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PANCHAYAT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

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In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 141 of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1994(Assam Act No. XVIII of 1994) and in pursuance to the Cabinet decision taken in its meeting held on 19-12-2024; the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to make the following Rules further to amend the Assam Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1995, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Rules, in the manner hereinafter appearing, namely:

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| Short title, extent and commencement | 1. | (1) These rules may be called the Assam Panchayat (Constitution) Amendment Rules, 2024.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. |
| Amendment of rule 2 | 2. | In the principal Rules, in rule 2,
(i) after clause (d), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely :-
“(da) "marked copy of the electoral roll" means the copy of the electoral roll set apart for the purpose of marking the names of electors to whom ballot papers are issued at an election;
(db) "electoral roll number" of a person means,
(i) the serial number of the entry in the electoral roll in respect of that person;
(ii) the serial number of the part of the electoral roll and polling station in which such entry occurs; and
(iii) the name of the constituency to which the electoral roll relates;”
(dc) “elector” means any person entitled to vote at the elections.” |
| Substitution of the word Deputy Commissioner | 3. | In the principal Rules, for the word “Deputy Commissioner” wherever it occurs, the word “District Commissioner” shall be substituted. |
| Substitution of the word Sub Divisional Officer | 4. | In the principal Rules, for the word “Sub Divisional Officer” wherever it occurs, the word “Officer as authorized by District Commissioner” shall be substituted. |
| Amendment of rule 3 | 5. | In the principal Rules, in rule 3,
(i) in clause (a), in fourth line, for the punctuation mark “.” appearing at the end , the punctuation mark “:” shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely :-
“Provided that the candidates contesting for the seats of |

- the Members of only Anchalik Panchayat and Zilla Parishad shall be from the National or State Political Party and the candidates contesting for the seats of the Members of the Gaon Panchayat shall be from Non-Political Party.”
- (ii) in clause (c), before the word “Election”, the figure “4” shall be inserted and clauses (c), (d) and (e) shall be renumbered as clauses (a),(b) and (c) respectively.
- Amendment of rule 4 6. In the principal Rules, in rule 4, for the figure “4” appearing before the word “Restriction”, the figure “5” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of rule 5 7. In the principal Rules, the existing rule 5 shall be deleted.
- Amendment of rule 6 8. In the principal Rules, in rule 6,
- (i) for sub-rule (1) the following shall be substituted, namely :-
- “(1) The District Delimitation Commission constituted under section 3A of the Act shall recommend the boundary of a Gaon Panchayat for declaration of the Gaon Panchayat under sub section (1) of section 5 of the Act and thereafter delimit the number of Gaon Panchayat constituencies as per sub section (2) of section 6 of the Act on the basis of household numbers in the manner that no household is split.”
- (ii) in sub-rule (4),
- (a) in clause (b), in third line, for the figures and words “not less than 33 %” appearing in between the words and punctuation mark “District,” and “of such”, the figures “50%” shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (c), in third line, for the words and figures “not be less than 33%” appearing in between the words “Act shall” and “of the total”, the word and figures “be 50%” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of rule 7 9. In the principal Rules, in rule 7,
- (i) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted, namely :-
- “(1) The District Delimitation Commission constituted under section 3A of the Act shall recommend the boundary of an Anchalik Panchayat for declaration of the Anchalik Panchayat by the State Government by notification as under sub-section (1) of section 31 of the Act and thereafter delimit the number of Anchalik Panchayat constituencies as per sub-section (1) of section 32 of the Act, the basis of which shall be similar to that of Gaon Panchayat as under rule 6 of these rules.”
- (ii) in sub-rule (2), the following shall be substituted, namely :-
- (a) in clause (b), in second line, for the words and figure “not less than 33%” appearing in between the words and punctuation mark “above,” and “of the number”, the figure “50%” shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (c), in third line, for the figure “not less than 33%” appearing in between the words “district shall” and “of the total”, the word and figure “be 50%” shall

- be substituted.
- (iii) in sub-rule (3), for clauses (b) and (c), the following shall be substituted, namely :-
- (a) in clause (b), in second line, for the words and figure “not less than 33%” appearing in between the words “above” and “of the offices”, the figure “50%” shall be substituted;
 - (b) in clause (c) , in first line, in the beginning, for the words and figure “Not less than 33%” appearing after the words “of the total”, the figure “50%” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of rule 8 10. In the principal Rules, in rule 8,
- (i) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted, namely :-
“in sub-rule (1), in third line, in between the words “such declaration” and “delimit the” the punctuation mark and words “,the District Delimitation Commission constituted under section 3A of the Act shall” shall be inserted;
 - (ii) in sub-rule (2),
 - (a) in clause (b), in second line, for the words “not less than one-third” appearing in between the words “above,” and “of the total”, the figure “50%” shall be substituted;
 - (b) in clause (c), in first line, in the beginning, for the words “Not less than one-third” appearing before the word “including”, the words “Fifty percent of” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of rule 9 11. In the principal Rules, for sub-rule (1) the following shall be substituted, namely :-
“(1) Calculation of population as under sub-section (1) of section 65 shall be on the basis of Census Report.”
- Amendment of rule 12 12. In the principal Rules, in sub-rule (1), in first line, the words “President of the Gaon Panchayat and” appearing in between the words “election of the” and “Member of” shall be deleted.
- Amendment of rule 13 13. In the principal Rules, in sub-rule (1), in second line, the words “President and” appearing in between the words “Election of” and “Member of” shall be deleted.
- Amendment of rule 14 14. In the principal Rules, for sub-rule (2), the following shall be substituted, namely :-
“(2) Every voter of Gaon Panchayat constituency shall be entitled to have and cast one vote for electing a Member of the Gaon Panchayat and one Member for the Anchalik Panchayat from the Gaon Panchayat area.”
- Amendment of rule 16 15. In the principal Rules, in rule 16, in sub-rule (3), in fourth line, the words and punctuation mark “President of Gaon Panchayat,” appearing in between the words “in case of” and “the Member” shall be deleted.
- Amendment of rule 21 16. In the principal Rules, in rule 21, in sub-rule(3), in third line, in between the words “candidates ” and “belonging”, the words

		“contesting for the seats of the Member of Anchalik Panchayat and Member of Zilla Parishad” shall be inserted.
Amendment of rule 22	17.	In the principal Rules, in rule 22, in sub-rule (1), in seventh line, the words and punctuation mark “President of Gaon Panchayat,” appearing in between the words “election as” and “Member” shall be deleted.
Insertion of rule 22A	18.	In the principal Rules, after rule 22, the following new rule 22A shall be inserted, namely:-
“Form of Affidavit to be submitted at the time of filing Nominations	22A.	At the time of filing nominations, in addition to the documents submitted under rule 62 of these rules, the candidates shall furnish a declaration in the form of an affidavit in the format, as appended in Schedule II of these rules, by swearing before a Magistrate of the First Class or Notary, containing the following information which shall be made public by the respective officer authorized under sub-rule (1) of rule 22, by displaying a copy of the affidavit on the notice board of his office,
	(a)	whether the candidate had been convicted or acquitted or discharged of any criminal offence in the past and if convicted, whether he was punished with imprisonment or fine;
	(b)	whether the candidate, prior to six months of filing of nomination, is accused in any pending case of any offence punishable with imprisonment for a term of two years or more and in which charge was framed or cognizance has been taken by the Court and the details thereof;
	(c)	assets (immovable, movable, bank balance etc) of a candidate and of his/her spouse and, that of dependants;
	(d)	liabilities, if any, particularly whether there are any over dues of any public Financial Institutions or Government dues:
		Provided further that this clause shall not be applicable for candidates contesting for Gaon Panchayats.”
Amendment of rule 23	19.	In the principal Rules, in rule 23, in sub-rule (1), in the Table, the entry against serial no. 1 shall be deleted and serial no. 2, 3 and 4 shall be renumbered as serial no. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.
Amendment of rule 25	20.	In the principal rules, in rule 25, in sub-rule (2), in fourth line, in between the words “declare” and “such”, the words “in Form V the name of” shall be inserted.
Insertion of rule 26A	21.	In the principal Rules, after rule 26, the following new rule 26A shall be inserted , namely:-
“Action Plan in case of Death of contesting candidate of recognized political party before poll	26A.	If a contesting candidate nominated by a recognized political party dies before the commencement of the poll, the State Election Commission shall, upon being satisfied of the fact of the death of the candidate, countermand the poll and the proceedings with reference to the election which shall start again like a fresh election in all respects:
		Provided that no further nomination shall be necessary in respect of the contesting candidate at the time of countermanding the poll:
		Provided further that this clause shall be applicable only in Zilla Parishads and Anchalik Panchayats.

