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CLARIFICATIONS**

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PART-I

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON ELECTORAL ROLLS:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	1344/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, Vizianagaram District requested to give permission to the Municipal Commissioner, Parvathipuram to rectify the title sheet of Ward No.6 & 8 as per the marked copy of Voters List.	<p>The report in the reference first cited reveals that a clerical error has occurred in the title sheet of electoral rolls of Ward Nos. 6 & 8 of Parvathipuram municipality.</p> <p>Rule 6 of A.P. Municipalities (Preparation and Publication of Electoral Rolls) Rules, 2001 stipulates that in case of any clerical or printing error or both or when entries in municipal electoral roll deviate from the particulars of the Assembly electoral roll, the person authorized by the State Election Commission may cause such errors rectify so as to bring it in conformity with the particulars of the Assembly electoral rolls concerned.</p> <p>Therefore, the clerical errors reported to have occurred in the title sheet of electoral rolls of Ward Nos. 6 & 8 of Parvathipuram municipality may be corrected by the Commissioner of Parvathipuram municipality under intimation to the political parties and contesting candidates. Adequate publicity may be given in the polling areas also.</p>
2	871/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer, Yellandu Municipality, & RDO, Kothagudem, Khammam District, sought clarification whether names of Sri K. Pullaiah and Sri P. Venkata Krishna Rao, have to be included in the Municipal voters list as per the Honb'le High Court of AP., Hyderabad, orders for transposition entries from one part to another part in Municipal areas in the electoral roll of 282, Yellandu (ST) Assembly Constituency.	<p>It was clarified that under section 11(1) of the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965 the Municipal electoral roll was published on 24-08-2005 and the election notification was issued on 29-08-2005. On the date of election notification the electoral roll became final and is not subject to any further inclusions or exclusions under the proviso to section 11 (1) of the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965.</p>

			<p>Since the Order of the Hon'ble High Court is complied with by the ERO and RDO., Kothagudem by virtue of transposition of entries from one part to another part, the order of the Hon'ble Court has been complied with. But the same cannot be carried out in the electoral rolls of the Municipality because of the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 11 of the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965. As the petitioner's name cannot be included in the electoral roll of the Municipality, the question of accepting his nomination if any, filed, does not arise.</p>
3	1348/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The District Collector, Mahabubnagar is requested to clarify whether 369 voters pertaining to Doudapalli Gram Panchayat may be deleted from the voters list of Ward No.7 of Gadwal Municipality, which were stated to have been inadvertently included in the voters list.</p>	<p>It was clarified that it was too late to resort to omissions and deletions from the electoral roll. However, if the Election Officer (Commissioner Mahabubnagar Municipality) and you as District Election Authority are sure of managing the deletion of voters of Doudapalli Gram Panchayat from ward No.7 without causing any confusion to the voters, the State Election Commission has no objection.</p>
4	1388/SEC-F2/2005	<p>Dr.B.V.Prasada Reddy, IFS., Election Expenditure Observer for MAHABUBNAGAR has observed that in polling station no. 22/1 reserved for men voters, names of 41 women voters were included by mistake these women voters are included in voters list of PS.No. 22/2 which is reserved for women. Whether these women voters should be allowed to vote in PS.No.22/1 reserved for men or in PS.No.22/2 which is reserved for women.</p>	<p>It was clarified that the women voters who are included in P.S.No.22/1 in Gadwal Municipality which is reserved for men should be allowed to vote in that polling station, that is P.S.No.22/1. They should not be denied to vote on the ground that their names are included in P.S.No.22/1 reserved for men.</p>

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON RESERVATIONS :-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	813/SEC-F1/2005	The District Election Authority & District Collector, Anantapur requested to clarify whether the person belonging to reserved category SC / ST / BC & Women category who are elected as Ward Member of General category can contest for the post of Mayor / Deputy Mayor and Chairperson / Vice Chairperson which are reserved for SC / ST / BC & Women as the case may be.	It was clarified that where the office of Mayor/Deputy Mayor/Chairperson/Vice Chairperson is reserved for SC/ST/BC/Women, any person belonging to the concerned reserved category, though elected from a general ward can contest.
2	942/SEC-F2/2005	The District Election Authority & District Collector, Anantapur requested to clarify whether the person belonging to reserve category SC / ST / BC & Women category who are elected as Ward Members of General category can contest for the post of Mayor / Deputy Mayor and Chairperson / Vice Chair Person which are reserved for SC / ST / BC & Women as the case may be.	It was clarified that a ward member who is elected from an un-reserved ward can contest for the office of Chairperson/Mayor if he belongs to the reserved category to which the office of Chairperson/Mayor is reserved. There is no reservation for Vice-Chairperson/Deputy Mayor.

