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NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 23rd April, 2015

No. 59/2015/F. No. 3-195/2013-UD.—Notification No. 5-29/EC/A&N/2015 dated 23.04.2015 issued by the Election Commissioner for UTs, Andaman & Nicobar Islands is hereby published in the Official Gazette of Andaman & Nicobar Administration for information of all concerned.

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NOTIFICATION

Dated the 23rd April, 2015

No. 5-29/EC/A&N/2015: Whereas, the proposals for delimitation of twenty four wards of Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) were published in the Official Gazette vide Notification No. 5-29/EC/A&N/2015 dated 5th March, 2015 inviting suggestions and objections by 23rd March, 2015 in compliance with Rule 5 (1), 5 (2) and 6 (1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995;

And, whereas, suggestions and objections received before the specified date have been considered by the Election Commission appointed under Section 185 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994;

And, whereas, opportunity of a public hearing has been granted to all persons who made suggestions and objections including representatives of political parties in an open meeting at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Auditorium (DBRAIT), Pahargaon, Port Blair on 22nd April, 2015;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of Section 9 (1) and Section 33 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994, read with Rule 5 and 6 (2) the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995, the Election Commission for the Union Territory of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, after consideration of all the suggestions and objections received and taken up in the aforementioned public hearing, hereby determines the delimitation of the wards of Port Blair Municipal Council as detailed in Annex-I appended to this order and publishes the same in the Official Gazette;

A detailed map showing the extent of each ward of PBMC is included as Annex-II.

The summary of suggestions and objections received in response to the Election Commission's proposals for delimitation of wards of PBMC alongwith the Election Commission's comments/observations thereon is enclosed as Annex-III.

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Final Order of Election Commission on delimitation of wards of PBMC for the forthcoming Election

Draft delimitation proposals in respect of Port Blair Municipal Council with 24 wards were notified on 05.03.2015 by the Election Commission in exercise of powers under Section 9(1) and Section 33 (1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 read with Rule 5 & 6 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995. Suggestions and Objections were invited upto 23.03.2015.

In all, twenty four objections and suggestions from various persons and political parties were received by the due date. All the objections and suggestions received have been duly considered by the Election Commission which has been assisted by a Delimitation Committee.

Many of the persons/political parties have suggested, inter alia, to retain old ward numbers from 1 to 18 of the PBMC and to give ward numbers from 19 to 24 to the new areas included in the PBMC so that there is no change in the address for people living in the erstwhile wards.

Relevant provisions on delimitation are Section 9(1) and Section 33 (1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 and Rule 5 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 which are reproduced below:

Section 9(1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 provides that 'the Election Commission shall divide the municipal area into territorial constituencies in such manner that the ratio between the population of each ward and the number of seats allotted to it shall so far as practicable, be the same throughout the municipal area'.

Section 33(1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 states that 'for the purposes of election to a Municipality every municipal area shall be divided into single member wards in such manner that the population of each ward shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the municipal area'.

Rule 5 (1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 provides that 'as soon as may be after the Notification determining the number of seats in the Municipal Council under Rule 4 by the Administration is issued, the Commission shall divide the municipal area into wards in the manner prescribed in Sub-Section (1) of Section 9'.

Sub-rule (2) of Rule 5 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 states that 'the area included in each ward shall, as far as practicable, be geographically compact and in delimiting it regard shall be had to physical features, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication, public convenience, and such other factors as the Commission may think fit'.

In the existing Municipal Council there are 18 wards and the population wardwise ranges from 3910 to 10,675. Fresh delimitation has to be done (i) as per the 2011 Census on account of wide variation in population (ii) increase in municipal area after the addition of six revenue villages vide Notification No.3-195/2013-UD dated 10.12.2014 and (iii) increase in the number of seats from 18 to 24 notified on 02.01.2015 by the Administrator. The last delimitation of PBMC was done in 1995.

In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22nd April, 2015, ample opportunity was extended to the persons who had submitted his/her suggestions and objections to the draft delimitation proposals, as well as to the representatives of political parties present in the meeting to express their views in support of their representations.

After due consideration of the suggestions, the Election Commission modifies its Notification of draft proposals for the delimitation of wards to the extent possible and practicable and hereby orders the final delimitation of twenty four wards of PBMC as detailed in Annex-I which is also depicted on the map with boundaries explained in the text. Since most of the ward boundaries have changed their numbering has been done in seriatim as followed by Survey of India.

Sd./-
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Election Commissioner

ANNEXE - I

WARD NO. 1

(Population : 6580)

The ward boundary starts from the New Vehicle Ferry Jetty, along the main road upto Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Police Station and reaches Hotel Dream Palace covering old WIMCO factory, Forest Club. The boundary then travels along the road leading from Husain Pan Shop and reaches the Road Jn. Opp. Health Centre, Haddo. Further the boundary extends upto Hotel Driftwood, along the Haddo road covering Hotel Hilltop and reaches Panipat Road Jn. and the boundary travels covering Naval Store upto approach road to IOC in the West and then turns towards the along sea shore covering Naval Jetty, Haddo Wharf, fishermen colony, and reaches the junction in front of P.S. Chatham and ends at the New Vehicle Ferry Jetty, Chatham.

WARD NO. 2

(Population : 6437)

The Ward boundary starts from Chatham Island covering the entire Chatham Island and goes over the Chatham bridge, reaches the road junction in front of P.S. Chatham, further extends towards Southeast along the foreshore road by covering Inland Marine Workshop, Hotel Ba. The boundary covers the entire land on seaward side and reaches Foreshore-Megapode Nest Jn. The boundary then extends along the road leading to Megapode Nest covering CARI Office, Directorate of Agriculture Office and reaches the main road junction in front of Rajya Sainik Board (opposite to AAI). Again it extends on the main road covering Hotel Driftwood, Haddo School, Mini Zoo and reaches Haddo Urban Health Centre Jn. then extends towards west along Laltha Singh ground and reaches PBMC Ratri Niwas covering Sree Kollapuri Bhavani Temple, reaches Hotel Dream Palace. From thereon the boundary goes towards P.S. Chatham and ends at the Chatham Island.

WARD NO. 3

(Population : 5805)

The Ward boundary starts from the road junction in front of Rajya Sainik Board and goes along the Megapode Road covering Govt. Qtrs on the right side and reaches the Megapode Foreshore Road Jn. and then the boundary extends along the seashore covering office of PMB, Phoenix Bay Jetty, passes through the Fisheries Jetty covering all jetties and reaches road opposite to Transport Office and the boundary extends towards Power House Jn., goes along the road upto LIC Jn. covering Govt. Petrol Pump, Syndicate Bank, thereon the boundary extends along the LIC-Delanipur road and reaches Delanipur Jn. covering Tamizhar Sangam, Samajam, and reaches Delanipur Jn. Then the boundary travels towards AIR and extends North along the road towards Buniyadabad Water Tank covering Municipal Qtr. Dr. Shankar's house, Municipal Water Supply Site Office and reaches the Jn. Opp. Hotel Driftwood. From thereon goes further few distance towards Southeast and ends at Rajya Sainik Board.

