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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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Sub:- SEC–Conduct of elections to Municipal Corporations–Preparation of marked copies of electoral rolls – Certain instructions - Issued - Regarding.

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As per rule 66 of A.P. Municipal Corporations (Conduct of election of Members) Rules, 2005, the Presiding Officer of each polling station before the commencement of poll shall demonstrate to the polling agents and others present, the marked copy of the electoral roll to be used during the poll which does not contain any entry other than that made with regard to issue of postal ballot papers and election duty certificates.

Several complaints have been received in the Commission that during past elections the electoral rolls provided at the polling booths were different from the electoral rolls that were provided to the candidates. The Commission has viewed such complaints with concern and decided to issue the following instructions for preparation of marked copy of ward-wise electoral roll:-

1. The electoral roll supplied to the polling stations shall be certified to be true copy of the one that has been provided to the candidates/political parties and the marked copy kept by the Returning Officer. The Election Authority & Commissioner & Special Officer, GHMC, is requested to entrust the preparation of marked copy of electoral roll to one officer per circle not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner, who is familiar with the subject and one subordinate, who shall be made specifically responsible for the purpose.
2. The marked copy of electoral roll supplied to all polling stations shall be signed on all pages by the officers drafted for this purpose by the EA&C&SO, GHMC.
3. Wherever Auxiliary Polling Stations are created by bifurcating any part of the electoral roll, in such cases two copies of the electoral roll of that part shall be prepared for use as Marked Copy. In one of the copies to be used as Marked Copy in the Main Polling Station, the entries assigned to the Auxiliary Polling Station should be deleted by putting cross (X) mark by hand with ink across the relevant pages/part of the page. Similarly, in the part of the electoral roll to be used at the Auxiliary polling station, the alphabet "A" shall be appended to the Part number on the Part header and the entries assigned to the Main polling station should be deleted by

putting cross (X) mark by hand with ink across the relevant pages/part of the page. The official entrusted with the work of preparing Marked Copy/working copies of electoral roll shall append his/her full signature on each page/entry, scored out by hand. In no case, pages of the one part of roll should be detached to prepare marked copy of roll for the auxiliary polling station. It may also be ensured that the words "PB" or "EDC" is marked against all the concerned entries in both copies of electoral roll to be used as marked copy in main and auxiliary polling station.

4. A copy of the electoral roll, which will be used on the day of election at polling stations (copy of the one given to the candidates/political parties) shall also be given to the General Observer and Election Expenditure Observer. These Observers shall check the authenticity of the roll provided at polling stations *vis-à-vis* the rolls given to the candidates on the day of poll at the polling stations visited by him. The Observers will discuss this subject thoroughly with the Returning Officer and ensure that there is no room for any complaint on this score. This aspect should also be explained to the candidates and political parties during discussion.

The Election Authority & Commissioner & Special Officer, GHMC is requested to issue suitable instructions in the matter to all the Additional, Deputy and Assistant Election Authorities and Returning Officers of all wards and a copy of the instructions issued in the matter may be furnished to the Commission for record.

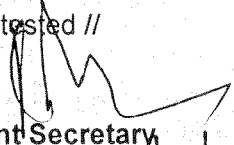
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To
The Election Authority & Commissioner & Special Officer, GHMC.
The Addl. Election Authorities and Collectors & Dist. Magistrates of Hyderabad,
Ranga Reddy & Medak.

All the Dy. Election Authorities and Zonal Commissioners, GHMC.
All the Asst. Election Authorities and Dy. Municipal Commissioners, GHMC.

Copy to all the General Observers and Election Expenditure Observers.

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Assistant Secretary


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