

MOST IMMEDIATE

Biennial Elections to APLC and TLC

**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/Elecs.B/A1/2017- 27,

Dated: 25.02.2017.

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 – Prohibition on displaying any election matter in electronic media during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of Poll – Reg.

Ref: Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

The Commissioner of Information & Public Relations, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and the Commissioner of Information & Public Relations, Telangana, Hyderabad are informed that as per the provisions of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 -

- (i) No person shall – (a) convene, hold or attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election; or (b) display to the public any election matter by means of Cinematograph, Television or other similar apparatus; or (c) propagate any election matter to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, in any polling area during the period of 48 hours ending with the fixed or the conclusion of the poll for any election in the polling area.
- (ii) Any person, who contravenes the provisions of sub-Section (1), shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.
- (iii) In this Section, the expression “election matter” means any matter intended or calculated to influence or affect the result of an election.

2. They are, therefore, requested to take further action to restrict displaying any such election matter in any electronic media from 6.00 PM on 07.03.2017 to 6.00 PM on 09.02.2017, in view of the biennial elections to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from Srikakulam-Vizianagaram-Visakhapatnam Graduates'; Prakasam-Nellore-Chittoor Graduates'; Kadapa-Anantapur-Kurnool Graduates'; Prakasam-Nellore-Chittoor Teachers' and Kadapa-Anantapur-Kurnool Teachers' Constituencies and to Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad Teachers' Constituency of Telangana Legislative Council, scheduled to be held on 09.03.2017.

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3. They are further requested to communicate these instructions to all the Electronic Media in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana as well as districts concerned for strict compliance.

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.

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Telangana, Hyderabad

All the Electronic Media Channels in the State of Andhra Pradesh

(through: Commissioner, I & PR, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)

All the Electronic Media Channels in the State of Telangana

(through: Commissioner, I & PR, Telangana, Hyderabad)

Copy to:

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam,
Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh
State (w.e)

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Mahabubnagar, Wanaparthi, Nagarkurnool,
Jogulamba Gadwal, Ranga Reddy, Medchal and Vikarabad districts of Telangana State
(w.e)

The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation & District Election Officer,
Hyderabad (w.e)

All the Returning Officers **(Through: the District Election Officer concerned)**

All Officers and Sections in the o/o CEO.

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