

**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**Biennial Elections to APLC**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & SPL. C.S. TO GOVT.,**  
**ANDHRA PRADESH AND TELANGANA STATES**  
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**Memo No.705/Elec.B/A1/2017-24,**

**Dated: 25.02.2017.**

Sub: Elections – Biennial elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 3 Graduates' and 2 Teachers' Constituencies scheduled to be held on 09.03.2017 – Restrictions on sale of liquor and declaration of 'Dry Days' - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. ECI Press Note No.ECI/PN/14/2017, Dt.06.02.2017.  
2. ECI Notification No.322/AP-LC/2017, dt.13.02.2017  
3. ECI Notification No.322/AP-LC/2017, dt.21.02.2017

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The Revenue (Excise) Department, Andhra Pradesh is informed that the Election Commission of India vide its Press Note 1<sup>st</sup> cited, has announced the schedule for Biennial Elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 3 Graduates' and 2 Teachers' Constituencies in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool districts. Further, vide its notifications 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Commission has revised the time of poll and date of counting. As per the revised schedule the Poll will be held on 09.03.2017 (Thursday) from 8.00 AM to 6.00 PM and the Counting of the votes will be held on 18.03.2017 (Saturday) from 8.00 AM.

2. According to Section 135C of Representation of People Act, 1951, no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.

3. In view of the above statutory provision, 'Dry day' shall be declared and notified under the relevant State/Union Territory laws as is appropriate during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll with respect to polling day for an election in that polling area. This will include the dates of re-poll, if any. Further the dates on which counting of votes is to be taken up shall also be declared 'Dry Day' under the relevant laws.

4. The Revenue (Excise) Department, Andhra Pradesh, are, therefore, requested to issue detailed and comprehensive instructions to the Commissioner of Excise & Prohibition and to concerned District authorities to take appropriate legally effective measures to implement the complete Prohibition on sale of liquor and other substances within the polling areas from 6.00 PM on 07.03.2017 to 6.00 PM on 09.03.2017 and also on day of counting i.e., 18.03.2017 till the completion of counting, as per the statutory provisions laid down under **Sec.135-C of R.P. Act, 1951** and assist the election authorities in peaceful and smooth conduct of free and fair poll.

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5. The Revenue (Excise) Department, Andhra Pradesh, are also requested to address the concerned authorities of adjoining State / UT (Pondicherry) to take appropriate steps to check illegal flow of Liquor on the border during the ban period.

6. A copy of the instructions issued in this regard may be marked to this Department for reference and record.

BHANWAR LAL  
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E.O SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To

The Revenue (Excise.II) Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

(In the **name cover of Sri Ajeya Kallam, Spl. CS to Govt.**, Revenue (Excise) Dept.,  
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Guntur District.)

**Copy to:**

The Director General of Police, Police Head Quarters, Andhra Pradesh, Suryaraopet,  
Vijayawada, Krishna district

The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Excise Complex, RS No.88-2B,  
Sai Vihar Apartments, Poultry Farm Road, Prasadampadu (V),  
Vijayawada-521108..

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam,  
Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool Districts  
SF/SCs

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SECTION OFFICER