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON THE SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS:-

Sl. No.	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	760/SEC-F1/2005	The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Guntur sought a clarification as to whether nomination can be received on a public holiday falling on Sunday.	It was clarified that nominations shall be received on public holiday also. This was informed to all the Municipal Commissioners, Election Officers/ Returning Officers appointed in connection with the conduct of ensuing elections.
2	887/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Commissioner Sangareddy Municipality, has sought clarification whether to entrust the work relating to scrutiny of nominations to Additional Election Officers.	It was clarified that as per rule 12 (2) of the AP Municipalities (Conduct of Elections of Members) Rules, 2005, the Election Officer shall only examine the nomination papers and decide all objections which may be made at the time to any nomination. His attention is also invited to para 1 (b) of Chapter – VII of Hand Book of Election Officers where it has been mentioned that the scrutiny of nomination papers should be done only by the Election Officer and this work should not be entrusted to the Additional Election / Asst. Election officer or any one else. There is no objection if he takes the assistance of the above officers while scrutinizing the nomination papers. He is also informed that as per rule 12 (3) of the above said rules, he has to start the scrutiny of nomination at 11.00 AM on the date and time specified in the election notification and shall complete the scrutiny on the day appointed.
3	906/SEC-F1/2005	The Election Authority & Commissioner & Director of Mpl. Admn, Hyderabad, requested to clarify whether the nomination filed by those persons against whom NBWs are pending execution for more than six months can be accepted.	It was clarified that the State Election Commission in its direction No. 692/SEC-F2/2005, dated 23.8.2005 fixed 31 st August, 2005 as the deadline for the removal of the names of those persons against whom NBWs are pending execution for more than six months. After passage of that date, their names cannot be removed. If their names exist and if they file nominations they have to be accepted.

4	913/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Municipal Commissioner, Tadepalligudem Municipality, has sought to clarify whether the nomination of Sri S. Krishnamohan can be accepted since he has already proposed a name for candidature from the same ward, before filing his nomination.</p>	<p>It was clarified that there is no prohibition under the Conduct of Election Rules for a person who proposed another person to a particular ward himself filing a nomination for the same ward. Therefore, there is no objection to accept the nomination of Sri S.Krishnamohan, if he is otherwise qualified.</p>
5	917/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Mpl. Comm., Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District, has stated that one Sri P. Annavaram has a subsisting contract in the municipality and whether his registration as tenderer in this municipality can be cancelled now (or) since he filed nomination for ward member in 15th ward whether his nomination can be allowed or not.</p>	<p>It was clarified that since there is a subsisting contract between Sri.P.Annavaram and the Municipality, he cannot contest municipal elections under section 15(2)(c) of the Act. However, without reference to elections, if he wants to put an end to the contract, it is a matter between him and the municipality to consider the matter separately.</p>
6	922/SEC-F1/2005	<p>The Election Authority & Commissioner & Dir. of Municipal Administration., HYDERABAD – A.P., requested to clarify the following:</p> <p>a. Whether the President of such society who has been replaced by another person through society elections but has to continue to participate in municipal tendered work under the same society name, the latter work which is kept abeyance for approval by the council after elections, can be disqualified on the grounds that he once again participated representing the same society for work under section 15 (2) (c)</p> <p>b. Whether the President who represents society and has participated in a tender</p>	<p>It was to clarified that if there is a subsisting contract between a person and the municipality he is disqualified under section 15(2) (c) for contesting municipal elections. Whether there is such a subsisting contract or not should be inferred by the Election Officer on the basis of facts. The Commission cannot go into such questions in the absence of complete material facts and clarify. The Election Officer, Bhimavaram Municipality may be informed accordingly.</p>