WARD No.4

(Population : 5805)

The Ward boundary starts from Phoenix Bay Power House Jn. and goes along the Phoenix Bay Jetty road (opp. DSS Office) and travels along the coast towards the fencing of Marine Dock Complex, covering entire Marine Dockyard, further Choulanga Jetty, CARI Office, Forest Club, Resort Bay Island, and reaches Fish Landing Jetty at Dugnabad, and towards Dugnabad. From there the boundary extends upto Jama Masjid covering Round Basthi and connects the road at Y-Narayan Jn. From there the boundary goes towards West along the main road covering Clock Tower, Bakery, Ganesh Temple, reaches at Gandhi Statue Jn., extends along the main road upto LIC Jn. covering PBMC Head Office, and turns North, extends upto Power House Jn. covering Municipal Auditorium, SAD Office, Electricity Office, Directorate of Fisheries and ends at Power House Jn.

WARD NO. 5

(Population : 6330)

The Ward boundary starts from LIC Jn. extends to Gandhi Statue covering Jadwet Petrol Station, SBI, and goes towards Clock Tower covering Tiranga Park, Ratnam Market, Hotel Mitha. The boundary then travels Northwest connecting Y-Narayan Jn. and turn west towards the Jama Masjid and along Dugnabad road, reach the Fish Landing Jetty at Dugnabad Foreshore covering Marine Jewellery, Dy. S.P. Shaukat's house, thereon the boundary extends towards Northeast reaching Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex covering G.B. Pant Hospital, Fisheries Cold Storage, Fish Aquarium and travels along the Sea Wall at Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex, Marina Park covering whole of Water Sports Complex, Marina Park. Further it extends towards Rama Krishna

Mission Jn. and turns South, along the road leading to Dr. Wazid Ali's house, and passes towards West along the RGT road and reaches the Murugan Temple Jn., further the boundary goes along the road on West leading to Raj Niwas junction, passes CAT building Jn. extends to Model School traffic junction (old Library) covering, Raj Niwas, MP Bhawan, further the boundary goes West towards Bengali Club (Atul Smriti Samity) covering entire Model School, Gurudwara Lane, Biggie Lane and then extends Northwest along the main road upto LIC Jn. covering Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad, Old Light House Cinema and ends.

WARD NO. 6

(Population : 5714)

The boundary starts from Delanipur Jn. travels towards east covering New Anumod Bakery, TSG Hotel, Hotel Haywizz, Hotel Velocity, entire Phongy Chaung and reaches LIC Jn. covering the entire portion on the right side, thereafter the boundary leads to Bengali Club Jn. covering A & N State Cooperative Bank, APWD Head Office, then the boundary goes along the road upto Model School Jn. covering Head Post Office, Old Library and travels further South East covering CAT building and from there the boundary goes along the road upto DC Office Jn. covering Indian Airlines Office, the boundary further travels upto the Secretariat Jn. covering Anthropological Building on the right and goes along the link road covering DIET Building, APWD Site Office and reaches Goalghar Jn. From Goalghar Jn. the boundary travels on South upto Junglighat School Jn. covering the entire portion on the right side, the boundary travel west along the Shamshan Ghat road covering Ashim Bhattacharaya Park, entire Goalghar Colony and from Burning Ghat the boundary goes along the Prem Nagar Kali Mandir and reaches Kali-Mandir and thereon the boundary connects to the road behind Councillor Colony and extends upto Shri. J.M. Anthony's house and goes along the road on North upto Telugu Baptist Church and then the boundary travels along the footpath upto Balan's House covering Palani's House and N. Mary's house and reaches Chirayu in-patient ward, extends toward Hotel Andaman Residency covering the entire Govt. Qtr. Junlighat Hospital and then boundary travels along Goalghar - Delanipur Road covering Nirmala School, Chevrolet Showroom and ends, at Delanipur Jn.

WARD NO. 7

(Population : 5736)

The Ward boundary starts from the road Jn. opposite Dr. Rohin's Eye Hospital, extends towards Delanipur Jn. covering Hotel Classic Regency, Delanipur Community Hall. Then the boundary goes along Delanipur-Goalghar road and reaches Hotel Andaman Residency covering Dawaat Restaurant, Uma Bakery, thereon the boundary travels South and reaches Chirayu in-patient ward and connects to the footpath near Balan's House and extends upto Telugu Baptist Church covering open stage, PBMC Barrack and thereafter the boundary extends towards south alongwith the road upto J.M. Anthony's house and reaches Prem Nagar Kali Mandir. Further the boundary extends to the Shamshan Ghat at Junglighat and passes along the sea shore road, upto ISPW fencing then the boundary goes upwards along the fencing and reaches the road leading to the office of the A.E, PBMC (behind AIR) then boundary extends towards AIR gate along the road and ends road Jn. Opp. Dr. Rohin's Eye Hospital.

WARD NO. 8

(Population : 5416)

The boundary starts from IOC road Jn. at Panipath road and the boundary travels towards Southeast and reaches upto Old Dhanvantri Jn. (opp.) Hotel Driftwood and then the boundary travels towards South towards Buniyadabad covering the entire portion on the right side and reaches the road Jn. opposite Dr. Rohin's Eye Hospital and goes towards All India Radio Road covering the entire portion on right side and reaches upto the road leading to office of the Assistant Engineer (PBMC) and thereafter travel towards South West along the ISPW fencing and reaches upto sea shore and then the boundary travels along the coast and goes towards North covering Naval Jetty and reach upto the IOC road Jn. and ends.

WARD NO.9

(Population : 6721)

The boundary starts from Choudhary Mill Jn., travels towards east, reaches Junglighat School Jn. the boundary then travels South along the Junglighat main road encompassing Junglighat Radha Krishna Mandir, Honda Showroom, Icy Spicy building, reaches Hayat Singh's Jn. from thereon the boundary goes further towards ITF Ground and travels along the road leading to Helipad and connects to the runway and travel upto INS Utkrosh Gate along the runway including the width of runway covering Air Terminal building, Hotel Nagri Inn, Pillar Hospital,

Citizen Colony, VKV School, SBI, Rakshavihar Branch, and reaches the road jn. opposite Utkrosh gate and then the boundary travels west towards APWD Treatment Plant Complex covering entire portion on the right side and travels upto the CPWD Complex, General pool accommodation, PBMC Civic public convenience and reaches Dairy Farm Milk Plant and then the boundary travels along road opposite Ganesh Mandir (behind Dairy Farm School) reaches the CC Footpath and extends upto the sea shore road at lower Dairy Farm, from there the boundary travels towards east along the coast including the road, the seaward side land, Municipal Chicken market, Junglighat New Jetty Complex, Vegetable Market, Fish market and then reaches upto Choudhary Mill Jn. and ends.