Explanation: For the purposes of this rule, "recognized political party" means a political party recognized by the Election Commission of India under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968."

Amendment of rule 28	22.	In the principal Rules, in rule 28, in the marginal notes and in sub-rule (1), in second line, the figure and letter "I-B," appearing in between the figures, letters and punctuation mark "I-A," and "I-C" shall be deleted.
Insertion of new rules 28A and 28B	23.	In the principal Rules, after rule 28, the following rules 28A and 28B shall be inserted, namely:-
"Manner of voting by electors employed on election duty	28A.	(1) A Presiding Officer, a Polling Officer or any other person directly engaged by the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, who is an elector in a constituency and is by reason of his or her being on election duty unable to vote at the polling station where he or she is entitled to do so, may on an application in prescribed Form I-E , be allowed to record his or her vote in that constituency.
		(2) Every such application shall be addressed to the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, at least three days prior the date of the poll.
		(3) If the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to vote under sub-rule (1), he or she shall issue a ballot paper as specified by the State Election Commission.
		(4) Every such person shall mark on the ballot paper opposite the name of the candidate for whom he or she wishes to vote.
		(5) Every such ballot paper shall forthwith be placed in a separate cover which shall be sealed and deposited in accordance with instructions issued in this behalf by the State Election Commission.
Manner of voting by persons subjected to preventive detention	28B.	(1) An elector, if he or she is subjected to preventive detention under any law for the time being in force, may apply to the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner or the officer authorized by him or her in this behalf, in prescribed Form I-F to record his or her vote from the place of his or her detention.
		(2) If the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner or the officer authorized is satisfied that the person who has applied under sub-rule (1) above is under preventive detention and is entitled to vote at the election, he or

- she shall issue a ballot paper.
- (3) Every officer under whose care or through whom a ballot paper is sent shall ensure that the same is delivered to the addressee without undue delay.
 - (4) Any such elector who has received a ballot paper, and desires to vote shall record his or her vote in presence of the Superintendent of the Jail or the Commandant of the detention camp in which the elector is under detention, in accordance with the instructions contained in the back of the ballot paper and shall then secure the same in a cover and hand it over to the Superintendent of Jail or the Commandant, as the case may be, for transmission to the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner or the officer authorized as the case may be."
- Amendment of rule 33 24. In the principal rules, in rule 33, in thirteenth line, for the words "of re-poll" appearing in between the words "the date" and "in the" the words "on which the adjourned poll shall reschedule" shall be substituted.
- Amendment of rule 34 25. In the principal rules, in rule 34,
- (i) in sub-rule (1), in first line, in between the words "ballot box" and "used", the words "or any voting machine" and in fifth line, in between the words "damaged" and "The Deputy Commissioner" , the words "or any such error or irregularity likely to vitiate the poll is committed at a polling station or at a place fixed for the poll" shall be inserted;
 - (ii) after sub-rule (1), the following new sub-rule (1A) shall be inserted, namely:-
 "(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) above, if the State Election Commission is satisfied that the result of a fresh poll at that polling station or place will not, in anyway affect the result of the election or that the mechanical failure of the voting machine or the error or irregularity in procedure is not material, it shall issue such directions to the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, as it may deem proper for the further conduct and completion of the election process;"
 - (iii) in sub-rule (2), in second line, in between the words "apply" and "to the" the words "to every such fresh poll as they apply" shall be inserted.
- Insertion of rule 34A 26. In the principal rules after rule 34, the following new rule 34A shall be inserted, namely:-
- "Adjournment of poll or countermanding of election on 34A. (1) If at any election,
- (a) booth capturing has taken place at a polling station in such a manner that the result of the poll

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at that polling station cannot be ascertained; or

- (b) booth capturing takes place in any place for counting of votes in such a manner that the result of the counting at that polling station cannot be ascertained, the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, shall forthwith report the matter to the State Election Commission.
- (2) The State Election Commission shall, on the receipt of a report from the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be under sub-section (1) above and after taking all material circumstances into account, either—
 - (a) declare that the poll at that polling station be void and appoint a day, and fix the hours, for taking fresh poll at that polling station or place and notify the date so appointed and hours so fixed in such manner as it may deem fit; or
 - (b) if satisfied that in view of the large number of polling stations involved in booth capturing the result of the election is likely to be affected, or that booth capturing had affected counting of votes in such a manner as to affect the result of the election, countermand the election in that constituency.

Explanation: In this rule, “booth capturing shall have the same meaning as in section 135A of the Representation of Peoples’ Act, 1951.”

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| Amendment of rule 35 | 27. | In the principal rules, in rule 35, in sub-rule (2), in fifth line, at the end, after the word and punctuation mark “final.” the following sentence shall be inserted namely,-

“Any candidate or his or her agent may challenge the identity of a person claiming to be a particular elector and where such challenge shall be made, the procedure laid down in rule 42B shall be followed.” |
| Insertion of rules 42A, 42B and 42C | 28. | In the principal Rules, after rule 42, the following new rules 42A , 42B and 42C shall be inserted, namely:-

<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1; padding-right: 10px;"> “Actions to be taken in case of tendered or challenged votes </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="flex: 1; padding-right: 10px;">42A.</div> <div> (1) If a person representing himself or herself to be a particular elector applies for a ballot paper after another person has already voted as such elector, he or she shall, after duly answering such questions as the Presiding Officer may ask, be supplied with a ballot paper in Form VI (hereinafter in these rules referred to as tendered ballot paper). </div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> (2) Every such person shall, before being supplied with the tendered ballot paper, sign his or her name against the entry relating to him or her in Form VI. </div> <div> (3) A tendered ballot paper shall be the same as the other ballot papers used at the polling except that, </div> </div> </div> |

- (a) such tendered ballot paper shall be serially the last in the bundle of ballot papers issued for use at the polling station; and
 - (b) such tendered ballot paper and its counterfoil shall be endorsed on the back with the words "tendered ballot paper" by the Presiding Officer in his or her own hand and signed by him or her.
- (4) The elector, after marking a tendered ballot paper in the voting compartment and folding it, shall, instead of putting it into the ballot box, give it to the Presiding Officer, who shall place it in a cover specially kept for the purpose:

Provided that if owing to illiteracy or any other reason the elector is unable to make such record, the Presiding Officer shall do so in accordance with his or her wishes.

- (5) The procedure laid down in sub-rule (4) above shall be followed with due regard to secrecy.
- (6) Every such tendered ballot paper shall be kept in a separate cover which shall be sealed and all such covers containing tendered ballot papers shall be kept in a separate packet.

Challenged
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- (1) Every candidate or his or her agent making a challenge under sub-rule (2) of rule 35 shall deposit a sum of two rupees in cash to the Presiding Officer for each such challenge.
- (2) On such deposit being made, the Presiding Officer shall,
 - (a) warn the person challenged of the penalty for personation;
 - (b) read the relevant entry in the electoral roll in full and ask him or her whether he or she is the person referred to in that entry;
 - (c) enter his or her name and address in the list of challenged votes in **Form VII**; and
 - (d) require him or her to affix his or her signature in the said list.
- (3) The Presiding Officer shall thereafter hold a summary inquiry into the challenge and may for that purpose,
 - (a) require the challenger to adduce evidence in proof of the challenge and the person challenged have to adduce evidence in proof of his or her identity;
 - (b) put to the person challenged any questions necessary for the purpose of establishing his or her identity and require him or her to answer them on oath; and

			(c) administer an oath to the person challenged and any other person offering to give evidence.
		(4)	If, after the inquiry, the Presiding Officer considers that the challenge has not been established, he or she shall allow the person challenged to vote and if he or she considers that the challenge has been established, he or she shall debar the person challenged from voting.
		(5)	If the Presiding Officer is of the opinion that the challenge is frivolous or has not been made in good faith, he or she shall direct that the deposit made under sub-rule (1) be forfeited to Government, and in any other case, he or she shall return to the challenger at the conclusion of the inquiry.
	Ballot Paper Account	42C.	The Presiding Officer at the close of the poll shall prepare a ballot paper account in Form VIII. "
Amendment of rule 44	29.	In the principal rules, in rule 44, in sub-rule (5),	
		(i)	in sub-rule(1), in sixth line, the words "Gaon Panchayat President" appearing in between the words "Election Of" and "Gaon Panchayat" shall be deleted;
		(ii)	in sub-rule (5), in third line, in between the words "polling station" and punctuation mark ".", the words "and complete the final result sheet in Form IX-A or Form IX-B as the case may be" shall be inserted.
		(iii)	in sub-rule(6), in second line, the words and punctuation marks "Gaon Panchayat, President," appearing in between the words "of the" and "Member" shall be deleted;
		(iv)	in sub-rule(7), in seventh line, the words " President and" appearing in between the words "as the" and "Member" shall be deleted.
Insertion of rules 45A to 45ZA	30.	In the principal Rules, after rule 45, the following new rules 45A to 45ZA shall be inserted, namely:-	
	"Preparation of Electronic Voting Machine for voting	45A.	(1) The provisions from 45A to 45ZA shall apply wherever electronic voting machine is used during the conduct of elections.
			(2) Every electronic voting machine (hereinafter referred to as the voting machine) shall comprise of two units, a Control Unit and a Balloting Unit and/or shall be of such design as may be approved by the State Election Commission.
	Procedure for voting and configuration of the voting Machine by the Authority	45B.	(1) The Balloting Unit of the voting machine shall contain such particulars in Assamese language or such languages as the State Election Commission may specify.
			(2) The names of the candidates shall be arranged on the Balloting Unit in the same order in which they appear in the list of the contesting candidates.
			(3) If two or more candidates bear the same name, they

