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C I R C U L A R

Sub:- Third Ordinary Elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs – Reports in the press and electronic media regarding auctioning of posts of MPTC – Regarding.

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It is reported in the press and electronic media that certain MPTC seats are being auctioned in the public.

The State Election Commission views the above issue very seriously as auctioning of posts to manipulate the election process in order to see that the highest bidder gets elected by paying huge sums of money is a corrupt practice under section 211(1) of APPR Act,1994. This electoral malpractice is also an offence under sections 171 B and 171 E of the Indian Penal Code,1860. In conviction the offender is liable to one year imprisonment and disqualification to contest election for a period of six years.

The Collectors and District Election Authorities are requested to be vigilant and immediately take action under relevant sections should such an incident come to their notice.

Yours faithfully,
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Secretary

To
The Prl. Secretary to Government, PR & RD Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad
All Collectors and District Election Authorities.
All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads.
All DPOs