WARD NO. 10

(Population : 5751)

The ward boundary of Ward No. 10 starts from CAT Building Jn. and goes along the road leading to DC Office Jn. And extend towards RBV School covering District Court, Secretariat, Zilla-Parishad Office goes further South-west towards Hawa Ghar Jn. covering Joggers Park. From Hawa Ghar Jn. the boundary turns East and reaches Dudh Line Jn. and extend towards the road leading to Shadipur Jn. covering Metrological Office and reaches Shadipur Jn. Further it goes along the road leading to Civil Wireless Qtrs. and goes towards South Point covering South Point Water Tank, Municipal Qtrs., entire area on the left and reaches Hotel Sinclairs Jn. Further it extends Northeast goes along the road upto Ayyannar Temple covering Nicobari Guest house and the boundary goes along the walkway covering Govt. Press, JNRM, entire area on the left and reaches Ramakrishna Mission Trijunction. The boundary then goes along RGT Road and reaches the CAT Building Jn. covering, Machi Line, Radha Govind Temple, Murugan Temple, Gandhi Park and ends at CAT Building Jn.

WARD NO. 11

(Population : 5476)

The boundary starts from the road opposite Metrological Office and travels along North-east and reaches upto Shadipur School Jn. covering the entire portion on the right side, Shadipur School and further goes upto Shadipur CCS along the road and extends upto Civil Wireless covering Rishika Store, temple, and further goes towards South Point covering the mosque and leads towards Hotel Sinclair Jn. and extends upto Ayyannar Temple, Sinclairs Hotel and travels west along the walkway covering Ayyannar Temple, Sinclairs Hotel and reaches upto Mazhar Pahar covering the entire portion on the right side and it goes along the natural nallah and reach opposite Met Office and the boundary ends.

WARD NO. 12

(Population : 5206)

The Ward boundary starts from the road Jn. opposite Metrological Office travels alongwith natural nallah and reaches upto the Corbyns Cove road near Mazhar from there the boundary travels Southeast covering Judges Bungalow, Science Center, Hornbill Nest and goes on West from the Bunker Jn. and reaches ATI Guest House behind Sarovar Portico Resort (Peerless Resort) and thereafter the boundary goes upwards on the link road and reaches the Chakkargaon Road near children's Park, boundary travels South-west covering Type - V accommodation, Police Qtr. fisheries colony, part of Nayagaon Basthi and entire Doctor Colony, further the boundary goes along the link road and connects to the compound wall of Chakkargaon Digi and connects the road behind ATC tower and goes along the runway excluding the runway width and then gets connected to the footpath extends further Northeast to the Bahadur Lane Link road, and connects to Joggers Park road and from there it goes upto the Hawaghar Jn. and further travels towards Maruti Service Station and from that Jn. the boundary gets connected to the Metrological Office Jn. and ends

WARD NO. 13

(Population : 5297)

The Ward Boundary of Ward No. 13 starts from Secretariat Jn. leading upto RBV School Jn. covering the settlement on the right side including Zilla Parishad Niwas and passes towards South covering Chinamaya Mission, Police Qtrs. Police Line and reaches upto Joggers Park and further passes a few meters and then take right downward west upto Bahadur lane road and connects to the footpath covering the new Police Qtrs. and the entire private houses falling on the right side and connects airfield/ runway including width of runway then travels along the runway and then reaches upto the Helipad Complex covering the entire area on the right side and

the boundary travels towards VIP Road covering Helipad and ITF Ground, extends towards South West upto Hayat Singh Jn. and passes towards North on Junglighat main road covering Goenka Showroom, old CCS, Islands Bakery Jn. and the boundary further travels towards Goalghar Jn. covering the entire Junglighat upper area, Hotel Silver Spring, ANIIDCO Petrol Bunk and the boundary travels towards east on Link road covering Veterinary Hospital, NABARD Colony, Anti-Corruption Office and reaches the Secretariat Jn. and ends.

WARD.14

(Population : 6575)

The Ward boundary starts from the seashore near Tirupathi Temple travels along the coast covering the entire stretch of Dairy Farm area, extends further north east covering the fisherman settlement, Hanuman Temple, Fish Landing Jetty, Ram Mandir covering the entire portion on the seaward side of the road and reaches upto G. Srinu's house, then it goes south along footpath covering the entire portion on the right side and reaches upto the road behind Dairy Farm School, from there on the boundary leads upto the milk plant junction and extends further west along the Dairy Farm road, Ganesh Temple covering Municipal Shops and goes along the footpath opposite Shri Surendaran's house upto Pottaiah's house and reaches Japan road covering the entire portion on right side, thereafter the boundary travels towards south along the CC footpath upto Nokamma's house and connects the CC drain and then the boundary travels along the nallah and ends at seashore near Tirupathi Temple.

WARD NO.15

(Population :5978)

The Ward boundary starts from Dairy Farm Milk Plant Junction, goes along the south upto Nagarpalika VKV School, covering Jawahar Sarovar, Forest Nursery and further travels towards APWD Treatment Plant covering the entire portion on the right side and reaches the main road Opposite Utkrosh Gate and travels along the internal road of Utkrosh upto Runway including the width of runway, then the boundary travels upto drain at School Line Jn. opposite Uma Bakery covering entire portion on the right side, and then the boundary travels towards north-west upto Andaman Housing Society road junction and extends upto Jawahar Colony and covering entire Ranchi Tekri, right side of Jawahar Colony, Marine Qtr. reaches upto the compound wall of defence on the left and travels along the compound wall covering the entire Govt. Qtrs. on the right and connects to the compound wall of Jawahar Sarowar and reaches upto CC drain opposite Saraswathi's house and thereafter travels along CC footpath and connects to the Japan Road covering the entire upper Dairy Farm area on the right side and goes towards south along the CC footpath upto Surendaran's house covering Shiv Mandir, Vegetable market and reaches Dairy Farm road and ends opposite Milk Plant Junction.

WARD NO. 16

(Population : 6277)

The ward boundary starts from ATR road opposite Hotel Magpie Residency and travels along the road through Lokenath Colony and moves north-west connecting to the road leading to Govt. Polytechnic and travels further on the same road connects to old Pahargaon road towards Maakali Garage and travels west upto a culvert in front BRAIT Auditorium and the boundary travels along the nallah and reaches upto Minni Bay road along the fencing opposite Gurudwara and then goes upto Dhanwantri covering D&K City, Friend's Housing Society, Vatika Park, Dhanvantri Hospital and thereafter the boundary turn to north-west and reaches sea shore and travels along the sea shore and reaches the ATR -Dollygunj road Jn. near Shiv Mandir (opp. pond) and travels along the ATR and ends at Hotel Magpie Residency.

WARD NO. 17

(Population : 5880)

The boundary starts from ATR road opposite Hotel Magpie Residency and travels Southwest along the ATR upto Shiv Mandir Jn. (opp. pond) and then the boundary travels North along the Dollygunj road, covering the entire area on the right side, and reaches upto Mini stadium, toward south along the road upto Balikanekatan Jn. Covering Central Hatchery Unit, Poultry Farm and passes along the revenue boundary of Dollygunj village covering Sita Nagar Colony upto Plot No. 1/p near Sea shore. Thereafter the boundary travels upto Dhanvantri Hospital Jn. along the shore and extends upto Gurudwara Covering Minni Bay, Sri Nagar colony, Ajay Baugh, Pushpa Market and travels south-west along the nallah and reaches upto the culvert in front of Maakali Garage and connects to old Pahargaon road covering the entire portion on the right including BRAIT Auditorium and passes through the Lokenath Colony and connects to ATR next to Hotel Magpie Residency and the boundary ends.

