

**THE KERALA PANCHAYAT RAJ
(OATH OF MEMBERS, PRESIDENT AND VICE
PRESIDENT) RULES, 1995***

[Translation in English of the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Oath of Members, President and Vice President) Rules, 1995, published under the authority of the Governor.]

S.R.O. No. 320/95.— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 254 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994) read with sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 152 and sub-section (13) of Section 153 thereof, the Government of Kerala, by notification in the Gazette, make the following rules, namely:—

RULES

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Oath of Members, President and Vice President) Rules, 1995.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) 'Act' means the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994);

(b) 'Section' means a section of the Act;

(c) Words and expression used and not defined in these rules, but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Oath or affirmation of members.— (1) Any member of a Village Panchayat, Block-Panchayat or District Panchayat who has to make and subscribe an oath or affirmation under sub-section (1) of Section 152 shall, before convening the first meeting of the concerned panchayat, make and subscribe such oath or affirmation.

(2) A member who could not make and subscribe an oath or affirmation under sub-section (2) of Section 152 or a member elected in a bye-election shall, after giving prior notice in writing to the Secretary, make and subscribe such oath or affirmation before the President on a day fixed by the President.

(3) The fact of swearing in of members shall be recorded with signature in a register in Form No.1 of the Schedule.

4. The oath of President and Vice President.— (1) The President or Vice President of a Panchayat who has to make and subscribe an oath or affirmation under sub-section (13) of Section 153 shall, immediately after the declaration of the results of their election as such make and subscribe such an oath or affirmation.

(2) The fact of swearing in of the President and Vice President shall be recorded with signature in a register in Form No.2 of the Schedule.

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**SCHEDULE
FORM 1**

[See sub-rule (3) of Rule 3]

Register of Oath/Affirmation of members of.... *Village/Block/District Panchayat.

Name of Member	Name and Number of the Constituency	Postal Address	Place, date and time of swearing
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Oath/Affirmation

I,having been elected as member of.....*Village/Block/District Panchayat do swear in the name of *God/solemnly affirm that I will #[bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and uphold the Sovereignty and integrity of India] and that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or favour or affection or illwill.

Signature of member

Name and signature of *Office authorised/member/President

*Strike off whichever is not applicable.

FORM 2

[See sub-rule (2) of Rule 4]

Register of Oath/Affirmation of President/Vice-President of.....
*Village/Block/District Panchayat.

Name of Member	Name and Number of the Constituency	Postal Address	Place, date and time of swearing
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Oath/Affirmation

I,having been elected as * President/Vice President of.....*Village/Block/District Panchayat do swear in the name of *God/ solemnly affirm that I will #[bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and uphold the Sovereignty and integrity of India] and that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or favour or affection or illwill.

Signature of *President/Vice President

Name and signature of *authorised officer/President

* Strike off whichever is not applicable.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the Notification, but is intended to indicate its general purpose.) Sub- sections (1) and (2) of Section 152 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994) deals with the procedure regarding the oath or affirmation of members. Sub-section (13) of Section 153 deals with the procedure regarding the oath or affirmation of President and Vice President. Government have decided to prescribe the forms for recording the oath or affirmation and signature of Panchayat members, President and Vice President. Hence this Notification.

Substituted for "bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established" by S.R.O. No. 826/2003, as G.O. (P) No. 255/2003/LSGD dt. 21-8-2003.