

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Voting through postal ballot (optional) by Absentee Voters in the category of Senior Citizens, PwDs and Covid-19 suspect or affected persons.**

The Election Commission of India has extended optional Postal Ballot facility to the electors of following categories during the General Election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly 2021 and Bye-Elections to 39, Kanyakumari Parliamentary Constituency viz-,

- (i) Senior citizens (above 80 years of age),
- (ii) Persons with disability flagged in the electoral roll and
- (iii) COVID -19 suspect or affected persons.

**Process for applying Postal Ballot by absentee voters:-**

An Absentee Voter wishing to vote by postal ballot has to make application to the Returning Officer (RO) of the constituency concerned, in Form-12D, giving all requisite particulars. **Such application seeking postal ballot facility should reach to the RO during the period from date of announcement of election to five days following the date of notification of the election concerned.**

The guidelines for voting through postal ballot by the absentee voters in the category (AVSC) of senior citizens, Persons with Disability (AVPD) and COVID -19 suspect or affected persons (AVCO) are available in the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu at <https://elections.tn.gov.in>

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