WARD NO. 18

(Population : 5698)

The boundary starts from Balika Niketan tri-junction and goes along the road on southern side covering the entire portion on the right side and reaches Bus Stand (Shiv Mandir) junction. Garacharma then it takes right and moves along the road towards the Primary Health Centre Garacharma and reaches APWD Pump House and turns south-west along the road (Garacharma village boundary). Then the boundary turns west and reaches APWD Water Treatment Plant and travels along the compound wall of treatment plant and connects to the compound wall of the behind Aurbindo Hostel and extends towards Police Station covering Police qtrs. and connects to the road (leading to Teylerabad) and the boundary extends along the revenue boundary of Garacharma village (between Sumangalam's factory and Shri. Maula Ali's house) and travels along the revenue boundary covering Garacharma Basthi, Atom Pahad, along the coast and reaches upto Plot No. 1/p and connects to road and travels along the road to Balika Niketan J via Sita Nagar covering entire area on the right side.

WARD NO. 19

(Population : 6135)

The boundary starts from Garacharma -Balika Niketan tri-junction and goes along west covering science & technology building, towards Dollygunj mini stadium and goes towards North-east to Animal Husbandry Campus covering the Durga Temple and goes upto Shiv Mandir and connects to ATR road and travel upto the Godown of RSN and the boundary travel towards the village boundary of Pahargaon across the Airfield and reaches upto old Swapna Theatre Junction and goes along the main road towards South and reaches the road which leads to the Qtrs. and reaches upto Old Pahargaon Police Station and travel along the road towards South-east and reaches the Protherapur-Austinabad main road. Thereafter the boundary travels along the road reaches Protherapur Junction and travel towards North-west in the link road reaches up Mukesh Lall's building. The boundary further travels upto Bathu Basthi junction covering Pathergadda, Ganesh Temple, Bathu Basthi Petrol Bunk, Industrial estate and the extends up Garacharma Shiv Temple junction covering Hotel Arvind International, Mohan Ford then the boundary travel north along Garachama-Atom Pahad road and ends at the Balika Niketan tri-junction.

WARD NO.20

(Population :6189)

The ward boundary starts from Corbyn's Cove Forest Check Post and goes along the Austinabad main road covering AHW Colony, Mariamma temple and reaches upto Protherapur School junction. Thereon the boundary travel west towards the road leading to old Pahargaon Police Station covering the entire portion and reaches upto new Pahargaon road and then the boundary travels upto Old Swapna Theatre junction and extends along the village boundary upto the south east edge of runway and travel along the runway excluding the Airstrip and reaches upto the natural nallah and travels along south east and goes along the road and ends at Corbyn's Cove Forest Check Post.

WARD No. 21

(Population : 5279)

The boundary starts from the road jn. near the park at Nayagaon road and along the link road reaches to the coastal road leading to Corbyn's Cove, the boundary travels along the coast covering the Corbyn's Cove Beach, Portico Sarovar Resort, Waves, Raj Niwas Annex and further goes along the coast and connect to Brookshabad Quarry across the estuary from there the boundary travels east upto old PBMC toilet block and goes along the CC footpath reaches front of Govt. School Corbyn's Cove and leads to PBMC Safai Karamchhari's qtrs and thereafter the boundary leads upto Pondicherry University Campus and travels west ward along the road upto Tsunami Shelter, extends further South along the road upto the top hill near RDS Quarry and travels along the Austinabad Village Boundary and reaches the Austinabad main Road covering M.C. Das's house and Shiva Hollow Block Industries. The boundary then travels North-east along Austinabad main road towards Forest Check Post at Corbyn's Cove Jn. and leads towards INS Utkrosh, IOC gate, on the western side and goes upto School Line Jn. along the nallah. From there the boundary goes along the runway excluding the runway width covering the entire portion on the right side upto the road behind ATC Tower and extends upto the compound wall of Chakkargaon Diggi and connects to the link road leading to Chakkargaon main road opposite APWD Site Office and travels Northeast upto Childrens Park and ends.

WARD NO. 22

(Population : 4508)

The boundary starts from the PBMC Plasmapyrolysis Unit and goes along the Coast Line on the east covering the entire quarry, settlement and travels along the village boundary of Brookshabad and connect to the village boundary of Brichgunj and reaches upto the Katchamotorable road to Patric Lobo's Farm. Then the boundary travel along the common village boundary of Protherapur & Brichgunj and reaches the tri-junction of Protherapur Jail and Brichgunj and travels along the village boundary and connect to upper Austinabad and travel along the road upto Pondicherry University Campus road and goes along the road upto Municipal Safai Karmachari Qtrs. and ends of Plasma Unit.

WARD NO. 23

(Population : 5308)

The boundary starts from Pathergudda Ganesh Mandir and goes upto Mukesh Lal's House and reaches upto Protherapur junction and travels North east crosses Brichgunj road junction and goes further north and then the boundary travel along the village boundary of Protherapur village and reaches upto katchamotorable road leading to Patric Lobo's Farm land. Thereon the boundary travels North west and then north upto Star Digital Studio (Moosa building) near Calicut junction. The boundary further goes along the village boundary and reaches upto the CARI top Hill Road, then the boundary travels, north east crosses CARI and reaches the Bhatu Basthi Range Office from thereon the boundary travel in the branch road towards Chidambaram Colony, Vivekananda Colony and reaches Geeta General Store at Protherapur. Thereon the boundary goes along upto Pathergudda Ganesh Temple and ends.

WARD No. 24

(Population : 5727)

The ward boundary starts from Primary Health Centre, Garacharma, on ATR and travel north east along the ATR upto Bhatu Basthi junction covering Maruthi Showroom, Mahindra Showroom, Bhatu Basthi Ganesh Mandir further extends towards Pathergadda Ganesh Temple covering Bhatu Basthi School and extends along south east and extends upto Geeta General Store and goes along the branch road of Vivekananda Colony and extends upto Mustafa Store and goes upto Japan Nallah covering the entire portion on right side and travels along North west covering the Forest Range Office and extends west and goes upto CARI Complex and travel above the road and reaches upto village boundary and goes along west covering the NRSE project and along the village boundary connects to the branch road and leads upto Urban Health Centre, Garacharma and the ends.