			shall be distinguished by the addition of their occupation or residence or in some other manner.
		(4)	Subject to the provisions of these rules, the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner , as the case may be shall, (a) fix the label containing the names and symbols of the contesting candidates in the Balloting Unit and secure that unit with his or her seal and the seals of such 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 control unit and secure it with his or her seal and the seals of such of the contesting candidates or their election agents present as are desirous of affixing the same.
Arrangements at the Polling Stations	45C.	(1)	There shall be displayed prominently outside each polling station, (a) a notice specifying the polling area, the electors of which are entitled to vote at the polling station and, when the polling area has more than one polling station, the particulars of the electors so earmarked; and (b) a copy of the list of contesting candidates.
		(2)	At each polling station there shall be set up one or more voting compartments in which the electors can record their votes free from observation.
		(3)	The District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner, as the case may be, shall provide at each polling station, one voting machine and copies of relevant part of the electoral roll and such other election material as may be necessary for taking the poll.
Admission to Polling Station	45D.		The provisions of rule 30 of these rules shall apply to regulate the entry of electors and other persons inside the polling station.
Manner of use of voting machine for poll	45E.	(1)	The Control Unit and Balloting Unit of every voting machine used at a polling station shall bear a label marked with, (a) the serial number and the name of the constituency; (b) the serial number and the name of the polling station or stations as the case may be; (c) the serial number of the Balloting Unit and Control Unit, and; (d) the date of poll.

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| | | <p>(2) The Presiding Officer shall before the beginning of the poll demonstrate to the polling agents and other persons present that no vote has been already recorded in the voting machine and it bears the label as referred to in sub-rule(4) of this rule.</p> <p>(3) A paper seal shall be used for securing the Control Unit of the voting machine and the Presiding Officer shall affix his or her own signature on the paper seal and obtain thereon the signature of such of the polling agents present as are desirous of affixing the same.</p> <p>(4) The Presiding Officer shall thereafter fix the paper seal so signed in the space meant thereof in the Control Unit of the voting machine and shall secure and seal the same.</p> <p>(5) The seal used for securing the Control Unit shall be fixed in such manner that after the unit has been sealed, it is not possible to press the “result button” without breaking the seal.</p> <p>(6) The Control Unit after having sealed and secured, shall be placed in full view of the Presiding Officer and the polling agents and the Balloting Unit shall be placed in the voting compartment.</p> |
| Marked copy of electoral roll | 45F. | The Presiding Officer, immediately before commencement of the poll, shall ensure that the marked copy of the electoral roll to be used during the poll does not contain any entry other than that which is made with regard to issue of election duty certificates or postal ballot and demonstrate the same to the polling agents. |
| Facilities for women electors | 45G. | <p>(1) Where a polling station is for both men and women electors, the Presiding Officer may direct that they shall be admitted to the polling station alternately in separate batches.</p> <p>(2) The District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, or the Presiding Officer may appoint a woman to serve as an attendant at any polling station to assist women electors and also to assist the Presiding Officer generally in taking the poll in respect of woman electors, and in particular, to help frisking any woman elector in case it becomes necessary.</p> |
| Identification of electors | 45H. | <p>(1) The Presiding Officer may employ at the polling station such persons as he or she thinks fit to help in the identification of the electors or to assist him or her otherwise in taking the poll.</p> <p>(2) As each elector enters the polling station, the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer authorized by him or her in this behalf shall check the elector’s name and other particulars with the relevant entry in the electoral roll and then call out the serial number, name and other particulars of the elector.</p> |

		(3)	Where the electors have been supplied with identity cards under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 and the Representation of People Act, 1950 (Central Act 43 of 1950), the elector shall produce his or her identity card before the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer authorized by him or her in this behalf. Where such identity cards are not issued, each elector shall establish his or her identity by producing any such documents as are specified, by order, by the State Election Commission.
		(4)	In deciding the right of a person to cast his or her vote, the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, shall over-look mere clerical or printing errors in any entry in the electoral roll if he or she is satisfied that such person is identical with the elector to whom such entry relates.
Facilities for public servants on election duty	45I.		For the purposes of voting by public servants on election duty, the provision of rule 28A of these rules shall mutatis mutandis apply.
Challenging of identity	45J.		Where the identity of an elector is challenged, the provisions of sub-rule (2) of rule 35 and rule 42B of these rules shall apply.
Safeguard against personation	45K.	(1)	Every elector about whose identity the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, is satisfied, shall allow his or her left forefinger to be inspected by the Presiding Officer or polling officer and an indelible ink mark to be put on it.
		(2)	If any elector –
		(a)	refuses to allow his or her left forefinger to be inspected or marked in accordance with sub- rule (1) or has already such a mark on his or her left forefinger or does any act with a view to removing the ink mark, or
		(b)	fails or refuses to produce his or her identity card as required by sub-rule (3) of rule 45 he or she shall not be allowed to vote.
		(3)	Any reference in this rule to the left forefinger of an elector shall, in the case where the elector has his or her left forefinger missing, be construed as a reference to any other finger to his or her left hand, and shall, in the case where all the fingers of his or her left hand are missing, be construed as a reference to the forefinger or any other finger of his or her right hand, and in case where all of his or her fingers of both the hands are missing, be construed as a reference to such extremity of his or her left or right arm as he or she possesses.
Procedure for voting by voting	45L.	(1)	Before permitting an elector to vote, the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer as the case may be, shall, –

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- (a) record the electoral roll number of the elector as entered in the marked copy of the electoral roll in a register of voters in **Form X**.
- (b) obtain the signature or the thumb impression of an elector on the said register of voters;
- (c) mark the name of the elector in the marked copy of the electoral roll to indicate that he or she has been allowed to vote; and
- (d) give details of the document produced by the elector in proof of his or her identification:

Provided that no elector shall be allowed to vote unless he or she has put his or her signature or thumb impression on the register of voters.

Maintenance of secrecy of voting by electors within the polling station and voting procedures

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- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), it shall be necessary for any Presiding Officer or Polling Officer or any other officer to attest the thumb impression of the elector on the register of voters.
- (1) Every elector who has been permitted to vote under rule 45L shall maintain secrecy of voting within the polling station and for that purpose observe the voting procedure hereinafter laid down.
- (2) Immediately on being permitted to vote, the elector shall proceed to the Presiding Officer or the polling officer in charge of the control unit of the voting machine who shall, by pressing the appropriate button on the Control Unit, activate the balloting unit, for recording of elector's vote.
- (3) The elector shall thereafter forthwith,
 - (a) proceed to voting compartment;
 - (b) record his or her vote by pressing the button on the Balloting Unit against the name and symbol of the candidate for whom he or she intends to vote; and
 - (c) come out of the voting compartment and leave the polling station.
- (4) Every elector shall vote without undue delay.
- (5) No elector shall be allowed to enter the voting compartment when another elector is inside it.
- (6) If an elector who has been permitted to vote under 45L or 45P refuses after warning given by the Presiding Officer to observe the procedure laid down in sub-rule (3), the Presiding Officer or a Polling Officer under the direction of the presiding officer shall not allow such elector to vote.
- (7) Where an elector is not allowed to vote under sub-rule (6) above, a remark to the effect that voting procedure has been violated shall be made against the elector's