		<p>given by the Municipality but work is not awarded due to elections, files nominations for a ward member would he be deemed eligible for scrutiny of nominations only on the self declaration given by him.</p> <p>c. Whether such labour contractor society under 15 (2) (c) can be deemed to be exempted under the above clause as provided for a share holder in a company.</p> <p>d. Whether when certain work is check measured and final bills is due to be paid to the said society by this municipality can it be entertained for nomination at the time of scrutiny.</p>	
7	927/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner Bapatla, Guntur District, sought clarification whether to accept or reject nomination wherein the EPIC No. tallies with the EPIC No. in voters list but name in the voters list differs from that of the name in the EPIC.</p>	<p>It was clarified that the mistake is only a clerical error and hence his nomination may be accepted if the candidate is otherwise qualified.</p>
8	933/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The District Collector, Nalgonda has sought clarification on the following:</p> <p>a) The nomination filed by a contesting candidate with improper, inadequate filling up of declaration be accepted during the scrutiny or not?</p> <p>b) Further any nomination where the information on criminal antecedents etc., is not filled properly and does not contain the details, should such nomination be accepted. Further if any other candidate raises objection or furnishes information about criminal</p>	<p>It was clarified that:-</p> <p>a) If the candidate does not fill up the declarations properly, the nomination can be rejected giving grounds for rejection.</p> <p>b) Declaration relating to criminal antecedents etc., need not be verified. If any other candidate raises objections or furnishes any other information, the same also may be placed in the Notice Board.</p>

		antecedents of other candidate should it be taken into consideration in deciding the nomination of other candidate who has not produced proper information along with this nomination form.	
9	934/SEC-F1/2005	The Municipal Commissioner., Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District, has sought to clarify whether incorrect description of name etc., should be ground for rejection of nominations.	It was clarified that as per sub rule (2) of rule 12 of the AP Municipalities, (Conduct of Elections of Members) rules, 2005, incorrect description of name etc., should not be ground for rejection if the identity of the candidate is established beyond doubt.
10	936/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, Tandur Municipality, sought clarification whether the nomination filed by the original candidate and the nomination filed by his proposer has to be accepted or not?	It was clarified that both the nominations (one by the original candidate and the other by his proposer) have to be accepted.
11	937/SEC-F2/2005	The Municipal Commissioner, Nuzvid Municipality, sought clarification on the following: a) If a candidate filed a nomination to a BC reserved ward without enclosing either a caste certificate or declaration Form II without signature of Deputy Tahsildar, whether time can be given for one more day for producing caste certificate. b) Whether the caste certificate submitted by a contesting candidate to 16 th ward reserved for BC in Nuzvid Municipality, but produces a permanent BC caste certificate issued by the MRO, Kothagudem wherein it was mentioned	It was clarified that:- a) If the caste certificate is not available at the time of scrutiny, the nomination paper has to be rejected. The rules do not provide for giving the same any time. b) If the election officer is satisfied that the caste certificate produced is genuine, it has to be accepted.

		as Munnur Kapu of Krishna District, can it be considered for accepting the nomination.	
12	949/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer, Nalgonda Municipality has sought clarification whether the nomination submitted by the candidate with the signature of the only one witness be accepted or not?	It was clarified that if the declaration relating to assets and liabilities is signed by only one witness instead of two witnesses, it is incomplete and hence liable for rejection.
13	962/SEC-F2/2005	The District Collector, Nalgonda sought clarification whether the name of the candidate who has filed 3 nomination papers for the same ward in different categories shall be kept in the Form IV thrice or shall it be shown as one.	It was clarified that even though the candidate filed three nomination papers for the same ward in different categories which were accepted in the scrutiny, yet, there shall be only entry in the list of validly nominated candidates. It was also clarified that the candidate may be given a quick option to choose which category he/she wants to be shown in as a validly nominated candidate. In case he fails to do so, the election officer may treat him as a candidate based on the nomination filed by him first in point of time.
14	963/SEC-F1/2005	The Commissioner, Piduguralla Nagar Panchayat has sought clarification whether the candidature of ABDULLA SHAIK, S/o SUBHANI can be considered or not as he produced Xerox copy of declaration and caste certificate and variation in respect of his father's name.	It was clarified that as the candidate filed nominations for two different wards he could not have produced the original caste certificate at both the places. Rejection of nomination on the ground that a xerox copy was filed at one place is not a valid one. What was rejected in one ward was his nomination but not the caste certificate. So the original caste certificate filed in the other ward where his nomination was rejected on some different ground can be taken cognizance by the Election Officer in order to authenticate xerox copy of the certificate produced by the candidate and his nomination can be accepted. Secondly, on further enquiry from the Election Officer over