Annexure to Notification No. 5-29/EC/A&N/2015 dated 5.3.2015

Notification is displayed in the following Offices:

1. Haddo Community Hall
2. PBMC Head Office
3. Nayagaon Sanitary Site Office
4. JE VII Site Office at Brookshabad
5. Panchayat Bhavan at Prothrapur
6. Garacharma Panchayat Bhawan
7. Dollygunj Panchayat Bhawan
8. Panchayat Bhawan, Brichgunj

ANNEX-III**SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION'S NOTIFICATION NO. 5-29/EC/A&N/2015 DATED 05.03.2015 FOR THE DELIMITATION OF PBMC WARDS:-**

S. No.	Name of the applicant	Gist of the Suggestion / Objection	Election Commission's comments / order
01.	Bharathiar Narpani Mandram, Haddo, Port Blair Dated 10.03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ward No. 1 (new), the area extends towards west along Laltha Singh ground and reaches PBMC Ratri Niwas covering Sree Kollapuri Bhavani Temple, reaches Hotel Dream Palace from there on the boundary goes towards Police Station, Chatham and ends at the Chatham Island belongs toward No. 1 (old) but it was excluded in ward No. 1 (new) and included in the Ward No. 2 (new). The area belongs to one boundary of ward No. 1. Include the above noted area with ward No. 1 itself because it belongs to one boundary and it will be easy to serve. The objection on the portion added to ward No. 2 from ward No. 1 as it belongs to one boundary. 	<p>Section 9 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994, states that the Election Commission shall divide the municipal area into territorial constituencies in such manner that the ratio between the population of each ward and the number of seats allotted to it shall so far as practicable, be the same throughout the municipal area. Similarly, Section 33(1) of the aforesaid Regulation provides that for the purposes of election to a Municipality every municipal area shall be divided into single member wards in such manner that the population of each ward shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the municipal area.</p> <p>Keeping in view the broad principles laid down in the Regulation, the Commission has carefully gone through the objections of the applicant objector. It is noted that the applicant has essentially objected to the shifting of certain areas of proposed ward No. 1 towards the western side and certain areas of the old ward No. 1 that have been shifted to the new proposed ward No. 2. Since the proposed delimitation exercise has been carried out inconsonance with the provision of Section 9 (1) and Section 33(1) referred to above, so as to ensure an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions, the Commission is unable to accept the suggestion of the applicant. If the suggestion of the applicant is accepted it would be in deviation of the principles guiding the delimitation and lead to disproportionate distribution of population in different wards of PBMC thereby defeating the very purpose of current delimitation exercise. The exercise is not to hold on to erstwhile ward boundaries but to redraw them in light of aforementioned principles.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, no representative of</p>

			<p>Bharathiar Narpani Mandram, Haddo, Port Blair was present. After due consideration, the Commission proposes to retain the boundaries of Ward No. 1 and 2, as envisaged in the draft proposals notified on 05.03.2015.</p>
02.	<p>All India Forward Bloc, State Committee, A & N Islands Dated 11.03.2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing 1-18 wards in the Municipal area must be kept as these were earlier. • The address proof like ration card, Aadhar, PAN, Islander card and voter ID cards etc. as it will require to be changed as per new ward numbers. • Newly included villages may be allotted with new ward numbers and there is no necessity to change the existing ward numbers. • No changes should be done without consulting the people of a ward. 	<p>The Commission has carefully gone through the objections of the applicant objector and it is observed that the applicant objector has essentially requested that the renumbering of the old wards (from No. 1 to 18) in draft proposal may be done away with only and newly created wards from among the erstwhile villages falling in gram panchayats which are now included in the PBMC may be numbered as 19 to 24, as otherwise it will create problems for the general public. The people would have to get their documents changed, such as Ration Card, Aadhaar Card, Islander Card and Voter I-Card, etc. as the Nos. of existing wards of the PBMC have been mentioned in these documents.</p> <p>The Commission has seriously considered the objections and even referred the matter to the Administration for re-examining whether the old ward Nos. 1 to 18 of the PBMC could be retained. The Committee on Delimitation examined the issue in detail and observed that the current delimitation proposal of 24 ward boundaries has been carried out in a best possible manner. The ward boundaries have been changed in order to achieve equitable distribution of population, as far as practicable, in each of the 24 wards. The new wards have been rationally numbered in a sequential manner as followed by the Survey of India. The question of change of ward number in the ID cards is insignificant, as the ID Cards with old ward numbers can still be utilized by a voter for proving his/her identity at the time of election.</p> <p>In view of the increase in the population and the uneven distribution of the population in different wards, the boundaries of wards have been rationalized in adherence to the provisions of Section 9 (1) and 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994. Therefore, the suggestion of the applicant cannot be accepted as the proposed delimitation exercise</p>

			<p>has been carried out so as to have an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions. Further, the last delimitation was carried out in the year 1995 and since then population profile of all the existing 18 wards has undergone considerable change, hence recasting of old boundaries of the all the existing 18 wards of PBMC was necessary and territorial change of ward boundaries is inevitable.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, no representative of All India Forward Bloc, State Committee, A & N Islands, was present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission proposes to retain the boundaries of all the 24 wards as notified in its proposals on 05.03.2015.</p>
03.	Telugu Desam Party Dated 11.03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The old 1-18 Wards in the Municipal area must be kept as these were earlier. • The address proof like Ration Card, Aadhaar, PAN, Islander Card and Voter ID Cards etc. required to be changed as per new ward nos. • Newly included villages may be allotted with new ward nos. and there is no necessity to change the existing ward nos. • No changes should be done without consulting the people of that ward. 	<p>The Commission has carefully gone through the objections of the applicant objector and it is observed that it has essentially requested that the existing Ward No. 1 to 18 must be kept as was earlier and extension of Municipal limits should be done by allotting new ward numbers according to the population of newly added villages and there is no necessity to change the existing ward numbering. The new proposal of the Commission will create problems for the general public as they would have to get their documents changed, such as Ration Card, Aadhaar Card, Islander Card and Voter I-Card, etc. as the Nos. of existing wards of the PBMC have been mentioned in these documents.</p> <p>The Commission has seriously considered the objections and even referred the matter to the Administration for re-examining whether the old Ward Nos. 1 to 18 of the PBMC could be retained. The Committee on Delimitation examined the issue in detail and observed that the current delimitation proposal of 24 ward boundaries has been carried out in the best possible manner and all the ward boundaries got changed in order to achieve equitable distribution of population, as far as practicable, in each of the 24 Wards. The new wards have been numbered</p>

			<p>rationality in a sequential manner as followed by Survey of India. The question of change of ward number in the ID Cards is significant, as the ID Card with old ward number can still be utilized by a voter for proving his/her identity at the time of election.</p> <p>The ward boundaries have been rationalized in view of the increase in the population and the uneven distribution of the population in the different wards and in adherence to the provisions of Section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994. The suggestion of the applicant is not acceptable to the Commission as the proposed delimitation exercise has been carried out so as to have an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions of wards. Since the last delimitation was carried out in the year 1995, population profile of all the existing 18 wards have undergone considerable change and hence recasting of old boundaries of all the existing 18 wards of PBMC is necessary, and therefore territorial change of ward boundaries is inevitable.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, no representative of Telugu Desam Party was present. After due consideration, the Commission proposes to retain the boundaries of all the newly created 24 Wards as envisaged in its draft proposals notified on 05.03.2015.</p>
04.	<p>Sh. P. Pannerselvam & 121 others Dated 13.03.2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the proposed delimitation of area under the erstwhile Ward No. 1. • Due to the above said proposal there is every possibility of division of particular population of a particular state and there is every chance of groupism among the people. • To safeguard the unity of these Islands, the area merged to adjacent ward may be retained under Ward No. 14 as per old notification. 	<p>The proposed delimitation exercise has been carried out by the Commission is based on the rationale of equitable distribution of population as per 2011 Census and also according to the provisions mentioned under Section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994. While determining the ward boundaries, the Commission is not concerned with the ward population based on caste, creed, religion, language etc. in that ward.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, neither the applicants nor their representative were present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission rejects the request of the applicants.</p>