			name in the register of voters in Form X by the Presiding Officer under his or her signature.
Recording of votes of blind or infirm electors	45N.	(1)	If the Presiding Officer is satisfied that owing to blindness or other physical infirmities an elector is unable to read the names or recognize the symbols on the balloting unit of the voting machine or unable to record his or her vote by pressing the appropriate button thereon without assistance, the presiding officer shall permit the elector to take with him or her a companion of not less than eighteen years of age to the voting compartment for recording the vote on his or her behalf and in accordance with his or her wishes: Provided that no person shall be permitted to act as the companion of more than one elector at any polling station on the same day: Provided further that before any person is permitted to act as the companion of an elector on any day under this rule, that person shall be required to declare that he or she shall keep secret the vote recorded by him or her on behalf of the elector and that he or she has not already acted as the companion of any other elector at any other polling station on that day.
		(2)	While acting under this rule the Presiding Officer shall observe as much secrecy as is feasible and shall keep a brief record of each of such instances in Form X as remarks.
Elector deciding not to vote	45O.		If an elector, after his or her electoral roll number has been duly entered in the register of voters in Form X and has put his or her signature or thumb impression thereon as required under sub-rule (1) of rule 45L, decides not to record his or her vote, a remark to this effect shall be made against the said entry in Form X by the Presiding Officer and the signature or thumb impression of the elector shall be obtained against such remark.
Tendered votes	45P.	(1)	If a person representing himself to be a particular elector seeks to vote after another person has already voted as such elector, he or she shall, on satisfactorily answering such questions relating to his or her identity as the Presiding Officer may ask, be instead of being allowed to vote through the Balloting Unit, supplied with a tendered ballot paper, which shall be of such design, and the particulars of which shall be in Assamese or such language or languages as the State Election Commission may specify.
		(2)	Every such elector shall, before being supplied with tendered ballot paper, write his or her name against the entry relating to him or her in Form VI A(EVM) .
		(3)	Every voter receiving the ballot paper shall forthwith, -
		(a)	proceed to the voting compartment;

- (b) record there, his or her vote on the ballot paper by placing a cross mark 'X' with the instrument or article supplied for the purpose on or near the symbol of the candidate for whom he or she intends to vote;
- (c) fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his or her vote;
- (d) show to the Presiding Officer, if required, the distinguishing mark on the ballot paper
- (e) give it to the Presiding Officer who shall place it in a cover specially kept for the purpose; and
- (f) leave the polling station
- (4) If owing to blindness or physical infirmities, such elector is unable to record his or her vote without assistance, the Presiding Officer shall permit him or her to take with him or her a companion, subject to the same condition and following the same procedure as laid down in rule 45N for recording the vote in accordance with his or her wishes.
- Presiding Officer's entry in the voting compartment during poll 45Q. (1) The Presiding Officer may whenever he or she considers it necessary so to do, enter the voting compartment during poll and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the Balloting Unit is not tampered or interfered with in any way.
- (2) If the Presiding Officer has reason to suspect that an elector who has entered the voting compartment is tampering or otherwise interfering with the balloting unit has remained inside the voting compartment for unduly long period, he or she shall enter the voting compartment and take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the smooth and orderly progress of the poll.
- (3) Whenever the Presiding Officer enters the voting compartment under this rule, he or she shall permit the polling agents present to accompany him or her if they so desire.
- Closing of the poll 45R. (1) The Presiding Officer shall close the polling station at the hour fixed in that behalf under rule 32 and shall not admit there to any elector after that hour:
- Provided that all electors present at the Polling Station before it is closed shall be entitled to cast their votes.
- (2) Any question that may arise as to whether an elector shall, for the purpose of the proviso to sub-rule (1), be deemed to be present at the polling station before it is closed, shall be decided by the Presiding Officer whose decision shall be final.
- Account of votes recorded 45S. (1) The Presiding Officer shall at the close of the poll prepare an account of votes recorded in **Part-I of Form VII-A (EVM) or Part-I of Form VII-B (EVM)** as the

- case may be, and enclose it in a separate cover with the words "Account of Votes Recorded" super scribed thereon.
- (2) The Presiding Officer shall furnish to every polling agent present at the close of the poll a true copy of the entries made in **Part-I of Form VII-A (EVM) or Part-I of Form VII-B (EVM)** as the case may be after obtaining receipt from the said polling agent therefore and shall attest it as a true copy.
- Sealing of voting machine after poll 45T. (1) As soon as practicable after the closing of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall close the Control Unit to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shall detach the Balloting Unit from the Control Unit;
- (2) The Control Unit and the balloting shall thereafter be sealed, and secured separately in such manner as the State Election Commission may direct and the seal used for securing them shall be so affixed that it shall not be possible to open the units without breaking the seals.
- (3) The Polling Agents present at the Polling Station , who desire to affix their seals, shall also be permitted to do so.
- Sealing of other packets 45U. (1) The Presiding Officer shall make separate packets of ,-
- (a) the marked copy of the electoral roll;
- (b) the register of voters in **Form X** ;
- (c) the cover containing the tendered ballot papers and the list in **Form VI A(EVM)**;
- (d) the list of challenged votes; and
- (e) any other papers directed by the State Election Commission to be kept in a sealed packet.
- (2) Each packet shall be sealed with the seal of the Presiding Officer and with the seal either of the candidate, or his or her polling agent, who may be present at the polling station and may desire to affix his or her seal thereon.
- Transmission of voting machines, etc., to the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner, as the case may be 45V. (1) The Presiding Officer shall then deliver or cause to be delivered to the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, at such place as the District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner may direct,
- (a) the voting machine;
- (b) the account of votes recorded in **Part-I of Form VII -A (EVM) or Part-I of Form VII-B (EVM)** as the case may be ;
- (c) the sealed packets referred to in rule 45U; and
- (d) all other papers used at the poll.

		(2)	The District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, shall make adequate arrangements for the safe transport of the voting machine, packets and other papers for their safe custody until the commencement of the counting of votes.
Procedure on adjournment of poll	45W.	(1)	If the poll at any polling station is adjourned under rule 33, provision of rules 45S to 45V shall, as far as practicable, apply as if the poll was closed at the hour fixed in that behalf under rule 32.
		(2)	When an adjourned poll is announced under rule 33, the electors who have already voted at the poll so adjourned shall not be allowed to vote again.
		(3)	The District Commissioner or the Officer as authorized by District Commissioner as the case may be, shall provide the Presiding Officer of the polling station at which such adjourned poll is held, with the sealed packet containing the marked copy of the electoral roll, register of voters in Form X and a new voting machine.
		(4)	The Presiding Officer shall open the sealed packet in the presence of the polling agents present and use the marked copy of the electoral roll for marking the names of the electors who are allowed to vote at the adjourned poll.
		(5)	The provisions of rules 45A to 45V shall apply in relation to the conduct of an adjourned poll before it was so adjourned.
Closing of voting machines in case of booth capturing	45X.		Where the Presiding Officer is of opinion that booth capturing is taking place at a polling station or at a place fixed for the poll, he or she shall immediately close the Control Unit of voting machine to ensure that no further votes can be recorded and shall detach the Balloting Unit from the Control Unit.
Counting of votes where electronic voting machines have been used	45Y.		In relation to the counting of votes at a polling station where voting machine has been used, the provision of sub-rule (1) of rule 44 shall mutatis mutandis apply, along with the following rules 45YA, 45YB and 45YC.
Scrutiny and inspection of voting machines	45YA.	(1)	Before the votes recorded in any Control Unit of voting machine are counted under sub-rule (1), the candidate or his or her agents, if any, present at the counting table shall be allowed to inspect the paper seal and such other vital seals as might have been affixed on the unit and to satisfy themselves that the seals are intact.
		(2)	The Officer authorized under sub-rule (1) of rule 44 shall satisfy himself or herself that none of the voting machines has in fact been tampered with.
		(3)	If the Officer is satisfied that any voting machine has been tampered with, he or she shall not count the votes

- recorded in that machine and shall report the matter to the State Election Commission.
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| Counting of votes | 45YB. | <p>(1) After the Officer authorized under sub-rule (1) of rule 44 is satisfied that a voting machine has in fact not been tampered with, he or she shall have the votes recorded therein counted by pressing the appropriate button marked "Result" provided in the Control Unit whereby the total votes polled and votes polled by each candidate shall be displayed in respect of each such candidate on the display panel provided for the purpose in the unit.</p> <p>(2) As the votes polled by each candidate are displayed on the Control Unit, the Officer shall have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) number of such votes recorded separately in respect of each candidate in Part II of Form VII-A (EVM) or Form VII-B (EVM) as the case may be; (b) Part II of Form VII-A (EVM) or Form VII-B (EVM) as the case may be completed in other respects and signed by the counting supervisor and also by the candidates or their election agents or their counting agents present; and (c) corresponding entries made in a result sheet in Form VIII-A (EVM) or Form VIII-B (EVM), and the particulars so entered in the result sheet announced. |
| Sealing of voting machines | 45YC. | <p>(1) After the result of voting recorded in Control unit has been ascertained candidate-wise, and entered in Part-II of Forms VII-A (EVM) or Part-II of VII-B (EVM) and Form VIII-A (EVM) or VIII-B (EVM), the Officer authorized under sub-rule (1) of rule 44 shall reseal the unit with his or her seal and the seals of such of the candidates or their election agents present who may desire to affix their seals thereon so that the result of voting recorded in the unit is not obliterated and the unit retains the memory of such result.</p> <p>(2) The Control Unit so sealed shall be kept in specially prepared boxes on which the Officer shall record the following particulars, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the serial number and name of the constituency; (b) the particulars of the polling station where the Control Unit has been used; (c) serial number of the Control Unit; (d) date of poll; and (e) date of counting. <p>(3) The provisions of rules 44 and 45 shall, so far as may be practicable, apply in relating to voting by voting machines and any reference in those rules to;</p> |

