

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.E) DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 1534/Elecs.E/A2/2012-8

Date: 26.04.2012

Sub:- Elections - Bye-Elections to House of People from 39-Nellore Parliamentary Constituency and to A.P. Legislative Assembly from 18 Assembly Constituencies - Printing of electoral rolls – Supply of copies to recognized political parties, their candidates, and Observers and preparation of Marked copy of electoral roll – Continuous updation of electoral rolls - Regarding.

- Ref:- 1)From the E.C.I. Lr.No.23/LOCATOR//2007-ERS, dt.05.11.2007
2)From the E.C.I. Lr. No.22/2/2008-PLN-II, Dt.08.08.2008.
3)From the E.C.I. Lr.No.22/2/2008/ERS, dt.05.09.2008.
4)From the E.C.I. Lr.No.576/3/2008/SDR, Dt.11.11.2008.
5)From the E.C.I. Lr.No.22/2/2008/ERS, dt.02.04.2009.
6)From the E.C.I. Lr.No. 23/LOCATOR/2007-ERS, Dt.25.11.2009
7)From the ECI Lr.No.23/Continuous Updation/2009, dt.19.03.2009.
8)From the E.C.I.Lr.No.464/INST/2012/EPS, dt.25.01.2012
9)From the ECI Press Note No.ECI/PN/36/2012, dt.24.04.2012.

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Copies of the E.C.I. instructions issued in the references cited regarding supply of copies to recognized political parties, their candidates, and Observers and preparation of Marked copy of electoral roll; preparation of electoral roll in alphabetical order and setting up of Voter Assistance Booth; preparation of list of absentee, shifted and duplicate voters are enclosed herewith for ready reference and for taking necessary action.

2. The Collectors & District Election Officers of Warangal, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore, Kadapa, Kurnool, Anantapur and Chittoor are requested to communicate the above instructions to the EROs / AEROs / ROs / AROs of 104-Parkal, 127-Narsannapeta, 152-Payakaraopet (SC), 161-Ramachandra-puram, 177-Narasapuram, 186-Polavaram (ST), 212-Prathipadu (SC), 220-Macherla, 227-Ongole, 242-Udayagiri,

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244-Rajampet, 246-Kodur (SC), 247-Rayachoti, 253-Allagadda, 263-Yemmiganur, 267-Rayadurg, 272-Anantapur Urban, 286-Tirupati Assembly Constituencies and 39-Nellore Parliamentary Constituency comprising of 228-Kandukur, 233-Kavali, 234-Atmakur, 235-Kovur, 236-Nellore City, 237-Nellore Rural, 242-Udayagiri Assembly segments for strict compliance. They shall also be instructed to follow the guidelines as stipulated at paras 26 to 31 of Chapter-VI of the Handbook for Electoral Registration Officers. The District Election Officers are requested to ensure that copies of electoral rolls supplied to candidates of recognised political parties should be IDENTICAL with the working copy of the electoral roll provided to polling teams for conduct of elections except the PB, EDC markings and proxy voters lists.

3. The District Election Officers are informed that the existing provisions of Section 22 and 23 of the R.P. Act, 1950, read with rule 26 of the RER, 1960 permit continuous updation of electoral roll even after final publication of electoral roll. The extant provisions of the law and the guidelines of the Commission in the matter are reproduced in Chapter VIII of the Handbook for Electoral Registration Officers, 2008 edition. As per these provisions, such updation can take place upto 3.00 p.m. of the last date of filing nomination for an election.

4. The Election Commission of India vide their Press Note dt.24.04.2012 has announced the programme for conduct of bye-elections to 39-Nellore Parliamentary Constituency and 104-Parkal, 127-Narsannapeta, 152-Payakaraopet (SC), 161-Ramachandrapuram, 177-Narasapuram, 186-Polavaram (ST), 212-Prathipadu (SC), 220-Macherla, 227-Ongole, 242-Udayagiri, 244-Rajampet, 246-Kodur (SC), 247-Rayachoti, 253-Allagadda, 263-Yemmiganur, 267-Rayadurg, 272-Anantapur Urban, 286-Tirupati Assembly Constituencies, 25.05.2012 being the last date of making nominations. Therefore, applications being filed under the provisions of continuous updation by citizens in these seven Constituencies for inclusion/deletion/correction of entries in the finally published roll shall be accepted upto 3.00 p.m. of the last date of nominations i.e., 25.05.2012. The electoral rolls revised with reference to 01.01.2012 as the qualifying date and published on 10.01.2012 under Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, 2012 shall be used for conduct of bye-elections. In other words, the final electoral roll published on 10.01.2012 consisting of mother roll and supplement-1 and supplement-2 / 3, as the case may be, to be prepared under continuous updation upto the last date for making nominations of this bye-election shall be used.

5. It is further clarified that in order to comply with the statutory provision of the Representation of People Act, 1950 and Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, while disposing of the applications and preparation

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of supplement under continuous updation, as clarified by the Commission vide their letter seventh cited, it is not necessary to dispose of all the applications filed upto the last date for filing nominations and include them in the Supplement No.2 / 3, as the case may be. To comply with the legal requirements of sub-rule (3) & (4) of rule 26 of RER 1960 and also for administrative reasons, only the applications received atleast ten days prior to the last date for filing nominations should be disposed of. This is because the date of posting of the application on the Notice Board by the ERO for inviting objections under sub-rule (3) should be excluded while computing the mandatory period of seven days within which objections can be filed by any person. One more day is required to dispose of the application under sub-rule (4) thereof. One more day would be required to make necessary entries in the Registers prescribed for the purpose and preparation of manuscript for data entry.