			<p>telephone it has been ascertained that in the nomination form he mentioned his name as ABDULLA SHAIK, S/o SUBHANI and in the caste certificate his name is mentioned as SK. ABDULLA S/o SK . MAABU SUBHANI. Prima facie the seeming variation in his own name appears nothing more than an accepted way of writing the same name in two different ways.</p> <p>Further, the appearance variation in the father's name actually appears to be a mere elaboration and expansion of the same name. Therefore, the benefit of doubt can be given to the candidate and his nomination may be accepted.</p>
15	964/SEC-F2/2005	The District Collector, Nellore, requested to clarify whether the nomination should be accepted if the name of the proposer is registered in the electoral rolls of the same ward.	It was clarified that if the name of the proposer is registered in the electoral roll of the same ward i.e. ward No. 13, the nomination can be accepted. Otherwise, nomination is to be rejected.
16	977/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Mpl Com., Vizianagaram Municipality, has sought clarification whether</p> <p>(a) The first set of nomination filed by the candidates or subsequent sets filed have to be taken into consideration in allotting the symbols</p> <p>(b) From among the nomination filed the nomination set filed with the party affiliation has</p>	<p>It was clarified that:-</p> <p>a) Rule 12 (4) stipulates that there shall be only one entry in the list of validly nominated candidates published in Form IV in respect of each validly nominated candidate in the list although more nomination papers than one in respect of that candidate may have been accepted as valid. The one valid nomination which was taken into consideration for inclusion of the name of the candidate in the list of validly nominated candidates shall form the basis for allotment of symbol.</p> <p>b) In the absence of declaration in the nomination paper that he was set up by a given political party, the authorization produced in</p>

		been rejected and only set with independent are valid. Subsequently if the candidate submit B Form of a party can it be considered.	Form A and Form B issued by a political party subsequently cannot be accepted or taken as valid. Such candidate shall be treated as independent.
17	991/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, Chittoor, has sought to clarify whether a reply can be given to the applicant stating the reasons for disqualifying the nomination filed by Smt. K. Gnanamba, whose nomination was rejected during the scrutiny as the name of the proposer is not found in the electoral roll of that ward.	It was clarified that there is no objection to clarify the reasons for the rejection of the nomination papers as requested by the applicant. Maximum transparency increases the credibility of the system.
18	1040/SEC-F2/2005	The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Vijayawada, has sought clarification whether alias names as indicated in the reference addressed to the Returning Officer for incorporation on ballot paper has to be considered.	It was clarified that rule 9 of A.P. Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2005 has to be strictly observed. Sub-rule (2) thereof clearly lays down as to how the names of candidates shall be arranged. The said sub-rule does not permit taking into consideration of the alias names if any of the candidates. The candidates names as written in the nomination paper may be adopted and the alias names if any given shall be disregarded while publishing the list of contesting candidates.

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATURE :-

Sl. No.	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	830/SEC-F1/2005	<p>having more than two children</p> <p>The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Guntur has sought clarification whether after the first child twins are borne to a person his nomination can be accepted or not?</p>	<p>It was clarified that if after the first child, twins are borne to a person, then, the total number of children becomes three and therefore the person concerned is disqualified from contesting election to Municipal Corporation. However, it is for the said persons to obtain an exemption from the Government under the third proviso to section 21 B of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act in view of the fact that the birth of twins is a matter beyond his control.</p>
2	940/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, Chilakaluripet Municipality, has sought clarification regarding section 13 B of APM Act, 1965 whether the candidates having alive third child borne as twins in second confinement is eligible for contesting or not?</p>	<p>It was clarified that if after the first child, twins are borne in the second confinement the total number of children are 3 and therefore the person concerned is disqualified. There is a provision in the 3rd proviso to section 13 B of APM Act 1965 for obtaining exemption from the Government. But it should be obtained before the date of scrutiny.</p>
3	955/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, Tadipatri Municipality, submitted that the contesting candidates of certain Municipal Wards have submitted an affidavit by notary stating that they are having 4 children showing their ages before 1.6.1995. The opposition candidates petitioned that their</p>	<p>It was clarified that as a quasi judicial authority, the E.O. is required to act independently on the basis of the evidence produced before him.</p>