		(a)	ballot paper shall be construed as including a reference to such voting machine;
		(b)	any rule shall be construed as a reference to the corresponding rule in this Chapter or as the case may be to rule 45YA, 45YB or 45YC.
Custody of voting machines and papers relating to election	45YD.	(1)	All voting machines used at an election shall be kept in such custody as the State Election Commission, may direct.
		(2)	The authority authorized for custody of the voting machines in sub-rule (1) above, shall keep in safe custody,
		(a)	the packets of unused ballot papers with counter foils attached thereto;
		(b)	the packets of used ballot papers whether valid, tendered or rejected;
		(c)	the packets of counter foils of used ballot papers;
		(d)	the packets of the marked copy of the electoral roll or, as the case may be;
		(e)	the packets containing register of voters in Form X , including voters' slip issued by the Presiding Officer or his or her authorized Polling Officer;
		(f)	the packets of the declarations by electors in Form VI A (EVM) and the attestation of their signatures.
Applicability of Central Rules, statutory orders, etc	45Z.	(1)	Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, wherever no specific provisions with respect to the use of electronic voting machines at elections is made, the corresponding provisions related to voting in these rules shall mutatis mutandis apply in such cases.
		(2)	Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, wherever no specific provisions are made in these rules, the provisions of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 and the Representation of People Act, 1951 (Act No. 43 of 1951) shall apply from time to time and the instructions, statutory orders and clarifications issued by the Election Commission of India shall mutatis mutandis apply for the cases under these rules.
Power of the State Election Commission to issue directions	45ZA.		Subject to the other provisions of these rules, the State Election Commission may issue such directions as it may consider necessary to facilitate the proper use and operation of the voting machines and also as the occasion requires, to facilitating the holding of elections under these rules."
Amendment of rule 46	31.	In the principal Rules, in rule 46, -	
		(i)	for the heading, the following shall be substituted namely:- 'Election of President and Vice-President of Gaon

- Panchayat’
- (ii) in sub-rule (1),
 - (a) in third line, for the words “sub-section (3) of section 6”, the words , figures and brackets “ clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 6” shall be substituted;
 - (b) in sixth line, the words “and the President” appearing in between the words “Member” and “of the” shall be deleted;
 - (iii) in sub-rule (2),
 - (a) in second line, for the word “President” appearing in between the words “to the” and “of the” the word “Members” and in third line, for the punctuation mark “:” appearing at the end, the punctuation mark “.” shall be substituted respectively.
 - (b) the proviso shall be deleted;
 - (iv) in sub-rule (4),
 - (a) in fifth line, in between the words “of a” and “Vice-President”, the words “President and” shall be inserted;
 - (b) in sixth line, for the words, figure and bracket “sub-section (3)” the words, figure and bracket “clause (b) of sub-section (1)” shall be substituted;
 - (v) for sub-rule (5), the following shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(5) If only one candidate each has been proposed and seconded for the post of President or Vice-President, the Officer authorized under sub-rule (1), shall thereupon declare him to be duly elected as President or Vice- President of the Gaon Panchayat as the case may be.”
 - (vi) in sub-rule (6),
 - (a) in clause (ii), in second line, for the words ‘the ballot box’ appearing in between the words “inspect” and “to be” the words ‘two separate ballot boxes’ shall be substituted;
 - (b) in clause (iii), in last line, in between the words “into the” and “ballot box”, the word “respective” shall be inserted;
 - (c) in clause (iv), in sixth line, in between the words “into the” and “ballot box”, the word “concerned” shall be inserted;
 - (vii) for sub-rule (8), the following shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(8) The District Commissioner shall, after completion of counting and recording of votes received by each candidate for each of the offices, declare the candidate who has secured highest numbers of votes against respective offices to be duly elected as the President and Vice-President of the Gaon Panchayat concerned. In case of the equality of votes of two or more candidates, declaration of the election shall be given by the said officers in the manner prescribed under rule 45 of these rules.”
 - (viii) for sub-rule (9), in the first line between the words “of the” and

- “Vice-President” the words “President and” shall be inserted.
- Amendment of rule 53 32. In the principal Rules, in rule 53, sub-rule (2) shall be deleted and sub-rule (3) shall be renumbered as sub-rule (2) and thereafter in the first line ,of sub-rule (2), in between the words “offices of” and “Vice-President” the words “President and” shall be inserted.
- Insertion of rule 54A 33. In the principal Rules, after rule 54, the following new rule 54A shall be inserted, namely:-
- “Power of the State Election Commission to issue directions 54A. Subject to the provisions of these rules, the State Election Commission may issue such directions as it may consider necessary to facilitate the holding of elections under these rules.”
- Amendment of rule 60 34. In the principal Rules, in rule 60, in sixth line, for the punctuation mark “.” appearing at the end, the punctuation mark “:” shall be substituted and thereafter the following provisos shall be inserted , namely;-
- “Provided that every candidate, at any election held under this rule shall, either by himself, or by his election agent, keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure incurred in connection with the election, between the date on which the candidates concerned has been nominated, and the date of declaration of the result of the election, both dates inclusive.”
- Explanation:- ‘Election Expenses’ for purpose of this rule shall mean all ‘expenses in connection with the election,
- (a) incurred or authorized by the contesting candidate or by his election agent;
 - (b) incurred, by any association, or body of persons, or by individual (other than the candidate or his election agent), aimed at promoting or procuring the election of the candidate concerned; and
 - (c) incurred by any political party, by which the candidate is nominated, so as to promote or procure his election:
- Provided that any expenses incurred by any political party as part of its general propaganda, (which is distinguishable from its election campaign, for the promotion or procuring the election of a particular candidates), by words, either written or spoken or by signs or visible representation or by audio-visible devices or through print or electronic media or otherwise shall not constitute ‘election expenses’ for purpose of this rule:
- Provided further that this clause shall not be applicable for candidates contesting for Gaon Panchayats.”
- Amendment of rule 62 35. In the principal Rules, in rule 62, after sub-rule(3), the following new sub-rule (4) shall be inserted, namely:-
- “(4)(a) Subject to the provisions of the Act, at the time of filing of nominations, the candidates shall furnish affidavit regarding their age at the time of their marriage, failing which, concerned candidates shall be disqualified.
- (b) The State Government or concerned District Authority shall remove any President, Vice President or Member of Zilla Parishad, Anchalik Parishad and Gaon Panchayat, if it is found

that he or she or his or her spouse was underage at the time of marriage.

- (c) The Gaon Panchayat Secretary on receipt of information of such underage or minor marriage in respect of President, Vice President or member of Gaon Panchayat shall inform the matter to the concerned Block Development Officer, who in turn shall inform the concerned District Commissioner through the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad. The concerned District Commissioner shall examine the matter and on establishment of facts, shall remove the President, Vice President or member of Gaon Panchayat concerned accordingly with a intimation to the State Government as well as State Election Commission.
- (d) The Executive Officer of Anchalik Panchayat on receipt of information of such underage or minor marriage in respect of President, Vice President or member of Anchalik Panchayat shall inform the matter to the concerned District Commissioner through the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad. The concerned District Commissioner shall examine the matter and on establishment of facts, shall remove the President, Vice President or member concerned of Anchalik Panchayat accordingly and inform the matter to the State Government and State Election Commission, Assam.
- (e) The concerned Chief Executive Officer on receipt of information of such underage or minor marriage in respect of President, Vice President or member of Zilla Parishad shall inform the matter to the State Government through the concerned District Commissioner for removal of the President, Vice President or member concerned and accordingly on establishment of such fact, the State Government shall remove the President, Vice President, member concerned of the Zilla Parishad with intimation to the State Election Commission, Assam.”

Insertion of rule 63 36. In the principal Rules, after rule 62, the following new rule 63 shall be inserted, namely:-

“63. The President of the Zilla Parishad shall assign each member of the Zilla Parishad for particular subject or subjects mentioned under sub-section (1) of section 90 of the Act. The assigned member shall supervise and monitor the progress of activities and functions of the particular subject or subjects vested upon them and shall update the progress of the allotted subject to the concerned President of Zilla Parishad time to time.”

