STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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CIRCULAR


Sub:- Third Ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats, 2006 – Application of indelible ink on the voter’s left middle finger – Instructions - Reg.


The third ordinary elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs were conducted recently. The polls were held in two phases on 28.6.2006 and 2.7.2006.

The State Election Commission issued instructions in the reference second cited for applying indelible ink on the left forefinger as a line from the top end of the nail to the bottom of the first joint on the left forefinger in elections to local bodies. Accordingly, indelible ink was applied on voter’s left forefinger during the recently held MPTC and ZPTC elections.

The State Election Commission issued notification third cited for conduct of third ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats in three phases on 29.7.2006, 2.8.2006 and 6.8.2006. The electorate being the same for all elections to panchayat raj bodies, some of the Collectors & District Election Authorities have sought a clarification with regard to application of indelible ink in the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections as the indelible ink applied on the voter’s left forefinger during the MPTC and ZPTC election may not be completely wiped out by the dates notified for the poll for the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections.
After careful consideration of the matter, the State Election Commission decided to order for applying of indelible ink on the voter’s left middle finger during the ensuing Gram Panchayat elections.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243-K of the Constitution of India, the State Election Commission, hereby, order that indelible ink shall be applied on the voter’s finger as a line from the far end of the nail to the bottom end of the first joint of left middle finger as shown in the diagram below in the ensuing ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Sd/- G.N.Rao
Secretary

To
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.
All the District Panchayat Officers in the State.
All the Returning Officers through the DPOs.