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CANDIDATES AND THEIR AGENTS

48. Appointment and functions of election agent:

- (1) A Candidate at an election may appoint any one person to be his election agent in Form 10 and notice of such appointment shall be given by forwarding the same in duplicate, to the returning officer who shall return one copy thereof to the election agent after affixing thereon his seal signature in token of his approval of the appointment.
- (2) Any person who is for the time being disqualified under the Regulation for being a member of a Tribal Council shall, so long as the disqualification subsists, also be disqualified for being appointed an election agent under sub-rule (1).
- (3) The revocation of appointment of an election agent shall be made in Form 11. Such a revocation shall be signed by the candidate and shall operate from the date on which it is lodged with the returning officer.
- (4) In the event of such a revocation or of the death of an election agent the candidate may, at any time before the result of election is declared, appoint another person to be his election agent in the manner specified in sub-rule (1).
- (5) An election agent may perform such functions in connection with the elections as are authorized by these rules to be performed by an election agent.

49. Appointment and revocation of polling agents:

- (1) A contesting candidate or his election agent may appoint one polling agent and two relief agents to act as polling agents of such candidate at each polling station.
- (2) Every such appointment shall be made in Form 12 and shall be made over to the polling agents for production at the polling station.
- (3) No polling agent shall be admitted into any polling station unless he has delivered to the presiding officer the instrument of his appointment under sub-rule (2) after duly completing and signing before the presiding officer the declaration contained therein.
- (4) The revocation of the appointment of a polling agent shall be signed by the candidate or his election agent and shall be in Form 13. It shall operate from the date on which it is lodge with the presiding officer.
- (5) In the event of any such revocation or the dearth of a polling agent, the candidate or his election agent may, at any time before the poll is closed, make a fresh appointment in the manner specified in sub-rule (2)

50. Appointment and revocation of counting agent:

- (1) A contesting candidate or his election agent may appoint one or more persons but not exceeding such number as may be determined by the returning officer, to be present as his counting agent or agents at the counting of votes, and when any such appointment is made, notice of the appointment shall be given in Form 14 in duplicate, one copy of which shall be forwarded to the returning office while the other copy shall be made over to the counting agent for production before the returning officer not later than one hour before the time fixed for the counting of votes.
- (2) No counting agent shall be admitted into the place fixed for the counting unless he has delivered to the returning officer the second copy of the appointment order sub-rule (1) after duly completed and signing the declaration contained therein and receiving from the returning officer an authority for entry into the place fixed for counting.
- (3) The revocation of an appointment of a counting agent shall be in Form 15 and lodged with the returning officer. Any such revocation shall be signed by the candidate or