6. The District Election Officers are, therefore, directed to issue instructions to all the Electoral Registration Officers of these 24 Assembly Constituencies to dispose of all applications received upto 15.05.2012 repeat 15.05.2012 in 104-Parkal, 127-Narsannapeta, 152-Payakaraopet (SC), 161-Ramachandrapuram, 177-Narasapuram, 186-Polavaram (ST), 212-Prathipadu (SC), 220-Macherla, 227-Ongole, 228-Kandukur, 233-Kavali, 234-Atmakur, 235-Kovur, 236-Nellore City, 237-Nellore Rural, 242-Udayagiri, 244-Rajampet, 246-Kodur (SC), 247-Rayachoti, 253-Allagadda, 263-Yemmiganur, 267-Rayadurg, 272-Anantapur Urban, 286-Tirupati Assembly Constituencies, where bye-elections are being held on 12.06.2012. All applications received thereafter till the completion of the election process shall be received, but the applicants should be informed that the disposal would be taken up only after the completion of the elections. The EROs should be instructed to scrupulously follow the instructions contained in the Handbook for EROs, 2008 edition.

7. Some instances have been brought to the notice of this office that in some places the authorities concerned are not entertaining the applications after the final publication of Photo Electoral Rolls on 10.01.2012. As verified from the web site, lot of online applications (Form 6, 7, 8 & 8A) filed prior to SSR, 2012 and under continuous updation after SSR, 2012 including the applications filed on NVD on 25.01.2012 are still pending for disposal. The statement showing the pendency of e-Registration applications (Form-6, 8 & 8A) in these 24 Assembly Constituencies as on 25.04.2012 is enclosed herewith with a request to direct all the EROs concerned to dispose of all those applications and ensure that those are included under Supplement-2, if found eligible, without fail. Further, it has come to the notice that Form-6A applications received from overseas electors are still pending with certain EROs. These applications should also be disposed of.

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8. It is also directed that the DEO/EROs should monitor the process of continuous updation on daily basis and take immediate appropriate steps to ensure that the facility of continuous updation is not misused to include ineligible persons or exclude eligible electors. It is also reiterated that no suo moto deletion should be taken up except in confirmed death cases with reference to the Death Registers. As already instructed by the Commission in the reference eighth cited, if names of some dead, shifted and absentee electors continue to appear in the electoral rolls, a list of ASD Voters should be prepared polling station-wise and it should be ensured that each Presiding Officer is provided with the said list of Absentee, Shifted and Duplicate electors (ASD list) along with another list of electors to whom the Voters' Slips could not be delivered at their door step by the BLO concerned due to their being in the ASD Category.

9. The District Election Officers are also informed that according to Para 14 of Chapter-VI of Handbook for Electoral Registration Officers (2009), in an election year, the authentic copy of the roll shall be computer-generated copy and the "DELETED" would be imprinted diagonally across the elector's box whose name figures in the deletion list. For all 'corrections' in the supplement, a hash (#) mark shall be put against the original appearance of the record in the basic (draft) roll to signify that the entry has some correction in the supplement. In addition, for photographs that have been either added or corrected or removed, the words "photo as in supplement" shall be inscribed across the photo-box.

10. According to Para 16 of the said Chapter, ERO has to hand over the supplement of the roll arising from continuous updation till the last day of nomination to the RO before the Scrutiny date. A copy of this supplement too has to be preserved in a sealed cover in the similar manner as the authenticated copy of roll. The changes arising out of this supplement, viz. deletions and corrections, shall be indicated by striking out or marking hash (#) manually in the basic (draft) roll and the 1st Supplement (at the time of final publication) since there may not be enough time for a computer generated fresh printout of the entire roll.

11. Hence, the basic roll of 2012 and Supplement-1 and 2 in the ACs where the bye-elections were held on 18.03.2012 shall compulsorily be reprinted so as to reflect deletions and corrections in the basic roll through computer software. The copies of electoral rolls shall be provided to the contesting candidates within 3 days after withdrawals and finalization of list of contesting candidates. In respect of reflection of deletions and corrections arising out of continuous updation in supplement-2 / 3, as the case may be, if time permits, the entire roll may

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be reprinted using the software, so as to make available the rolls to the contesting candidates and the public on demand. This will facilitate to get the entire roll with all marking of deletions and corrections in basic roll as well as supplement-1 through computer software, otherwise, these deletions / modifications under Supplement-2 / 3 shall be reflected manually.

12. Copies of electoral rolls supplied to candidates of registered political parties should be IDENTICAL with the working copy of the electoral roll provided to polling teams for conduct of elections except the PB, EDC markings and proxy voters' lists.

13. These instructions should be brought to the notice of all Electoral Registration Officers, Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers, Booth Level Officers etc., and should be followed scrupulously without leaving any scope for complaints on this account.

14. The District Election Officers are also requested to send the database and electoral rolls in pdf format with and without images pertaining to the said constituencies, so as to reach this office on 27.05.2012 through a special messenger to place the same on CEO's web site, along with the MIS reports indicating the total number of electors with male / female break-up, Photo coverage, No. of EPICs issued, No. of non-EPIC entries, No. of non-photo entries etc. along with Photograph, name, designation and mobile number of BLOs and photographs of front portion of the Polling Station building.

15. This information will be made available to the public through web-services / applications.

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E.O. PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Collector & District Election Officer, Warangal, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore, Kadapa, Kurnool, Anantapur and Chittoor (w.e)

Copy to the Electoral Registration Officers concerned through DEOs

Copy to the Returning Officers concerned through DEOs

Copy to the Deputy Project Manager, CMC Ltd., O/o.CEO for releasing software for Supplement-2 / 3, as the case may be

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