

## **Note to be placed in the Public Domain**

The Cabinet has approved to reserve election to the post of Chair person/Secretary VEC to Women members on a rotational basis.

### **The modalities to implement the policy of reservation by rotation are:-**

1. Whenever election/selection to the post of VEC Secretary is scheduled to be held in any village in the state starting in the year 2020, 100% should be reserved for women candidates only and on completion of the 3 (three) years term, the candidates eligible to contest for election/section would be from both male and female members.
2. In VECs where the post of Chairman/Chairperson are held by individuals who are not the traditional heads, the same modalities for election/selection to such posts are to be followed as being done for the post of Secretary.
3. The candidates for the election/selection should be a resident of a particular VEC, subject to eligibility criteria as prescribed below:

(a) It is mandatory that the contesting person should be an active member of the SHG.

(b) It is important for the person to possess basic reading and writing skills. It is preferred that contestants with formal educational background contest.

(c) The contestant should be above 18 years of age.

(d) The contestant should be a resident of the village whose VEC they wish to contest for.

(e) The person should not be involved in any criminal activity or charges of misappropriation of funds

of the VEC. Even pending cases against the person will render them disqualified for contesting in

the VEC elections

(f) The contestant should be apolitical.

(g) It will be mandatory for the person who is elected/ selected to undergo trainings before assuming

charge of office. With regard to this, a standard module will be prepared by SRES along with MSRLS. The programme will also include exposure visits as well as periodical refresher trainings (once in 6 months). These trainings will aim to build leadership capacities.

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will be an important focus area during these trainings.

The above criteria will also be applicable to Male Contestants except for point (a) above.

**N.B** - The public are requested to offer their views/ comments on the same (if any) within a period of **2 (two) weeks** to Community and Rural Development Department .