



D.O.Letter No.275/Elecs.E/A2/2008-111, Dated: 27.06.2008

Dear

A number of requests have been received from the District Collectors to give permission to deploy additional manpower and additional cameras to complete the ongoing photo roll updation programme. In this context para 5.3.1 of the Request For Proposal which form the basis for engaging external agencies for capturing images of the electors clearly stipulates “ the selected agency has to organize and deploy teams to ensure simultaneous coverage in all the Assembly Constituencies in the districts and also sufficient number of operators and supervisors in the constituency so as to complete the programme within the stipulated time”. In the same paragraph, it is also mentioned that “ the requirement of the operators and supervisors given in annexure-1 is only indicative and may vary from constituency to constituency”. This clearly shows that it is responsibility of the agency to provide the required manpower and equipment to complete the task which it has accepted as a part of the agreement with the Government. Para 3 of Section 5.3 again does mention that “additional teams and equipments shall be deployed as and when advised by the DEO/ERO”. In the light of this, the district Collectors and DEOs may asses the requirement and ask the concerned agency executing the work to deploy the required number of cameras and the manpower only to complete the task as per the tender conditions. Since the payment to be made to the agencies will be based on the photographs captured, scanned and printed, there is no possibility for providing any special funds to purchase cameras or to engage additional manpower.

2. As mentioned during the video conference today afternoon, we should ensure that maximum work is turned out by 14.7.2008, The enumeration of electors and capturing the images will temporarily be frozen by the evening of 14th. The Collectors may ensure that day today enumeration details are promptly entered in the computers located in the back offices on a daily basis and completed positively by 17th. This will ensure adherence to the time schedule we have chalked out yesterday.

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3. The house-to-house enumeration shall stop on 14.07.2008. If there are any voters who wish to get their names included, they shall have to file claims in Form-6 in the fortnight earmarked for this activity i.e., 25-7-2008 to 9-8-2008. After the Rolls are finally published on 30.08.2008, we shall expand the network of permanent DPL centres by including all MRO Offices and this will enable voters to get photo ID cards and also update the entries in the Roll. So, in a way, the voter registration and EPIC coverage is sought to be maximized in three ways- First by intensive house-to-house enumeration and revision that is already underway, second by accepting the claims during the fortnight 25-7-2008 to 9-8-2008 and third, by continuous updation in permanent DPL centres from September onwards. We may give adequate publicity on this effort to give each voter in the state a Photo Identify Card and also ensure that the electoral rolls accurately reflect the voters' identity. Our efforts shall have to be intensified to ensure almost total coverage before the next general elections.

4. As a part of this exercise, an idea that has been mooted is to have a village-by-village saturation approach. It is proposed to maximize EPIC coverage through a village level committee comprising of Sarpanch, the President and Secretary of the village women's self-help group (these are already in place), village revenue Officer and Panchayat Secretary and BLO (who shall be the Convenor). What these committees would do is to ensure that all (a) genuine voters are registered and have EPIC cards and (b) dead, absent, duplicate voters' names are deleted. A certificate shall be obtained from this committee on these lines.

“ This is to certify that (a) no bonafide resident of our village is left out from the electoral roll, (b) All residents have been given EPIC cards. (c) All names of non-resident, dead persons and where names were repeated have been deleted.”

5. This will be a counter check on our updation process and will be some sort of a public audit. This will certainly bring about greater awareness among citizens, involvement of public at large and accountability into the system as a whole. You may pass on these instructions to MROs and VROs and BLOs so that these certificates can be obtained and coverage monitored on a continuous basis as to how many villages have been fully covered. We must ensure that all the B.L.Os who have a pivotal role in the preparation of the

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electoral rolls and enhancing their fidelity are given instructions that this process of 'Whole Village Coverage' should be sincerely followed up by progressively and expeditiously expanding the coverage during the three phases of the programme mentioned in Para 3 of this letter.

6. The revised schedule as discussed in the meeting on 25.06.2008 and approved by ECI is as follows:

Publication of Electoral Rolls in conformity with Delimitation exercise

S. No	Description of Work	281 Constituencies in 22 Districts
1.	Intensive enumeration of householders in each Constituency including taking Photographs , data entry of enumeration work in back Offices	Up to 14.07.2008
2.	Scanning and integration of Photographs; verification of integration of rolls; printing of draft rolls.	14.07.2008 to 17.07.2008
3.	Draft publication of Rolls	25.07.2008
4.	Filing of Claims & Objections	25.07.2008 to 09.08.2008
5.	Disposal of claims and objections by	18.08.2008
6.	Final publication of rolls	30.08.2008

Rationalization of Polling Stations:

S.No	Description of Work	Dates
1.	Preparation of list of new PSs	30.06.2008
2.	Draft publication of list of PSs	30.06.2008
3.	Consultation with political Parties	02.07.2008
4.	Proposals to ECI	08.07.2008
5.	Approval by ECI	09.07.2008
6.	Final Publication of List of PSs	10.07.2008

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7. As far as rationalization of polling stations is concerned, you may scrupulously follow the instructions of Election Commission of India contained in Lr.No.64/2007-ERS, dt.9.5.2008 and Lr.No.23/ER-DEL/2008/ERS, dt.13.5.2008 and prepare the lists in accordance with the instructions in Chapter II of Returning Officer's Hand Book.

8. Kindly take further action let me know the progress periodically.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
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All Collectors & District Election Officers.

Copy to the Spl.Officer & Commissioner, GHMC., Hyderabad with a requested to take necessary action on rationalization of Polling Stations as mentioned in Para 6 & 7 above.


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