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**Biennial Elections to APLC and TSLC**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & SPL. C.S. TO GOVT.,  
ANDHRA PRADESH AND TELANGANA STATES  
South 'H' Block, Secretariat, Hyderabad – 500 022**

**Memo No.705/Elec.B/A1/2017-17,**

**Dated: 11.02.2017.**

Sub: Elections – Biennial elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 3 Graduates' and 2 Teachers' Constituencies and to Telangana Legislative Council from 1 Teachers' Constituency scheduled to be held on 09.03.2017 – Issue of Authority letters to media persons – Reg.

Ref: ECI Press Note No.ECI/PN/14/2017, Dt.06.02.2017.

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The Commissioner of Information & Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and the Commissioner of Information & Public Relations, Telangana, Hyderabad are informed that the Election Commission of India has directed to conduct Biennial elections to the following constituencies of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 3 Graduates' and 2 Teachers' Constituencies and to Telangana Legislative Council from 1 Teachers' Constituency scheduled to be held on 09.03.2017 and counting on 15.03.2015.

**Andhra Pradesh State:**

1. Srikakulam-Vizianagaram-Visakhapatnam Graduates' Constituency;
2. Prakasam-Nellore-Chittoor Graduates' Constituency;
3. Kadapa-Anantapur-Kurnool Graduates' Constituency;
4. Prakasam-Nellore-Chittoor Teachers' Constituency;
5. Kadapa-Anantapur-Kurnool Teachers' Constituency;

**Telangana State:**

Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad Teachers' Constituency.

(Comprising the districts of Mahabubnagar, Wanaparthy, Nagarkurnool, Jogulamba Gadwal, Ranga Reddy, Medchal, Vikarabad and Hyderabad districts of Telangana State)

2. 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.

3. They are, therefore, requested to furnish the district-wise requirement of authority letters for Polling / Counting / both duly following the instructions of the Commission vide

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its letter No.491/AL-Inst/2015-Communication/614, dated 19.02.2015 (copy enclosed) and furnish the same to this office by 25.02.2017 for supply of authority letters to the concerned Collector & District Election Officer and the Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad.

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)

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Telangana, Hyderabad (w.e)

**Copy to:**

The Collector & District Election Officer, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam,  
Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh  
State (w.e) with a request to pursue the matter with the I&PR Department.

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Mahabubnagar, Wanaparthy, Nagarkurnool,  
Jogulamba Gadwal, Ranga Reddy, Medchal and Vikarabad districts of Telangana State  
(w.e) with a request to pursue the matter with the I&PR Department.

The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation & District Election Officer,  
Hyderabad (w.e) with a request to pursue the matter with the I&PR Department.

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

  
SECTION OFFICER

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA,**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 491/AI-Inst/2015-Communication /614  
ToDated: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Andhra Pradesh & Telangana  
Hyderabad

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28/02/2015

Subject: Biennial Elections to the Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies - 2015 - Issue of Authority letters - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Commission vide its Press Note

No. ECI/PN/16/2015 dated 11.02.2015 has announced the poll schedule for Biennial Elections to the Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Legislative Council - 2015.

In this connection, you are requested to assess the requirement of Authority Letters under Rules 32(C) and 53(1)(b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 for the aforesaid election in your state and furnish list of persons to whom authority letters are to be issued. Such requests shall be recommended by the Head of the Public Relations Department / Director of Information of State Government in case of media persons outside Delhi. No preference will be given to the representatives of Central or State Government media or those representing foreign press/media and all should be treated alike with due and appropriate care.

3 (a). Two passport size photographs should accompany with each request for issuance of Authority Letter. The Chief Electoral Officer who is the officer authorised by the Commission for media persons outside Delhi and for persons deployed by media organizations for conducting election surveys and collecting election data, shall have one copy of the photograph pasted on the Authority Letter and this can be authenticated with the facsimile signature of the issuing authority. The other copy of the photograph can be pasted in the control register. The Authority Letter as such has to be signed personally by the authorised officer. This aspect may please be brought to the notice of all concerned sufficiently in advance so that no one is inconvenienced.

3(b). It may also be clarified to all concerned that an authority letter to enter a "Counting Centre" is not an authority to enter the "Counting Hall(s)" which shall be governed by a separate set of instruction's issued vide Commission's letter No. 491/CNTG/MCS/99 dated 21.09.1999.

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.

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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: -

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

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

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. As the authority letters have already been issued to you in advance to avoid eleventh hour rush, you have to send only list of media persons recommended by you for Commission's approval. However, you may request for addition authority letters, if required. Give wide publicity regarding the deadline fixed by the Commission in order to ensure that **your recommendations should reach the Commission within the deadline i.e. 01.03.2015 positively.** 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.

11/1/2015  
received  
S.K. Das

8. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



(S. K. Das)

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