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## NOTIFICATION

The 28th October, 2025

No. DPR/5/2025 (Comp. No. 222537).—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 150 of the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1997 (Act No. 5 of 2001), the Government of Arunachal Pradesh hereby amends the Arunachal Pradesh panchayati Raj (Conduct of Election) Rules, 2001 as under : -

- Short title, extend and commencement :** (1) These rules may be called the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Conduct of Election ) (Amendment) Rules, 2025.  
(2) They shall come into force on such date as the Government may by notification appoint.
- Insertion of rule 7(1A) :** In the principal rule, after rule 7 (1), the following rule shall be inserted,  
(1A) "The State Election Commission may by notification, add,delete or otherwise amend the Schedule I or II, in conformity with the order and instructions of Election Commission of India, or Schedule III of these rules.
- Amendment of rule 12 (2), :** In the principal rule, in rule 12 (2), after clause  
(d) the following clause shall be inserted,-  
"(e) that the election agent appointed by the candidate holds Office of Profit".
- Amendment of rule 16 :** In the principal rule, in rule 16, the existing rule shall be numbered as sub-rule (1) and after sub-rule (1) the following sub-rule shall be added,-  
"(2) For the purpose of listing the names under sub-rule(1),the candidates shall be classified as follows, namely : -  
(i) candidates of recognized political parties;  
(ii) candidates of registered political parties other than those mentioned in clause (i);  
(iii) other candidates

Provided that the names of candidates in each category shall be arranged in alphabetical order."

- Amendment of rule 18(2), :** In the principal rule, in rule 18(2), after the words "Presiding Officer" the words "Prior to one hour of the commencement of the poll" shall be inserted.
- Amendment of rule 24, :** In the principal rule, in rule 24, the words, "ballot box" shall be substituted by the words, "Ballot box or Electronic Voting Machine".
- Amendment of rule 25 (2), :** In the principal rule, in rule 25 (2) after the word "attached thereto" the following proviso shall be added,-  
"Provided in case of voting through Electronic Voting Machine, the ballot paper shall be fixed at its designated place on the ballot unit of Electronic Voting Machine".
- Amendment of rule 25 (3), :** In the principal rule, in rule 25 (3) after the word "list of contesting candidates" the following proviso shall be added,- "Provided that in case of Zila Parishad election, an option of None of the above (NOTA) shall be included in Form 15B".
- Amendment of rule 28(1), (2), (3) and (4), :** In the principal rule, in rule 28(1), (2), (3) and (4), the words, "Ballot box" shall be substituted by the words, "Ballot box or Electronic Voting Machine".
- Amendment of Rule 67(2) :** In the principal Rule, in clause (2) of Rule 67, for the words, "secret ballot", the words, "raise of hand" shall be substituted.

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