namely:- Chapter VII VOTING BY ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES 95. Voting By Electronic Votiro Not whstanding anyWng connined in these ruies, he gMng and recording of votes by voing machines, In such manner as may be prescribed may be adopted In Ward or Wards as the Election Commlsslon havirv regard to the circumstances of each area spectty. "Voting Machine" mearø" machine or apparatus, whether operated electronically or otherwise used for giving Ot of votes and any reference to a baiiot 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 ot Electronic Voting Machlms: - Every Electronic Voting Machine (hereinafter referred to as the voting machine) shall have a eontol unit and a balloting unit and shall be of such designs as may be approved by the Election Commission

97. PnmrationotVotlng Officer:- (1) The balloting unit of the voting machine sham conulned such partlwlars 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 nitesting candidates. (3) K two or more candidates bear the same name, they shall be distinguished by the addition of their occupation •or" residence or in sorneother manner. (4) Subject tothe foregoing provlsbns ofthese rules, the Returning Officer shal':- (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 contol unit and secure It witl his seat and he seat 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 Retuning Officer shall provide for each polling station one voting machine and copiesoi reievanipafi Of at-ju SüC! as may for taking the poii

2. Wlhout prejudice toheproqsims of subrule the Returning Offcer may, wth the previous aproval offie Election Commission, provide one common voting machine for two ot more poiling stations located in the same premises

99. Preparation of voting machines for pit: - (1) The Control unit and balloting unit of every voting machirie used at polling staidn Shall bear a label marked with —the serial number, if any, and t'le name of the Ward; (a) the serial number and name of the polling station or stations, as the case may be; (b) (c) the seriat number of the unit; and (d) tie date ot poll. (2) Immediately betre the commenwrtent •of- the poll, •the Presiding Officer shah demonstrate to the poiiing agents and offnet persene present -that no vote has been already recorded in the -voing machine. (3) ApQerseal shalibe used for securingthewrffol unttof the voting machine, andtw shall amx his own signabxe on the p.er seal ard thereon the signature of such ofthepolllng agents present asareésirousof afflxlngthesame, , 84 of 209. 3 (4) meant here for In theoonrol unit of tie voting machine a•td shall secure and seal the same. (5) •The—Al-used forsecuringthe oonyol unitshaM befixed in such. rnan:wrthatafierthe nit has been sealed;-itisaot possible Io press the -result button" without breaking the seal. (6) The control unit spell be closed and secured and placed in full view ofttw Presiding Officer and tw.polJing agents and the balloting unit placed In the voting compartment. 100, .Pioødum for: votlng by voting mechlne:- - (1) Before permitting an elector to vote, tte Poling dflcer shall — (a) record the electoral roll number of the elector as entered in tPE 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 narne of the elector in the marked copy of the elemoral roll to indicate that he/she has been allowed to vote: Provided that no ele&r shall be almved to vote unless Ye/she has put his/her signÜre 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 elemor on the reglster of voters

101. Procedures of voting by Electronlc Votlng Machlnes:.(1) Immediately on being permitted to vote, an elector shall proceed the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer in-charge of the control unit of the voting machine who shall, by pressing the anropriate button on the control unit, activate the balloting unit, for recording of elector's vote. (2) The shall hereafterfotthwtt't— (a) proceed tothe voting compannmt; (b) record his vote by presslng the buton on the balloing unit agalnstthe nam aM symbol of tie cardidate for whm tw Imends to •ote or against NOTA u tw case may be; and (c) come out ofthe compartment and leavetw polling snuon

102. Recordlng of votes of blind or infirm electors:- (1) tf the Presiding Officer is satisfied thatowlng to bllndness or other physical infirmities, an elector 18 unable to recognize the symbol on tie ballotiEV unit of me or unable to record higher vote by pressing the buton thereon wtthout assistance the Presiding Officer shali permit the elector to take wit' hinvher a corrpanlon of not less han elghteen years of age to tme voing oompartrnern for recording he vote on hlemer behalf in accordance wtth Netter wishes. Provided that no person shall be permitted to act as tw companion of more than one elector at any pll!ngution on same day. Provided füffier any person is permitted to act as tw convanlm of an elector on any day undetthi8 rub hat pereone shall be required to declare tmat Wshe will k. secret the vote-recqrd%hldi on behalf of tte eleeor and tlat heishe hu not acted ae the 85 of 209. 4 THE LACI-IADWEEP (2) The Presiding Officer shall keep a record in

FORM 14 of all cases under this rule

103. The Presldång Officer's entry In the voting compartment during poll:- (1) The PresEing Officer may, whenever he considers it neæssary to do, enter the voting compartment during poll and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that tne balloting unit is not tam*red with any way.(2) if the Presiding Officer has reason to suspect that an elector who has the voting compartment is tampering otherwise wth fre balbing unit or us remained inswe comparrnent for unduty bng period, shall emer tw voing compamem and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the smooth and orderly progress•of the poll, 104. Seellng of voting machine atter poll:- (1) As soon as practicable after the closing of the the Presiding Officer shali close the control unit to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shall detach the balloting unit from the control unit. (2) Thecontrot unit secured s»arateiy 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 atfre potilng 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 Retuming Officer at such place as the Returning Officer may direct —(a) the voting the account of votes recorded in