05.	Shri Tejeswara Rao and 35 others. Town Electoral Boundary Committee Dated 14.03.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfied with the Delimitation of ward boundary. Specifically new Ward No. 14 & 15. • Request to implement the draft delimitation Notification 2015. 	<p>The applicant objector has not raised any objection to the proposal of the Commission and rather has appreciated the efforts of the Commission in carving out the ward boundaries of the PBMC.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, Shri Tejeswara Rao, the applicant was present and reiterated his satisfaction on the delimitation proposals.</p>
06.	Indian People Party Dated 18.03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing wards should not be disturbed in any manner. • Extension of Municipal limits should be done by incorporating new wards according to the population of newly added village. • Change of Address proof in all documents is to be changed which will consume time. There is not enough time before elections. • Review the existing proposal. 	<p>The Commission has carefully gone through the objections of the applicant objector and it is observed that it has essentially requested that the existing wards should not be disturbed and extension of Municipal limits should be done by incorporating new wards according to the population of newly added villages. The new proposal of the Commission will create problems for the general public as they would have to get their identity documents changed, such as Ration Card, Aadhaar Card, Islander Card and Voter I-Card, etc. as the numbers of old wards of the PBMC have been mentioned in these documents.</p> <p>The Commission has seriously considered the objections and even referred the matter to the Administration for re-examining whether the old ward numbers 1 to 18 of the PBMC could be retained. The Committee on Delimitation examined the issue in detail and observed that the current delimitation proposal of 24 ward boundaries has been carried out in the best possible manner and all the ward boundaries got changed in order to achieve equitable distribution of population, as far as practicable, in each of the 24 Wards. The new wards have been numbered rationally in a sequential manner as followed by Survey of India. The question of change of ward number in the ID Cards is insignificant, as the ID Cards with old number can still be utilized by a voter for proving his/her identity at the time of election.</p> <p>In view of the increase in the population and its uneven distribution in the different wards and in adherence to the provisions of Section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994, and in order to</p>

			<p>rationalize the boundaries of wards, the suggestion of the applicant is not acceptable to the Commission as the proposed delimitation exercise has been carried out so as to have an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions. Since the last delimitation was carried out in the year 1995, population profile of all the existing 18 Wards have undergone considerable change and hence recasting of old boundaries of all the existing 18 Wards of PBMC is necessary, and therefore territorial change of ward boundaries is inevitable.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, no representative of Indian People Party was present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission proposes to retain the boundaries of all the 24 Wards as envisaged in its draft proposals notified on 05.03.2015.</p>
07.	Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kalazham State Dated 18.03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly oppose any move to bifurcate any of the existing wards as it will adversely affect the political balance of these wards. • Extension of wards should be done without disturbing any of the existing wards. • The new six wards may be added by dividing the population of the extended area • Strongly oppose any move to bifurcate any of the existing wards. 	<p>The applicant objector has essentially opposed the bifurcation of existing wards as it will affect the political balance of these wards. The Commission would like to emphasize that the delimitation exercise of the wards has been necessitated by the change in the population profile of existing wards in the last 20 years. No political inclination of the population residing in the wards is taken into consideration by the Commission while determining the ward boundaries.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, no representative of Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kalazham was present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission does not find any merit in the suggestion and therefore rejects it.</p>
08.	Sh. Sher Singh, Ex-Chairperson, PBMC, Port Blair dated 19.03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delimitation between 6 and 7 is not done properly. • Needs correction otherwise will lead to greater confusion amongst the elected representative of both wards in implementing developmental works. • Specific suggestion is made about the boundary definition from Chirayu Hospital to J.M. Antony's house of Ward No. 6 & 7. 	<p>The Commission has examined the objections of the applicant very carefully and referred it to the Delimitation Committee for physical inspection of the area to find out an other alternate boundary of the ward. The Committee has informed that the suggestions of the applicant are genuine and alteration in the boundary can be effected without much changes in the population of Ward No. 6 & 7.</p>

			In view of the recommendations of the Committee and re-iteration of his suggestion by the applicant during the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the Commission agrees to make the changes in its proposals.
09.	Sh. K. Ganeshan S/o Late T. Krishnan Dated 20.03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The demarcation of ward boundary of Ward No. 8 from All India Radio to Pranab Kanya Sangh and Naval Jetty is incorrect. Suggested that the actual area under Ward No. 3 is from AIR Gate covering the motorable road leading to the gate of the official residence of the Commander-in-Chief, ANC, to the boundary wall to Dhobi Diggy, Prem Nagar to Sea Shore and towards the North covering Naval Jetty and reach upto IOC Road Junction (Panipat). Request to rectify the boundary definition. 	<p>The Commission has examined the objection carefully and even ensured physical inspection of the area by the Delimitation Committee. The Committee has informed that boundary could be corrected as this change is not going to affect the population figure of the ward.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant reiterated his suggestion.</p> <p>After due consideration and keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee, the Commission agrees to make the changes in its proposals.</p>
10.	Sh. K. Ganeshan R/o Buniyadabad Dated 20.03.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted details stating that a portion of Ward No. 1 (old) is included in Ward No. 3 (old). This will hamper the population/voter figure of new Ward No. 8 and suggested that the area added to new Ward No. 3 be brought back to new Ward No. 8. There is a significant population shift / transfer from their old Ward No. 3 to adjoining wards on present delimitation. Despite representation in 2013 and 2014 on this issue the rectification is not done by the authorities. The current delimitation might hamper the prospects of aspiring Councilors in Ward No. 1 & 8 (new) in the ensuing elections and suggested to include the population as submitted by him in the enclosures. 	<p>The applicant objector has raised objection that in the current delimitation exercise, portion of Ward No. 1 (old) has been included in Ward No. 3 (old) and this will hamper voter figures and this should rather be brought in the new Ward No. 8. The Commission would like to emphasize that the delimitation exercise has been undertaken as per the provisions of Section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994, so as to have an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions of wards. There are always some changes in the territorial boundaries of the wards whenever delimitation exercise takes place.</p> <p>The Commission does not take into account any political consideration or prospects of any political party in undertaking the delimitation work.</p> <p>Further, the population statistics released in the 2011 Census have been taken into consideration while redefining the new ward boundaries. The name of every elector would be included in the area of the ward in which he/she resides at the time of revision of electoral rolls for PBMC.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on</p>

