

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS  
(PERSONNEL WING)

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No.C-18/12/2025/DPAR/SS-I(3)(65341)

Date:19.03.2026

**ORDER**

**Sub:** Public Services – General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026 – Screening Committee - Reg

**Ref:** Letter No.437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2026, dated 15.03.2026 of the Under Secretary, ECI, New Delhi.

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The Election Commission of India vide letter read above, has directed the State / Union Territory Administration concerned to constitute a Screening Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State / Union Territory to examine proposals attracting Model Code of Conduct, which cannot be delayed until the General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026 is over.

2. Accordingly, a Screening Committee with the following composition is constituted in the Union Territory of Puducherry with immediate effect:

- i) Chief Secretary -**Chairman**
- ii) Commissioner-cum-Secretary/ Secretary of the Department concerned -  
**Member**
- iii) Secretary, General Administration Dept. -**Member**

3. The Committee shall examine each proposal, before sending it to the Commission, through the Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry, in the light of the Commission's existing instructions / clarifications available in the form of Manual on Model Code of Conduct / Compendium of instructions on Model Code of conduct / instructions available on the Commission's website. The proposals cleared by the Screening Committee shall be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer, along with full details and a note on urgency.

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4. All the Heads of Departments/PSUs shall refer proposals attracting Model Code of Conduct, if any, to the Screening Committee through their Administrative Secretariat. No direct reference to the Chief Electoral Officer / Election Commission of India shall be made under any circumstances. Further, no Department shall send original files to the Chief Electoral Officer's office and only a self-contained reference shall be sent through the Screening Committee.

/ BY ORDER /

(S. MURUGESAN)  
UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

- 1.The Commissioner-cum-Secretaries/Secretaries to Government, Puducherry.
- 2.All Secretariat / Heads of Departments/ Offices.
- 3.All Public Sector Undertakings/ Autonomous Bodies funded by Government.

Copy to:

- 1.The Under Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.
- 2.The Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry.
- 3.The Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry.
- 4.The Collector, Puducherry/ Karaikal; Regional Administrator, Mahe/Yanam.
- 5.The Director of Accounts & Treasuries, Puducherry.
- 6.The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Puducherry.