Amendment of Forms 37. In the principal Rules,

- (i) for **Form II-A and IIB**, the following shall be substituted , namely :-

“FORM – IIA
[sub-rule (1) of rule 22]

NOMINATION PAPER FOR ELECTION OF THE MEMBER OF GAON PANCHAYAT	
I, hereby nominate Shri/Smtias a candidate for election of Member of..... Gaon Panchayat fromConstituency of Gaon Panchayat. Candidate's name His/her postal address..... His/her name is entered against serial numberof the Electoral Roll of Village inConstituency of the Gaon Panchayat. My name is..... and entered against serial number.....of the Electoral Roll of..... Village of.....Constituency of the Gaon Panchayat. Date..... Signature or thumb Impression of the proposer	
1.	I, the above mentioned candidate, assent to this nomination, I declare that the symbol I have chosen in order of preferences are (1)..... (2).....(3).....
2.	I am independent candidate and the symbols I have chosen in order of preferences are (1)(2).....(3).....
I further declare that I am a member of the..... Tribe/Caste which is a Scheduled Tribe/Caste in relation to the State of Assam under the Constitution of India.	
The Security Money amounting to Rs..... (in words) has been deposited vide Receipt No..... dated..... which is enclosed herewith.	
Date.....	Signature or Thumb Impression of the Candidate
(To be filled up by the Officer authorized)	
Serial Number of nomination paper This nomination paper was delivered to me at (Place) at.....(Hours) on (Date) by the candidate / proposer.	
Signature of the Officer/District Commissioner.	Signature of the Officer/District Commissioner.
(Decision of the Officer / District Commissioner accepting or rejecting the nomination)	
I have examined the nomination paper in accordance with Sub-Rule (2) (b), (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of Rule-22 and decided as below: 	

			Signature of the Officer/District Commissioner.		
Receipt for nomination paper and notice of Scrutiny (to be handed over to the person presenting the nomination paper).					
Serial number of nomination paper					
This nomination paper of Shri/Smti a candidate for election as the member of Gaon Panchayat from Constituency No..... of the district of..... was delivered to me at.....(Place) at.....(Hours) on(date) by the candidate / proposer.					
This nomination paper will be taken up for scrutiny at (Place) at..... (Hours)..... on (date).					
Date.....			Signature of the Officer ”		
			(Score out the Paragraph, word or words not relevant).		

FORM - IIB	
[sub-rule (1) of rule 22]	
NOMINATION PAPER FOR ELECTION OF THE MEMBER OF ANCHALIK PANCHAYAT AND MEMBER OF ZILLA PARISHAD	
I, hereby nominate Shri/Smtias a candidate for election of Member of..... Anchalik Panchayat / Member of Zilla Parishad from.....Gaon Panchayat area/Constituency No..... for Zilla Parishad of the district of..... Candidate's name	
	His/her postal address.....
His/her name is entered against serial number.....of the Electoral Roll of Village ofConstituency of the Gaon Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad of the district of.....	
My name is.....and entered against serial number.....of the Electoral Roll of..... Village of.....Constituency of the Gaon Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad of the district of	
Date.....	Signature or Thumb Impression of the proposer

1.	I, the above mentioned candidate, assent to this nomination, I declare that the symbol I have chosen in order of preferences are (1).....(2).....(3).....		
2.	I am independent candidate and the symbols I have chosen in order of preferences are (1)(2).....(3).....		
3.	I am an officially sponsored candidate of....., a National/State Party recognized by the Election Commission of India having its symbol.		
	I further declare that I am a member of theTribe/Caste which is a Scheduled Tribe/Caste in relation to the State of Assam under the Constitution of India.		
	The Security Money amounting to Rs..... (in words) has been deposited vide Receipt No..... date.....which is enclosed herewith.		
	Date.....	Signature of thumb Impression of the Candidate	
	(To be filled up by the Officer authorized)		
	Serial Number of nomination paper This nomination paper was delivered to me at (Place) at.....(Hours).....on..... (Date) by the candidate / proposer.		
		Signature of the Officer/District Commissioner.	
	(Decision of the Officer / District Commissioner accepting or rejecting the nomination)		
	I have examined the nomination paper in accordance with Sub-Rule (2) (b), (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of Rule-22 and decided as below:		
		Signature of the Officer/District Commissioner.	
	Receipt for nomination paper and notice of Scrutiny (to be handed over to the person presenting the nomination paper).		
	Serial number of nomination paper		
	This nomination paper of Shri/Smti a candidate for election as the member of Anchalik Panchayat/ member of Zilla Parishad fromGaon Panchayat area/ Zilla Parishad Constituency No..... of the district of.....		

.....was delivered to me at..... (Place) at.....(Hours) on.....(date) by the candidate / proposer.	
This nomination paper will be taken up for scrutiny at..... (Place).....at.....(Hours) on.....(date)	
Date.....	Signature of the Officer ”
	(Score out the Paragraph, word or words not relevant).

(ii) for Form-IV, the following shall be substituted, namely :-

“FORM- IV		
BALLOT PAPER		
	[clause(i) of sub-rule (6) of rule 46 or clause(i) of sub-rule (6) of rule 48 or clause (i) of sub-rule (6) of rule 50]	
Election of President and Vice-President of Gaon Panchayat/President and Vice-President of Anchalik Panchayat/President and Vice-President of Zilla Parishad.		
		Serial No.
Sl. No.	Name of Candidates	Vote Cross (x) Marks
1.	2	3
Instruction :		
	1.	Number of person to be elected-One.
	2.	Only one vote is to be given.
	3.	Must not vote for more than one candidate.
	4.	A Cross (x) mark shall be placed in column No. 3 against the name of the candidate for whom the voter wishes to vote.
		(Score out the word or words not applicable).”

- (iii) after Form I-D, the following new Forms I-E and Form I-F shall be inserted, namely:-

“FORM I-E			
For use by electors employed on election duty			
[see rule 28A(1)]			
APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER/ OFFICER AUTHORIZED BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER			
To			
The District Commissioner/Officer authorized by District Commissioner/Officer Authorised District/Sub-Division.			
Sir,			
I intend to cast my vote at the ensuing Panchayat Election for election of :			
(a)	Member of Gaon Panchayat		
(b)	Member of..... Anchalik Panchayat fromZilla Parishad.		
(c)	Member ofZilla Parishad Constituency.		
I have been posted on election duty as Presiding Officer/Polling Officer/ Sector Officer/Zonal Officer.....and my name is.....entered at Serial No..... Polling Station No.....of the electoral rolls for.....constituency.			
I request that postal ballot paper(s) may be issued to enable me to vote.			
Place.....			Yours Faithfully,
Date.....			

FORM I-F			
For use by electors subjected to preventive detention			
[rule 28B(1)]			
APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER/OFFICER AUTHORIZED BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER			
To			
The District Commissioner/Officer authorized by District Commissioner/Officer Authorised..... District/Sub-Division.			
Sir,			
I intend to cast my vote at the ensuing Panchayat Elections of:			
a.	Member of.....ofGaon Panchayat		

b.	Member of.....Anchalik Panchayat from.....Gaon Panchayat.		
c.	Member ofZilla Parishad Constituency.		
I have been subjected to preventive detention at.....and my name is entered at Serial No..... Polling Station No.....of the electoral rolls forconstituency.			
I request that postal ballot paper(s) may be issued to enable me to vote.			
Place.....			Yours Faithfully,
Date.....			”
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(iv) After Form-IV, the following new Forms V, VI, VII, VIII, IX-A, IX-B, VI-A (EVM), VIII-A (EVM), VIII-B (EVM), IX-A (EVM), IX-B (EVM) and X, shall be inserted, namely:-

“FORM-V			
FOR USE IN ELECTION WHEN SEAT IS UNCONTESTED			
[sub-rule (2) of rule 25]			
Election of the Gaon Panchayat member fromconstituency ofGaon Panchayat. Election of the Anchalik Panchayat member fromGaon Panchayat constituency. Election of the Zilla Parishad member from ZPM constituency of Zilla Parishad.			
In pursuance of the provisions contained in sub-rule(2) of Rule 25 of the Assam Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1995 (as amended), I declare that—			
..... (Name)		[Sponsored by	
.....(Address) (name of the recognized/registered political party)]			
Has been duly elected to fill the seat in that Panchayati Raj Institution from the above constituency.			
Place..... ..			Signature.....
Date..... ...			District Commissioner/Sub-Divisional Officer.