			<p>22.04.2015, the applicant reiterated his suggestion.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission is of the view that it is a normal activity and hence unable to accept the suggestion.</p>
11.	Shri Indrapal Singh Councilor, Ward No. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a confusion in ward boundary of Ward No. 7 specifically at Chirayu Clinic area and suggested a new boundary. • Suggested the clear boundary marking for the same. 	<p>The Commission has examined the matter carefully and even ensured physical inspection of the area by the Delimitation Committee to find out any other alternate boundary of the ward. The Committee has informed that the suggestions of the applicant are genuine and alteration in the boundary can be effected without much changes in the population of Ward No. 6 & 7.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration and keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee, the Commission agrees to make the changes in its proposals.</p>
12.	Bharatiya Janata Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed delimitation is based on Census 2011 which is not realistic. • Delimit only those wards whose population is higher than the average. • Addresses are identified as ward nos., therefore, ward nos. of existing ward is to be retained. • Delimitation could be done where there is more than 6000-6500 voters with minimum disturbance. • Instead of 24 Wards, one more extra seat could be created to get more representation. • Present draft delimitation made the stakeholders panic. • Fresh voter list will show that ward population is very close to no. of voters which can never be ethical. • Ward with nominal or sizeable number of voters may equalized with the number of voters in the adjacent wards / newly created wards. • Strongly desire that the geography of the existing wards should not be disturbed. 	<p>The contention of the objector that the population of Census 2011 is not realistic is not acceptable to the Commission as the same has been published by the Census Commissioner of India and there is no ground to suggest that these figures are unrealistic. The current delimitation exercise has been carried out on the basis of population data given in the 2011 Census.</p> <p>The proposed delimitation exercise has been carried out in consonance with the provisions of Section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994, so as to have an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions. Since the last delimitation was carried out in the year 1995, population profile of all the existing 18 Wards has undergone considerable change and hence recasting of old boundaries of the all the existing 18 Wards of PBMC is necessary, and territorial change of ward boundaries is, therefore, inevitable.</p> <p>As regard the creation of one extra ward in the PBMC, the Commission would like to emphasize that the total number of wards i.e. 24, was notified by the Administrator and</p>

			<p>Commission has no purview under the relevant Municipal Regulation regarding the determination of total no. of wards. The current delimitation exercise has commenced only after the total no. of wards were determined by the Administrator vide Notification dated 02.01.2015.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, a representative of Bharatiya Janata Party reiterated its suggestion.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission does not agree with the suggestions of Bharatiya Janata Party.</p>
13.	Dravide Munnetra Kezhagam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some boundaries are haphazard, as drains and mere walkways have been denoted as ward boundary. • Extension of Municipal Ward could be done later after completing the delimitation of existing ward boundary. • Under present limit of 2 Ward, equal population and to be maintained in all wards and under such condition, this type of haphazard proposals are only possible. • Old settlement Basthi's like South Point, Duganabad, Junglighat, Shadipur etc. have been disturbed and divided into two or three different parts. • Disturb the social character of the wards which stayed together for years. • With new proposal, there will be two or three different Councilors with different view and political backgrounds which will divide social character. • Suggested to amend the Municipal Regulation, 1994, to increase the nos. of wards to 30 then delimit existing 18 wards in the range of 4000 to 4500 voters then include six revenue villages in the same voters range. 	<p>The proposed delimitation exercise carried out by the Commission is based on the rationale of equitable distribution of population as provided in the data of 2011 Census and also according to the provisions mentioned under Section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994. While determining the ward boundaries, the Commission has taken assistance of the Administration and all possible/available geographical features have been taken into consideration and efforts have been made to retain the village identity. In achieving the population equilibrium, some villages/wards have undergone minimum changes.</p> <p>As regard the suggestion to increase the no. of wards to 30, the Commission would like to emphasize that the determination of wards is vested in the authority of Administrator and the Commission has no purview in this matter. The delimitation exercise has been undertaken on the basis of 24 Wards as notified by the Administrator.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant reiterated his suggestions.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission does not find any merit in the suggestion and hence rejects it.</p>

14.	Smt. E. Memona and 77 others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Pahargaon in Ward No. 17, which should ideally be included in Ward No. 16 as it is nearer and convenient in Ward No. 16. 	<p>The Commission has examined the matter carefully and has even ensured a second physical inspection of the area to find out any other alternate boundary of the ward but suggestion of the applicant is unworkable.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission is unable to make any changes in its Notification dated 05.03.2015.</p>
15.	Smt. Vinita Malhotra, Councilor Ward No. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciated the effort of delimitation. • South Point village is old settlement of inhabitant of Pre-42 settlement and their families and relatives live along both sides of the road opposite to each other. • The new pattern or restructuring the boundaries divided this village into two parts / ward through this road. • The village will face difficulty as the wards will be in two different hands with different views and work culture. • Few portion of Ward No. 16 (old) is separated and included in new ward which is not satisfactory as it separates the oldest settlement of South Point. • Suggested that some portion of Ward boundary of Ward No. 16 (old) may be retained to include Machi Line, as it was, in the ward limit of Ward No. 11 (new) so that the social character of the locality remains same. • After including Machi Line some portion of the new boundaries after South Point School could be excluded to balance the population, which will also give a perfect boundary and geographical shape which will be systematic and organized. 	<p>The Commission has examined the matter carefully and has even ensured second physical inspection of the area to find out any other alternate boundary of the ward but found that the suggestion of the applicant is unworkable.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, a representative of the applicants reiterated their suggestion.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission is unable to make any changes in its Notification dated 05.03.2015.</p>

