21.6 The Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Classification of Public Roads) Rules, 1999

(G.O. (Ms) No. 200,Rural Development (P-1) Department, Dated 27th September, 1999)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (xiii) of sub-section (2) of Section 242 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) and in supersession of the Tamil nadu Panchayats (Classification of Public Roads) Rules, 1968, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following Rules:-

RULES

1. Short Title - These Rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Classification of Public Roads) Rules, 1999.

2. Village Panchayat roads - Every public road in Village Panchayat area other than those classified as National Highways road, State Highways road, Major District road and Panchayat Union road shall be the Village Panchayat road.

3. Panchayat Union road - Every public road in a Panchayat Union area, other than those classified as National Highways road, State Highways road, Major District road and Village Panchayat road shall be the Panchayat Union road.

4. Classification of public roads - (1) The Inspector shall, by notification in the *District Gazette,* classify all the public roads vested with the Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union as Village Panchayat road and Panchayat Union road, as the case may be.

(2) Before ordering such classification under sub-rule (1), the Inspector shall obtain the resolution of the respective Village Panchayat or Panchayat Union Council, as the case may be.

(3) While ordering such classification, the Inspector shall obtain technical opinion of the Executive Engineer (Rural Development) and also the views of the Divisional Engineer (Highways) of the district concerned.

5. Re-classification of public roads - (1) The Inspector may, by notification in the *District Gazette,* order re-classification of Village Panchayat road as Panchayat Union road and *vice versa* either *suo motu* or on the basis of the resolution of the respective Village Panchayat or Panchayat Union Council, as the case may be:

Provided that the Village Panchayat and the Panchayat Union Council concerned shall be consulted prior to the publication of the notification under sub-rule (1).

(2) The Inspector may send proposal to the Government for upgradation of any of the public roads vested with the local bodies as State Highways road or National Highways road or Major District road on the basis of the resolution passed by the Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union Council. On receipt of the proposal from the Inspector or on their own accord, the State Government may order such upgradation.

(3) While ordering such classification or re-classification of the roads, intensity of traffic, connectivity of towns and villages shall also be taken into account.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, such re-classification shall be ordered, only in consultation with the District Panchayat concerned.

6. Revision of classification or re-classification of public roads - Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, the Government may revise *suo motu* or on application, the classification or re-classification of roads proposed by the Inspector.

7. Register of roads - Every Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union shall maintain a register of roads in the Form appended to these Rules.

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APPENDIX

FORM
(*See Rule 7*)
REGISTER SHOWING THE DETAILS OF ROADS OF VILLAGE PANCHAYAT AND PANCHAYAT UNION

Sl No.	Name of the road	Nature of road (Sand Road / Red Sand / Metal / Black Topping.)	Length	Breadth	In case of developed Nature of Road (Sand / Red Sand / Metal / Black Topping.)	Length	Breadth	Expen-diture	Name of place of the construction of culverts in the road and the nature of culvert Bed Tank Culvert / Wooden culvert / Concrete culvert / metal culvert	Signature
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)

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