

**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**Bye-Electino-2017**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH AND  
TELANGANA**  
**South 'H' Block, Secretariat, Hyderabad-500 022**

**Memo.No.4078/Elec.B/A1/2017-17**

**Dated:29.07.2017.**

Sub: Elections - Bye-Election to 139-Nandyal Assembly Constituency, Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh State scheduled to be held on 23.08.2017 - Issue of Authority letters to Media persons - Furnish requirement - Regarding.

Ref:1.From the Secretary, Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Press Note No.ECI/PN/64/2017, dated 27.07.2017.  
2.This Office Memo No.4078/Elec.B/A1/2017-3, dt.27.7.2017.  
3.From the ECI Lr.No.491/AL-Inst/2017-Communication, Dt.28.07.2017.

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The attention of the Commissioner of Information & Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is invited to the references 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cited. He is informed that the Election Commission of India has directed to conduct Bye-Election to 139-Nandyal Assembly Constituency of Kurnool district on 23.08.2017 and Counting on 28.08.2017. In order to issue authority letters to Media persons on the day of Poll and the day of Counting, the requirement of Authority Letters under Rule 32 (c) and 53 (1) (b) of Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 for the aforesaid election together with the list of persons, with photographs, to whom authority letters are to be issued, is to be assessed. The Commission has issued detailed instructions in this regard, vide letter 3<sup>rd</sup> cited (copy enclosed).

2. He is, therefore, requested to furnish the requirement of authority letters for Polling / Counting / both duly following the instructions of the Commission vide its letter 3<sup>rd</sup> cited and furnish the same to this office by **05.08.2017** with the list consisting of name of the person, full postal address, whether official or non official, Designation, name of the media so as to send the same to the ECI and also for supply of authority letters to the Collector & District Election Officer, Kurnool district.

3. The Collector & District Election Officer, Kurnool is hereby authorised to sign on the authority letters, as per the instructions of the Commission vide Lr.No.491/AL-INST/2014(communication) Dt.18.03.2014 (copy enclosed). He is informed that the District Election Officer has to sign each such authority letter in his own hand (no facsimile or rubber stamps shall be used) as per the approved list furnished by the Commissioner of Information & Public Relations.

4. The District Election Officer and the Returning Officer for 139-Nandyal AC are requested to follow the instructions of the Commission vide order No.491/96/MCS, Dt.27.03.1996 (copy enclosed) regarding facilities to be provided to media persons for coverage of process of election and give wide publicity to the arrangements.

**BHANWAR LAL**  
**CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &**  
**E.O. SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.**

To

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh, State Guest House Premises, Gopalreddy Road, Suryaraopet, Vijayawada -520 002. (w.e)  
**Copy to** the Collector & District Election Officer, Kurnool district. .... *With a request to furnish the requirement of Authority Letters to Media persons in consultation with DPRO to the Commissioner, I & PR Dept., Telangana, Hyderabad and also depute a responsible official to this office to collect the same.*

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//FORWARDED::BY::ORDER//

  
SECTION OFFICER



3 (c). The authority letter for Poll day is valid for all Polling Stations of the Constituency mentioned in authority letter, which an applicant may like to cover. The authority letter clearly mentions that photography and videography is strictly prohibited inside the Voting Compartment so as not to violate secrecy of Ballot.

4. While forwarding such requests duly recommended by the above-mentioned authorities, name of the person, full postal address, whether official or non-official and whether Authority Letter is required for (i) polling or (ii) counting or (iii) both should also be indicated clearly. No omnibus Authority Letter shall be issued. You should maintain appropriate control registers at your level.

5. While recommending passes for counting, care should be taken that: -

(a) For electronic media teams, not more than two passes should be given for one counting center and it is emphasized that each individual member will need a separate authority letter.

(b) For print media, only one pass per news agency/newspaper should be given for one counting center.

6. You are requested to screen and scrutinize such requests in accordance with Commission's standing directions issued from time to time on the subject and send your recommendations immediately.

7. Give wide publicity regarding the deadline fixed by the Commission in order to ensure that your recommendations must reach the Commission within the deadline i.e. 08.08.2017. Your attention is invited to para 10.1 and 10.2 of the Commission's Order No. 491/96/MCS, dated 27-3-1996, letter No. 491/97/MCS-Vol.II dated 25-3-1997 and Order No.491/2005/MCP dated 07-01-2005, regarding facilities to be provided to media persons for coverage of process of election. Please arrange to give wide publicity to the arrangements.

8. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



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