<p>16. Sh. K. Ganeshan, Ex. Chairman, PBMC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delimitation of wards has upset local political leaders and citizen. • The move is likely to cost heavily on Govt. Treasury involving administrative machinery and manpower. Changes to be executed documents like Identity Card, Islander Card etc. will cause hardships to the citizens. • In earlier delimitation (1994) the names of those 11 Ward not changed which is not followed this time. • Municipal Council is scheduled to go on polls and renaming of wards is likely to cause extreme hardship to citizens having official I-Cards with old ward nos. as address like Election I-Card, Ration Card, Aadhaar Card, LPG etc. in order to exercise right to vote. • Requested to retain old ward nos. 	<p>The applicant has essentially stated that the current exercise of delimiting the wards has upset the local political leaders and citizens and the move is likely to cost heavily on Government Treasury also. The residents would have to seek changes in their documents, such as Ration Card, Aadhaar Card, Islander Card and Voter I-Card, etc. as the numbers of existing wards of the PBMC have been mentioned in these documents. This will cause pressure on the Administrative machinery. The suggestion of the applicant cannot be accepted by the Commission as the proposed delimitation exercise has been carried out in consonance with the provision of section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994, so as to have an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions. Since the last delimitation was carried out in the year 1995, population profile of all the existing 18 wards have undergone considerable change and hence recasting of old boundaries of the all the existing 18 Wards of PBMC is necessary, and territorial change of ward boundaries is, therefore, inevitable.</p> <p>While carrying out the delimitation exercise in 1995, the ward numbering had also undergone a change and therefore changes in the current delimitation exercise are not a new phenomenon. Retaining the old numbers of wards will not be practical as it will lead to unequal distribution of population among different wards and thus lead to more confusion in the minds of the general public and will also defeat the very purpose of delimitation.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant reiterated his suggestion.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission does not find any merit in the suggestions and proposes to retain the boundaries of all the 24 Wards as notified on 05.03.2015.</p>
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17.	B.Hema Rao, Jr. Vice Chairperson, PBMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciated the delimitation work and stated that the ward boundary of Ward No. 2, is defined perfectly and satisfactory and requests that the same be finalized. 	<p>The applicant objector has not raised any objection to the proposal of the Commission and infact has appreciated the efforts of the Commission in carving out the ward boundaries of the PBMC.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant reiterated his satisfaction on the delimitation proposals.</p>
18.	Sh. Girish Kumar & 54 others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few old wards have undergone lot of changes by adding and deleting to adjacent wards to create new wards. The suggestion for redrawing the proposed boundary is also mentioned in the letter. 	<p>The Commission has examined the suggestion carefully and has found that it is not feasible to re-draw the ward boundary as suggested by the applicant. The ward boundaries proposed in the draft proposal has been drawn after taking into consideration all the relevant factors, such as population and physical features of the geographical area of the concerned ward.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission does not find the suggestions workable and therefore is unable to make any changes in its proposed boundaries notified on 05.03.2015.</p>
19.	Sh. Manoj Kindo & 5 others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maps are not understandable / referable. The write ups are not clear in identifying the boundary. Some confusion in the boundaries. Suggested to consider the road as boundary instead of village boundary. Requested to re-check the boundary otherwise general public will hardships. Few areas like Garacharma, there is road but the boundary is not taken on road instead the village boundary is taken. Public will not be able to identify the village boundary as there is no permanent marking. In 1994-95 delimitation there was some confusion in ward boundary at Austinabad, Dollygunj Jn., Pahargaon which still exist. 	<p>The Commission has gone through the objections raised by the applicant. It is stated that the maps are not understandable, write ups are not clear in identifying the boundaries of the wards and there is confusion in the boundaries. It has been suggested that road should be taken as boundary instead of village boundary. The Commission has examined the matter carefully and referred it to the Delimitation Committee for physical inspection of the area. The Committee has inspected the area and informed that the boundaries could well be defined with road as reference instead of village boundary.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, neither applicants nor their representative was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration, and keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee, the Commission agrees to make the changes in its proposals.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public will have to learn to run to different departments for getting clarification about the exact location / ward number of their property / assets. The adjoining boundaries with the Panchayat needs to be described very clearly and identifiable manner. • Requested to check the boundary once again enabling to understand the area of living better. 	
20.	Sh. S. Muthuraman Councillor Ward No. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boundary is very vast and is not justified in Comparison to earlier ward boundary. • Suggested to retain the old boundary or may be delimited as suggested. • Suggested new boundary (as in the letter) to redraw the ward to make the execution of developmental works in a better manner. • Specific mention is made about Ward No. 12. 	<p>The Commission has examined the objections of the applicant and after having inputs from the Administration, it is found that the boundary suggested by the applicant is not practicable and acceptable, as it will affect the territorial boundaries of the adjoining wards.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission does not find any merit in the suggestion and therefore rejects it.</p>
21.	Sh. P. B. Murgan, Ward Councillor Ward No. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Wards have undergone lot of changes by adding and deleting. • Attention is drawn on Dairy Farm, Lamba Line, School Line, Mini Bay area. • Compact community living like Ranchi Settlement, Telugu Settlement, Fisherman Settlement live in the said area got disturbed. • New boundaries are divided and merged into different Wards which might cause inconvenience to population and also the civic body to continue the developmental work. • Friends Colony and Kripnanda Colony is merged with Defence Civilian and old Pahargaon which will cause great inconvenience. • Requested to relook into these areas as there could be other alternate and possibility for compact ward. 	<p>The current delimitation exercise has been undertaken in consonance with the provisions of Section 9 (1) and Section 33 (1) of the A&N Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994, so as to have an equitable distribution of population and proper geographical divisions.</p> <p>The delimitation exercise is not going to alter or affect the development works in any ward of the PBMC. Civic body will carryout the work as per the notified boundaries and elected representatives shall ensure that no lopsided development work takes place.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission is unable to accept the suggestion of the applicant.</p>

22.	S. Shanmuganathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed division of Ward No. 3(New Ward No. 8) is likely to lose huge No. of voters and the strengths is likely to fall from 4699 to 2448 as per electoral 2015. • Polling Station 3-2 (part-140) and 303 (part -141) has been proposed to move to other wards under new delimitation proposal. • No addition of any area of polling station of other wards into the new proposed Ward no. 8. Drastic reduction of voters strength to below 2500. • Shows discrepancy as there is no balancing act of equalizing the voters strength. • Transfer of 3-3 to Ward No. 5 (new proposed Ward No. 3) should not take place to ensure that the ward is well managed both in terms of operation and voter strength. 	<p>The current delimitation exercise is based on the latest census figures and not on the voter count.</p> <p>The polling stations will be setup as per new delimitation, hence, the issue at this stage is irrelevant.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission is unable to accept the suggestion of the applicant.</p>
23.	Sanjay Kumar Yadav	<p>Appreciated the extension of city limits saying it is a need of the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distribution of equal population is good step. • The ward boundaries defined along the roads are very clear. • The boundaries defined in the interior roads/nallahs are leading to confusion and does not the clarity. • From the normal citizen point of view, the definition of boundaries is not identifiable. • This might lead to disputes in the property, public assets, infrastructures lying the common boundary. • A thorough recheck of such area are required to address this description at the initial stage. 	<p>The Commission has examined the matter carefully and referred it to the Delimitation Committee for physical inspection of the area. The Committee has inspected the area and informed that more prominent features/reference will be included in the textual boundary/map which is not going to affect the population figures of the wards.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant was not present.</p> <p>After due consideration and keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee, the Commission agrees to make the changes in its proposals.</p>

		<p>Ward No. 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion near Air Cargo/Helipad delineation. <p>Ward No. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion near Runway, Airfield, connection/link between Jawahar Colony, Japan Road. <p>Ward No. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The origin of the boundary at ATR Road, link between Poly Road to Old Pahargaon from M/Bay Junction to Sea shore. <p>Ward No. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link of Atom Pahad area to Sea Shore of Mini Bay coastal boundary. <p>Ward No. 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link between PBMC Civic Toilet to Safai Karamchari qtrs, Pondicherry University. • ATC Tower, Air Cargo complex. <p>Ward No. 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARI Complex to linkage boundary for proper link. 	
24.	Sh. Sanjay Meshack, Convenor Aam Aadmi Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demanded door to door survey for making new electoral for Municipal and Panchayat in different wards. 	<p>After the delimitation of wards is finalized and duly notified by the Commission, the revision of Electoral Rolls for all the 24 Wards of the PBMC will be carried out as per rule 10 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995, i.e, based on the Parliamentary Electoral Rolls, revised with reference to 01.01.2015 as the qualifying dates.</p> <p>In the public meeting held by the Election Commissioner on 22.04.2015, the applicant reiterated his suggestion.</p> <p>After due consideration, the Commission finds that the objection does not relate to delimitation and therefore does not need any consideration by it.</p>

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Secretary