

ELECTION OFFICER

(Appointed in terms of order dated 22.01.2026 by the Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.M.P. No. 22776/2024 for conduct of Elections to the **State Managing Committee Election** of the **Tamil Nadu State Branch** of Indian Red Cross Society.)

ELECTION NOTIFICATION

No. 1 / Election / IRCS / 2026

The Hon'ble Madras High Court *vide.*, order dated 22.01.2026 passed in W.M.P. No. 22776/2024 in W.P. No. 1406/2024, was pleased to appoint the undersigned as **Election Commissioner** to conduct the Elections to the posts in the State Managing Committee of the Tamil Nadu State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

The provisions of *Indian Red Cross Society Act, 1920* ("Act") and the *Indian Red Cross Society Branch Committees Rules, 2017* ("Rules"), Gazette Notification published on December 15, 2017, have been examined in detail and it is seen that elections have to be held for the following posts, from amongst the members of the Managing Committee of the State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society, namely,

1. **CHAIRMAN** - *sub-clause (c)* of Clause 1 of Rule 11 - Schedule II of the Rules.
2. **VICE CHAIRMAN** - *sub-clause (c)* of Clause 1 (1) of Rule 12 - Schedule III of the Rules.
3. **TREASURER** - *sub-clause (d)* of Clause 1 of Rule 11 - Schedule II of the Rules.

The various earlier orders of the Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.M.P. No. 22776 of 2024 in W.P. No. 1406 of 2024, and the records produced by the Tamil Nadu State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society, shows that directions were issued for elections to be conducted in the District Branches to ensure representatives from the District Branches to the State Managing Committee of

the Tamil Nadu State Branch. The composition of the State Managing Committee in terms of *sub-clause (d)*, *sub-clause (f)* and *sub-clause (h)* of Clause 1 (1) of Rule 12 of Schedule III of the Rules, makes it clear that certain members have to be decided/co-opted and are not elected. Further, a representative of the St. John Ambulance State Council, pursuant to *sub-clause (g)* of Clause 1 (1) of Rule 12 of Schedule III of the Rules, is also part of the composition. The Hon'ble Governor has been requested to decide/co-opt of the members in *sub-clause (d)* and *sub-clause (h)* of Clause 1 (1) of Rule 12 of Schedule III of the Rules *vide.*, Resolution dated 10.01.2026 and the same is in the process. Accordingly, the following would be the composition of the voting members of the Managing Committee from among whom the persons have to be elected:

S. No.	Category	Number
1.	One representative elected by each District Branch Committee (38 Districts)	38
2.	Representative of the St. John Ambulance State Council	1
3.	Members of the State or Union Territory Branch from amongst the Patrons, Vice Patrons and Life members	4
4.	Co-opted members being representatives from the Ministry of Health, Education, Social Welfare, etc. having expertise in any part of the organizations functions	5
	Total	48

Election to be held for the following posts from amongst the above 48 members of the Managing Committee:

A. Chairman - 1

B. Vice - Chairman - 1

C. Treasurer - 1

SCHEDULE

S. No	Stage of Election Process	Date
1)	Finalisation of the composition of the Managing Committee and publication of the same	28.02.2026
2)	Date of first meeting for conduct of Elections	15.03.2026
3)	Election to the Posts of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer from amongst the members	15.03.2026
4)	Counting and Declaration of Results	15.03.2026

Since the Rules provide for election to the posts from among the members, the Election Officer proposes to conduct the elections by calling upon the members to vote for the posts from amongst them by circulating a voting sheet and dropping the same in the ballot box.

The entire election process shall be conducted under the direct supervision and control of the undersigned Election Officer, strictly in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Madras High Court, and provisions of the *Indian Red Cross Society Act, 1920* and the *Indian Red Cross Society Branch Committees Rules, 2017*, ensuring a free, fair, and transparent election.

This notification shall take effect from the date of its publication.

Place : Chennai

Date : 05/02/2026

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