FORM VI					
LIST OF TENDERED VOTES					
[sub-rule (1) and (2) of rule 42A]					
Election to the Member of.....Gaon Panchayat, Ward No.....falling within..... Anchalik Panchayat/Member of.....Anchalik Panchayat...../.....Zilla Parishad within the.....Sub-Division District.					
[Number and Name of Polling Station.....]					
Part No. Serial No. and Name of Elector	Address of the elector	Serial number of tendered ballot paper	Serial number of ballot paper issued to the person who has already voted	Signature or thumb impression of the person tendering vote	
1	2	3	4	5	
Date.....		Signature of Presiding Officer.			

FORM VII				
LIST OF CHALLENGED VOTES				
[sub-rule (2) of rule 42B]				
Election to the Member ofGaon Panchayat, Ward No.....falling withinAnchalik Panchayat/Member of.....Anchalik Panchayat...../.....Zilla Parishad within theSub-Division/..... District.				
[Number and Name of Polling Station.....]				
Sl. No. of entry	Sl. No. of elector in the electoral roll	Part of roll	Elector's name in that part	Signature or thumb Impression of the person challenged
1	2	3	4	5
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

7				
8				
9				
10				
Address of the person challenged	Name of identifier, if any	Name of challenger	Order of Presiding Officer	Signature of challenger on receiving refund of deposit
6	7	8	9	10
Date.....			Signature of Presiding Officer	

FORM - VIII			
BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT [rule 42C]			
Election to the Member of.....Gaon Panchayat,.....Ward			
Election to the Member of.....Anchalik Panchayat, fromGaon Panchayat constituency area			
Election to the Member ofZilla Parishad from.....Zilla Parishad Constituency			
No. and Name of Zilla Parishad Constituency.....			
No. and Name of Anchallik Panchayat			
No. and Name of Gaon Panchayat.....			
No. and Name of Gaon Panchayat Ward.....			
No. and Name of Polling Station.....			
Date of Poll.....			
Part-I- Ballot Paper Account			
		Sl. No.	Total
(1)	Number of ballot papers received	= from.....to	=.....
(2)	Unused ballot papers leftover at the close of the poll:		
	a) with the signature of Presiding Officer	= from.....to.....	=.....
	b) without the signature of	= from.....	=.....

	Presiding Officer	to.....	
	*Total (a +b).....		
(3)	*Total Ballot papers used at the Polling Station (1 + 2 =3).....		
(4)	*Ballot papers used at the Polling station but not inserted into the ballot box: a) Ballot papers cancelled for violation of voting procedure=..... b) Ballot papers cancelled for other reasons =..... c) Ballot papers used as tendered ballot papers =..... *Total (a+b+c).....		
(5)	*Ballot papers to be found in the ballot box (3 + 4 = 5) =..... *(Serial Numbers need not be given)		
	Date.....		Signature of Presiding Officer
Part II-Result of Counting			
I.	Name of Candidate	Number of valid votes cast	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
etc.			
II.	Rejected Ballot Papers :		
III.	TOTAL Ballot Papers used in the Polling station :		
	Whether the total number of ballot papers shown against item No. III above tallies with the total shown against item No. 5 of Part I or any discrepancy noticed between these two totals. If so, number of the same-----		
	Date..... _____ Supervisor Date..... _____ Signature of Counting Signature of District Commissioner/ Officer Authorized by District		

	Commissioner”
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FORM IX-A								
FINAL RESULT SHEET								
[sub-rule (5) of rule 44]								
Election to the Member ofGaon Panchayat, Ward No..... falling within Anchalik Panchayat.								
Serial No. and Name of Polling Station	No. of Valid votes cast in favor of				Total No. of Valid Votes	No. of rejecte d votes	Total Votes Polled	No. of tendered votes
	A (pol.Par ty/IND)	B (pol. Party/IND)	C (pol. Party/IND)	D (pol. Party/IN D)				
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								
9.								
10.								
Total								
Postal Ballot								
Grand Total								

Name, Address, Party/Ind of Winning Candidate.....		
Place.....		District Commissioner/

.		Officer authorized by District Commissioner/Authorised Officer
Date.....		
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FORM IX-B								
FINAL RESULT SHEET								
[sub-rule (5) of rule 44]								
Election of the Member of Anchalik Panchayat/.....Zilla Parishad within theSub-Division/ District to that Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad.								
Serial No. and Name of Polling Station	No. of Valid votes cast in favor of				Total No. of Valid Votes	No. of rejected votes	Total Votes Polled	No. of tendered votes
	A (pol. Party/IN D)	B (pol. Party/IN D)	C (pol. Party/IN D)	D (pol. Party/IN D)				
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								
9.								
10.								
Total								
Postal Ballot								
Grand Total								

Name, Address, Party/Ind of Winning Candidate.....		
Place.....		District Commissioner/ Officer authorized by District Commissioner /Authorized Officer.
Date.....		
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FORM X
REGISTER OF VOTERS

[see rule 45L, 45M, 45N, 45O, 45U, 45W and 45YD]			
Election to the:			
Member.....GP, Ward No.....			
Member.....AP, inZPC			
Member.....ZPC in Sub Division/District.			
		No. & Name of the Polling Station_____	
		Part No. of Electoral Roll_____	
Sl. No	Sl. No of elector in the electoral roll	Signature/Thumb impression of the elector	Remarks
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
etc.			
Date			
		Signature of the Presiding Officer.	
<u>VERIFICATION</u>			
I, the deponent above names, do hereby verify and declare that the contents of this declaration are true/correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, no part of it is false and nothing material has been cancelled there-from.			
Verified at.....this the.....day of202.....			
		DEPONENT”	

FORM VI A (EVM)					
LIST OF TENDERED VOTES					
[see rule 45P(2) and 45YD(2)(f)]					
Election to the Member of Gaon Panchayat, Ward No falling within.....Anchalik Panchayat/Member of.....Anchalik Panchayat..... / Member of..... Zilla Parishad within the Sub-Division..... District.					
[Number and Name of Polling Station.....]					
Part No. Serial No. and Name of Elector	Address of the elector	Serial number of tendered ballot paper	Serial number of ballot paper issued to the person who has already voted	Sl. No. in Register of voters (Form X) of person who has already voted in place of elector	Signature or thumb impression of the person tendering vote
1	2	3	4	5	6
Date.....			Presiding Officer.		

FORM VII-A (EVM)			
PART I			
ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED			
[rule 45S and 45V]			
Election to the Member ofGaon Panchayat, Ward No..... falling within..... Anchalik Panchayat.			
No. & Name of the Polling Station _____			
Identification No. of Control Unit _____			
Identification No. of Ballot Unit _____			
1.	Total No. of electors assigned to the Polling Station		
2.	Total No. of voters as entered in the Register for Voters (Form X)		
3.	No. of voters deciding not to record votes under rule 45O.		
4.	No. of voters not allowed to vote under Rule 45M.		
5.	Total No. of votes recorded as per the voting machine.		
6.	Whether the total No. of votes as shown against item 5 tallies with the Total No. of voters as shown against item 2 minus Nos. of voters deciding not to record votes as against item 3 minus No. of voters as against 4 (2-3-4) or any discrepancy noticed.		
7.	No. of voters to whom tendered ballot papers were issued under rule 45P.		
8.	No. of tendered ballot papers		
No. of tendered ballot papers		Member, GP	
(a)	received for use		
(b)	issued to electors		
(c)	not used and returned		
9.	Account of paper seals		
	1.	Serial number of paper seal	Sl. No.
		From	To
	2.	Total number supplied.	
	3.	Number of paper seals used.	
	4.	Number of unused paper seals returned to the Deputy Commissioner/ Officer authorized by District Commissioner / Authorised Officer (Deduct item 3 from item 2)	
	5.	Serial number of damaged paper seal, if any	
		Signature of Polling Agents.	
		1.	

			2.	
			3.	
			4.	
			5.	
	Date		Signature of Presiding Officer	
	Place		Polling Station No.....	