FORM 22; (b) the sealed oad€ets and (c) all other papers used for the poll (2) The Returnirq Officer shali make adequate arrangements for the safe transpon of the voing machine, packets and other papers for their safe custody until the commencement of counting of votes. IOS. Clo•lng of voting machine In case of booth capturing: - Where tie Presiding Officer Is ofthe opinion that booth capturing Is taking plaæ at a polilng smion or at a place fixed for the poil, he shall Immedlateiy dose the control unit of the mad"lne to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shali detach the balbting unit from tte contoi unit. COUNTING OF VOTES FROM ELECTRONtC VONG MACHINES 107. Scrutiny and inopect}on of voting mach\nes :- (i) The Retuming Officer may have the units of the voing machines uwi at more than one polling station taken up for scrutlny and Inspection and votes rewded in such units counted simultaneously, (2) Before the votes recorded in any comrol unit voting machine are coumed under sub rule (1) , the carWIdate or his el"lon agent or his couning agent present at tie couning table shall be allowed to Inspect paper seal edfuh otter vital seals might have bwn afixed on the unR and to satisfy themselves that tte seals are inE. GAZETTE 5 (S) The Returning Officer shall satisfy himsetf that none of the votlng machines has in fact been tampered with. (4) Ifthe Returning Officer is satisfied that any voting ma±ine has in fact been tampered with, he shall not count the votes recorded in that machine and shali follow the procedure laid dom 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) Aftertw Returnlrv is saisfied mata machine has In fact not been tampered with, he shali have the votes recorded therein coumed by pressing ttB buton marked "Result" provided in the contol unit whereby tte total votes polled and votes polled by each candldate shall be displayed in respect of each such candidate on the display panel provided for the purpose in the unit, (2) Asthe 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 Pan il on

FORM 22; (b) part 11 of FORM 22 completed in Oher and slgrwd by the counting supervisor •and also by the candidates or thelr election agents or thelr 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 resultofvoting recorded in acontrol unit has been ucenalned candidate-wise ard entered in Part 11 of FORM 22, the Returning Officer shali reseal the unit witl hls seal and seals such of the or their election agents present who may desire to affix the seals thereon so however that the resutt of voting recorded in the unit is not obliterated and tne unlt retains the memory of such resuit. (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 numberoftheconttot 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 tothe 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 Elecion to the Gram Pancahyat / District Panchayat from Ward and Name ofPolling Station .....,,..,. Identification No. of Voting Control Unit .... (l) 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 enteredin 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 votlna machine 6. Whether the total No. of votes as shown against Item 5 talliee witl 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. ofvotersto 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

6. Signature of Presiding Officer Polling Saion No.90 of 209. 48 tiön of Shri{Shrimau . . and say . FORM 20 (se 83(3)) Amaayit. . the petitionet in dection petition culling in question, the elec- _ • .. in thesiad vet.ition.) make solemn affirmadon/oath (a) that the nuement' mße in of election petition abou the eommis- Sion of the comupt pmctice DP ina emupt practice..mendoned in —aph or the sune pitioh and in paraæb -...,,. ofth EWu1e •nexed qWeeo true to my howledge; (b) •tbäL the Ætatement in pragr*..... of..the *Rid petition about the commission of the comupt . ....ofthe said peti- practice of*.....a.....and tite practice given in pngtaph' .. tion•and in paragrap}u .....ofåe Schedule thiæto true to my information; (c) (4) etc. •Signitüre this ...day of 199 Solemnly ailinncwswnm by Shri/Sltrimuti.. . .. .. •Here •eeify the name of •the ß*åée.. • LOP. 91 of 209. Beme-.me, oi first ciufiotaryi Commluiet Qf Oaths. vntti. The Lakikadweep. gazette PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY EXTRA VOL. xnn . No. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUAR±, MAGHA 1918 (SAKA) 'rn LAKSBADWÆP BUSINBS A.DMINSTR.ATION OF THE UNION TERRITORYOF Dated. iO.02.1997 In by swdon81 1994 (4 of 1994), Ad.miniitratot, Union of hereby mües the followiny.Nies nmely . CHAPTER , Sbrt vd com—ocænt : • (i) These rules may "The Lüshadvep Panchayao Buioess Rules, 1997 ". 2. (2). shall emne ineo fæ a düeio be by öe in Official C!) ine,.unbss requims, (E) i' mems of Uiion 'IHtb" of LakshMweep•, (bj R •a fonn N)es "of ih üe or any of (g) " * ih Oe Coe; (D * Sub Divisiend Omcét un&r ineWs a DeÄ OGær• an in be isbds;.md 92 of 209.