

ELECTIONS – MOST IMMEDIATE

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Lr.No.846/SEC-F1/2009-1

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To

The Election Authority & Commissioner
& Spl. Officer, GHMC,
Hyderabad.

Sir,

Sub:- Persons appointed as Presiding Officers and Polling Officers – Non -
cooperation and dereliction of duties – Action – Instructions issued –
Reminder issued - Regarding.

Ref:- 1. This office Lr.No.846/SEC-F1/2009, dt.22-07-2009 addressed to the
Spl. Commissioner, GHMC.
2. SEC Press Note dt.22-07-2009.
3. This office Lr.No.846/SEC-F1/2009, dt.25-07-2009 addressed to the
Chief Secretary to Govt., GAD., AP., Secretariat, Hyderabad and
copy extended to the Commissioner & Spl. Officer, GHMC.

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I invite your kind attention to the reference first cited, wherein the Commission issued instructions for imposing disciplinary action against the polling personnel who evade receipt of the appointing orders or otherwise guilty of dereliction of election duties. It was also informed in the above reference that as per Section 32 A of the Act under which the staff employed in connection with the conduct of elections to HMC are deemed to be on deputation to the State Election Commission for the period during which they are so employed.

I, therefore, request you once again to warn all such persons who evade receipt of the appointing orders or otherwise guilty of dereliction of election duties will be severely dealt with both in Criminal Court and disciplinary proceedings if they evade receipt of the appointing orders or guilty of dereliction of election duties. A press note issued in the matter is enclosed for your information.

I request you to arrange wide publicity in the matter and caution the persons guilty of evading the receipt of appointment orders and also guilty of breach of official duty for which cases can be booked against the offenders under Section 610 of the GHMC Act, 1955.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- B. Venkateswara Rao,
Secretary

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Govt., Govt ., of AP., GAD., AP., Secretariat, Hyderabad, with a request to issue suitable orders to all Heads of Departments and all the Departments of Secretariat to spare the services of staff and officers to GHMC for conduct of elections.

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Assistant Secretary

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PRESS NOTE

It is to inform to all the concerned that under section 30 of the GHMC Act, 1955, Returning Officers are empowered to appoint Presiding Officers and Polling Officers. It is learnt that certain officers and staff working in various Government departments appointed as polling personnel are not receiving the appointment orders and are thus trying to evade election duties. In this connection, the SEC invites their attention to Section 32 A of the Act under which the staff employed in connection with the conduct of elections to GHMC are deemed to be on deputation to the State Election Commission for the period during which they are so employed. Once the Returning Officer appoints a person as Presiding Officer or Polling Officer automatically he comes under the disciplinary jurisdiction of the State Election Commission. Under section 610 of GHMC Act, 1955 breach of official duty in connection with elections is a cognizable offence punishable. Further, it will be deemed to be misconduct under the A.P. (CC& A) Rules and he will be liable to serious disciplinary action.

Therefore, the SEC hereby warns all officers and staff employed in connection with the election duties that they will be severely dealt with both in Criminal Court and disciplinary proceedings, if they evade receipt of the appointing orders or otherwise guilty of dereliction of election duties.

B.Venkateswara Rao,
SECRETARY

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