FORM VII-A (EVM)		
PART II		
RESULT OF COUNTING (see rule 45 YB and 45YC)		
Sl.No.	Name of Candidate	No of Votes Recorded
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
etc.		
NOTA		
Total		
Whether the total number of votes shown above tallies with the total number of votes shown against item 5 of Part I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals		
Place.....		Signature of the Counting Supervisor
Date.....		
Name of candidate/election agent/counting agent		Full signature
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
Place		Signature of Officer.
Date		

FORM VII-B (EVM)
PART I

ACCOUNT OF VOTES RECORDED		
[rule 45S and 45V]		
Election of the Member of Anchalik Panchayat/Member of.....Zilla Parishad within the Sub-Division/ District to that Anchalik Panchayat/Zilla Parishad.		
No. & Name of the Polling Station.....		
Identification No. of Voting Control Unit		
Identification No. of Voting Ballot Unit.....		
1.	Total No. of electors assigned to the Polling Station	
2.	Total No. of voters as entered in the Register for Voters (Form X)	
3.	No. of voters deciding not to record votes under rule 45O.	
4.	No. of voters not allowed to vote under Rule 45M	
5.	Total No. of votes recorded as per the voting machine.	
6.	Whether the total No. of votes as shown against item 5 tallies with the Total No. of voters as shown against item 2 minus Nos. of voters deciding not to record votes as against item 3 minus No. of voters as against 4 (2-3-4) or any discrepancy noticed.	
7.	No. of voters to whom tendered ballot papers were issued under rule 45P.	
8.	No. of tendered ballot papers	
No. of Tendered Ballot Papers		Member, AP
(a)	received for use	
(b)	issued to electors	
(c)	not used and returned	
9.	Account of paper seals	
1.	Serial number of paper seal	Sl. No.
	From	To
2.	Total number supplied.	
3.	Number of paper seals used.	
4.	Number of unused paper seals returned to District Commissioner/ Officer authorized by District Commissioner / Authorized Officer (Deduct item 3 from item 2)	
5.	Serial number of damaged paper seal, if any	
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	
Date	Signature of Presiding Officer	
Place	Polling Station No	

FORM VII-B (EVM)		
PART II		
RESULT OF COUNTING [see rule 45YB(2) and 45YC]		
Sl.No.	Name of Candidate	No of Votes Recorded
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
etc.		
NOTA		
Total		
Whether the total number of votes shown above tallies with the total number of votes shown against item 5 of Part I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals		
Place.....		Signature of the Counting Supervisor
Date.....		
Name of candidate/election agent/counting agent		Full signature
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
Place		Signature of Officer.
Date		

Form VIII-A(EVM)
FINAL RESULT SHEET

[rule 45 YB(2)(c),45YC(1)]								
Election to the Member of.....Gaon Panchayat, Ward No.....falling Within.....Anchalik Panchayat.								
Total no. of electors.....								
Serial No. and Name of Polling Station	No. of Valid votes cast in favor of				Total No. of Valid Votes	No. of rejected votes	Total Votes Polled	No. of tendered votes
	A (pol. Party/IND)	B (pol. Party/IND)	C (pol. Party/IND)	D (pol. Party/IND)				
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								
9.								
10.								
Total								
Postal Ballot								
Grand Total								
Name, Address, Party/Ind. of Winning Candidate.....								
Place.....					District Commissioner/ Officer authorized by District Commissioner /Authorised Officer.			
Date.....								

Form VIII-B(EVM)
FINAL RESULT SHEET
[rule 45 YB(2)(c),45YC(1)]

Election to the Member of..... Anchalik Panchayat,..... Zilla Parishad within theSub-Division/.....District to that AnchalikPanchayat/ Zilla Parishad.										
Total no. of electors.....										
Serial No. and Name of Polling Station	No. of Valid votes cast in favor of						Total No. of Valid Votes	No. of rejected votes	Total Votes Polled	Total No. of tendered votes
	A (pol. Party/ IND)	B (pol. Party/ IND)	C (pol. Party/ IND)	D (pol. Party/ IND)	E (pol. Party/ IND)	F (pol. Party/ IND)				
1.										
2.										
3.										
4.										
5.										
6.										
7.										
8.										
9.										
10.										
Total										
Postal Ballot										
Grand Total										
Name, Address, Party/Ind. of Winning Candidate.....										
Place.....						District Commissioner/ Officer authorized by District Commissioner /Authorised Officer.				
Date.....										

Insertion of Schedule II 38. In the principal rules, after the existing Schedule I(B), the following new Schedule-II shall be inserted, namely:-

SCHEDULE-II (see rule 22A)		
Affidavit to be furnished by candidate along with nomination paper before the District Commissioner / Officer authorized by District Commissioner or their Authorized Officer for election as Gaon Panchayat Member/ Anchalik Panchayat Member/Zilla Parishad Member.		
District.....		
Gaon Panchayat Member /Anchalik Panchayat Member/Zilla Parishad Member.....		
I,.....Son/daughter/wife of Age.....years, resident of..... candidate at the above election, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as under :- (Strike out whichever is not applicable.)		
(1)	I have in the past been convicted of criminal offence in the following case (s) and the details are as under:-	
	(i)	Case No.
	(ii)	Section of the Act and description of the offence for which convicted.
	(iii)	Date (s) of conviction.
	(iv)	Punishment imposed (indicate period of imprisonment awarded and/or quantum of fine imposed)
(2)	That I have in the past been discharged/acquitted in the following cases: -	
	(i)	Section of the Act description of the offence with which charged:
	(ii)	Case No:
	(iii)	Name of the Court by which acquitted/discharged:
	(iv)	Date of acquittal/discharge:
	(v)	Details of appeal (s)/application (s) for revision/review, if any, filed against above acquittal/discharge:
(3)	That I have in the period ending six months prior to the date of filing that present nomination, been accused of the following offences punishable with imprisonment with two years or more, and in which a charge has been framed or cognizance taken by the court as indicated hereunder: -	
	(Note: - This excludes the cases mentioned in (1) and (2) above)	
	(i)	Section of the Act and description of the offence with which charged/cognizance taken:
	(ii)	The Court which has framed the charge/taken cognizance:
	(iii)	Case No:

	(iv)	Date of order of the court framing charge/taking cognizance:					
	(v)	Details of appeal (s)/application (s) for revision etc., if any, filed against above order framing charge/taking cognizance:					
(4)	That I give herein below the details of the assets (Immovable, Movable, Bank balance, etc.) of myself, my spouse and dependents.						
	A.	Details of movable assets: -					
	Assets in joint name indicating the extent of joint ownership will also have to be given: -						
Sl. No.	Description	Self	Spouse(s) Name(s)	Dependent-I Name:	Dependent-2 Name:	Dependent-3 Name:	Etc
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(9)
(i)	Cash						
(ii)	Deposit in Banks, Financial Institutions and Non-Banking financial Companies						
(iii)	Bonds, Debentures and Shares in companies.						
(iv)	Other Financial Instruments, NSS, Postal Savings, LIC Policies, etc.,						
(v)	Motor Vehicles (Details of make etc.)						
(vi)	Jewellery (give details Of weight and value).						
(vii)	Other assets such as Values of claim/ interests						
	Note:-	1.	Dependent here means a person substantially dependent on the income of the candidate.				
		2.	Value of bonds/shares/debentures as per the latest market value in Stock Exchange in respect of listed Companies and as per books in the cases of non-listed companies should be given.				
	B.	Details of Immovable Assets:-					
	(Note:- Properties in Joint ownership indicating the extend of joint ownership will also have to be indicated)						
Sl. No.	Description	Self	Spouse(s) Name(s)	Dependent-I Name:	Dependent-2 Name:	Dependent-3 Name:	Etc
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(9)
(i)	Agricultural Land Location(s) Survey numbers(s)						

	Extent (Total measurement) Current market value						
(ii)	Non-Agricultural Land -Location(s) -Survey numbers(s) -Extent (Total measurement) -Current market value						
(iii)	Building (Commercial and Residential,) -Location(s) -Survey/door numbers(s) -Extent (Total measurement) -Current market value						
(iv)	Houses/ Apartments, etc -Location(s) -Survey/door numbers(s) -Extent (Total measurement) -Current market value						
(v)	Other (Such as interest in property)						
(5)	I give herein below the details of my liabilities/over dues to public financial institutions and Government dues:-						
	(Note:- Please give separate details for each item).						
Sl. No	Description		Name and address of Bank/financial Institution(s) Department(s)		Amount Outstanding as on		
1	2		3		4		
(a)	(i)	Loans from Bank					
	(ii)	Loans from Financial Institutions					
	(iii)	Government dues (other than Income tax and wealth tax)					

		(No due Certificate to be enclosed In case holding or having held any Public office.)		
(b)	(i)	Income Tax including surcharge (Also indicate the assessment year upto which income tax return filed. Give also Permanent Account Number PAN)		
	(ii)	Wealth Tax (Also indicate the Assessment year upto which wealth Tax return filed).		
	(iii)	Sale Tax only in case of Proprietary Business.		
	(iv)	Property Tax		
				DEPONENT
VERIFICATION				
I, the deponent above names, do hereby verify and declare that the contents of this declaration are true/correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, no part of it is false and nothing materials has been cancelled there-from.				
Verified at... .. this				
..... day of202.....				
				DEPONENT

Signed by John Berchmans

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Date: 23-12-2024 21:52:30

(Dr. J.B.Ekka, IAS)

Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Panchayat & Rural Development Department**Memo No. ECF-596015/2-A**

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4. The Secretary, Assam State Election Commission, Aditya Tower, 2nd Floor, Dispur, Ghy-06 for information and necessary action.
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By order etc,

Signed by

Dipen Chandra Phukan

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
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