

ELECTIONS – MOST IMMEDIATE

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To
The Spl. Commissioner,
GHMC,
Hyderabad.

Sir,

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

Under section 30 of the HMC Act, 1955, Returning Officers are empowered to appoint Presiding Officers and Polling Officers. It is learnt that certain persons so appointed are not receiving the appointment orders and are thus trying to evade election duties. In this connection, I would like to invite your attention to 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. 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, breach of official duty in connection with elections is a cognizable offence punishable with fine. Further, it will be deemed to be misconduct under the CCA Rules and he will be liable to serious disciplinary action.

I therefore, request you to warn all persons employed in connection with the 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.

I request you to give wide publicity in this regard and the persons guilty of evading the receipt of appointment orders or otherwise guilty of breach of official duty may be dealt with seriously and may be booked under section 610 of the HMC Act, 1955.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-B.Venkateswara Rao,
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The SEC hereby warn all persons 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.

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