

Bye-Election -2017  
MOST IMMEDIATE

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

Memo No.4078/Elecs.B/A1/2017- 44,

Dated:13.08.2017.

Sub: Elections - Bye-Election to 139-Nandyal Assembly Constituency scheduled to be held on 23.08.2017 - Prohibition on displaying any election matter (i.e., election campaign) in any electronic media during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of Poll - Reg.

Ref: From the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Letter No.576/EXIT/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/Vol.II/2017,dt.02.08.2017 together with a Notification No. 576/EXIT/LET/FUNC/JUD /SDR /Vol.II /2017, dated 02.08.2017.

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The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is informed that as per Section 126(1) (b) of Representation of the People Act, 1951, no person shall display to the public any election matter (i.e., any matter intended or calculated to influence or affect the result of an election) by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, in any polling area during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of the poll for any election in the polling area.

2. Further, the Commission vide its notification cited (copy enclosed) has clarified that Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying of any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll for the bye-election to 139-Nandyal Assembly Constituency of Kurnool district scheduled to be held on 23.08.2017 ie., from 6.00 pm on 21.08.2017 to 6.00 pm on 23.08.2017.

3. The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is, therefore, requested to take further action to restrict displaying of any such election matter in any electronic media from 6.00 pm on 21.08.2017 to 6.00 pm on 23.08.2017 in view of the Bye-Election to 139-Nandyal Assembly Constituency, Kurnool district scheduled to be held on 23.08.2017.

4. The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is also requested to communicate these instructions to all the Electronic Media in the State of Andhra Pradesh as well as Kurnool district for strict compliance.

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5. He is further informed that Section 126 of R.P. Act 1951 does not cover the Print Media in view of the clarification issued by the Election Commission of India vide its letter No.491/PN/KT/2013/ 358, Dt.02.05.2013 (copy enclosed).

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

To  
The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, State Guest House  
Premises, Gopalreddy Road, Suryaraopet, Vijayawada -520 002 (w.e)  
All the Electronic Media Channels in the State of Andhra Pradesh  
(through: **Commissioner, I & PR**, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (w.e)

**Copy to:**

The Collector & District Election Officer, Kurnool. (w.e).  
The Joint Collector, Kurnool & Returning Officer, 139-Nandyal AC (w.e)  
SF/SC

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SECTION OFFICER



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Gazette of Andhra Pradesh,  
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## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan,  
Ashoka Road,  
New Delhi-110001

No. 576/EXIT/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/VOL.II/2017

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017

### NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the schedule for the Bye-Elections to the Legislative Assemblies in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Goa and NCT of Delhi has been announced by the Commission vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/64/2017, dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

2. And whereas, as per the provisions of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, there shall be restrictions on conduct of any exit poll and publication and dissemination of result of such exit poll during such period as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard;

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of Sub-Section (2)(b) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between **7.00 A.M.** and **6.30 P.M.** on **23-08-2017(Wednesday)**, as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the said bye-elections announced vide the Commission's Press Note No. ECI/PN/64/2017, dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 from **139-Nandyal Assembly Constituency in Andhra Pradesh, 19-Valpoi Assembly Constituency & 11-Panaji Assembly Constituency in Goa and 07-Bawana(SC) Assembly Constituency in NCT of Delhi** shall be prohibited.

4. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll for the aforesaid bye-elections.

By order,

(K.F.WILFRED)  
Sr. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001**

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No. 576/EXIT/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/VOL.II/2017

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017

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To,

The Chief Electoral Officer's

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Goa
3. NCT of Delhi

Subject: - Bye-Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies, 2017 –Exit Poll – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Notification No. 576/Exit/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/VOL.II/2017, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 with the request that this may be published in an extraordinary issue of the State gazette and a copy thereof may be sent to the Commission for record.

This may be brought to the notice of all concerned including news bureaus, media houses, radio and television channels etc.

Yours faithfully,

(N.T.BHUTIA)  
SECRETARY





By Special Messenger

# Election Commission of India

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 491/PN/KT/2013/358

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013

To

Sh. Rajan Khosla,  
Co-Convener,  
Election Cell,  
Bharatiya Janta Party,  
11, Ashok Road,  
New Delhi - 110001.

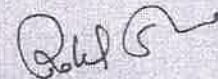
Subject: Prohibition of political advertisement during forty eight hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll - clarification - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 on the subject cited and to clarify that

1. The Commission, vide its Press Note dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 (copy enclosed) has already issued guidelines by reiterating provisions of Section 126 of Representation of People Act, 1951 for media coverage during the period of forty eight hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll.
2. Section 126 of Representation of People Act, 1951 does not cover the print media.

Yours faithfully



(Rahul Sharma)  
Under Secretary

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