

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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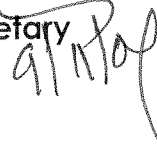
The State Election Commissioner had a meeting with Commissioner of Excise & Prohibition with regard to control of free flow of illicit liquor and closure of belt shops during the GHMC elections. The Commissioner of Exercise stated that in the twin cities there are no belt shops but in the surrounding rural areas comprised in the municipalities which were merged in the GHMC, there are belt shops and he would order the closure thereof with immediate effect. As per the provisions of AP Municipal Corporations Act, complete dry day has to be observed 48 hours before the conclusion of the poll. Also, the counting day will be observed as a dry day. The Government has already been addressed to issue necessary orders in this regard.

**Sd/- B.Venkateshwara Rao**  
Secretary

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**Assistant Secretary**

  
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