		children's ages are not actual and school certificates are produced for evidence. Whether the nomination of the candidates may be taken into account or not basing on the affidavits issued by the Notary.	
4	1079/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Commissioner, Mangalagiri Municipality, has sought clarification whether a candidate may be disqualified under section 13 B of APM Act, 1965, after the completion of scrutiny of nominations.	It was clarified you that since the list of contesting candidates has already been published, no petition relating to the disqualification of any candidate can be entertained at this stage. The party may be advised to approach the election Tribunal after the results of the elections are declared if the said party so desires.
5	860/SEC-F2/2005	The EA&C&DMA, Hyd., has requested to clarify whether the Sarpanch of a village or MPTC/ZPTC members are permitted to contest as a member of a ward in the Municipality.	It was clarified that if a person's name is found in the electoral roll of the Municipality and he is otherwise qualified, he can contest Municipal elections.
6	861/SEC-F2/2005	The Gen. Secy. TDP requested to clarify on qualification and disqualification of a person holding any office of which he was elected under the PR Act.	<p>It was clarified that if a person name is found in the electoral roll of the municipality and he is otherwise qualified, he is eligible to contest municipal elections.</p> <p>There is no provision in the A.P. Municipalities Act for an office holder in the Panchayat Raj set up to resign before contesting the municipal elections. However, after being elected to any office in the municipality, whether he should resign his earlier post in the Panchayat Raj set up, is a post-election matter on which you may seek a clarification from the Government.</p>

7	862/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The E.O and Mpl. Commr., Tadipatri has sought clarification whether a person acting as MPTC/ZPTC can file a nomination for contesting to the post of municipal ward member without resigning</p> <p>Whether the person who is acting as MPTC/ZPTC member can resign to the post before filing nomination or after being elected as ward member.</p>	<p>It was clarified that if a person's name is found in the electoral roll of a Municipality and he is otherwise qualified, he is eligible to contest from any ward in the said Municipality. It is not necessary that his name should be enrolled in the electoral roll of the same ward from where he wants to contest.</p>
8	863/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Mpl. Commr., Repalle sought to clarify if any individual who is the voter in a Gram Panchayat and holding the post of ward member or sarpanch of that Gram Panchayat and his name also includes in electoral rolls in municipality is entitled to contest the elections for the post of ward member in a Municipality.</p>	<p>It was clarified that if a person's name is found in the electoral roll of a municipality and he is otherwise qualified, he is entitled to contest municipal elections.</p>

CLARIFICATION ISSUED ON FAIR PRICE SHOP DEALERS:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1.	764/SEC-F2/2005	The District Collector & District Election Authority, <u>Guntur</u> , requested to clarify whether the fair price shop dealer having a subsisting contract with the Civil Supply Dept., can contest the Municipal Election.	Under section 15 (2)(C) only a person having a subsisting contract with the Municipal Council is disqualified to contest municipal elections. The fair price shop dealers are having only a subsisting contract with the Civil Supplies Department of the State Government but not with the Municipal Council. They can therefore contest in the municipal elections.

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON NO – DUE CERTIFICATE :-

S.l.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1.	808/SEC-F1/2005	The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, TADPATRI has sought clarification whether the proposer shall also furnish no – due certificate on payment of Municipal Taxes on the date of filing nomination.	It was clarified that 'No Dues Certificate' has to be furnished only by the candidate but not the proposer.
2	864/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Mpl. Commr., Tadipatri has requested to clarify on the following: (a) Whether No Due Certificate has to be produced only by the Candidate but not by his proposer. (b) If the persons name is found in the Electoral Roll of the Municipality and he is otherwise qualified, he is eligible to conduct in the Municipal Elections.	It was clarified that:- (a) <u>The No Due Certificate has to be produced only by the candidate but not by his proposer.</u> (b) <u>If a person's name is found in the electoral roll of the Municipality and he is otherwise qualified, he is eligible to contest in the municipal elections.</u>
3	961/SEC-F1/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, GUNTUR. requested to clarify whether non submission of no – due certificate can be taken as the ground for rejection of nominations.	It is to state that since Smt.Batchu Hymavathi (w) has given a declaration that neither she nor her husband own any property there is no possibility for her to be in arrears of any dues to the Municipality. Therefore, 'no dues certificate' need not be insisted upon.

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON SINGARENI COLLIERIES / BEL:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1.	776/SEC-F2/2005	Requested to clarify whether the employees of APSRTC and Singareni Collieries Company Limited can contest in the Municipal Elections.	<p>Section 13 A of the AP Municipalities Act, 1965 and Section 21 A of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 read with Section 10 of Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, stipulate that a person shall be disqualified from contesting in the elections of Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats and Municipal Corporations, if and for so long as he is a Managing Agent, Manager or Secretary of any Company or Corporation in which Government has not less than twenty five percent share”.</p> <p>All the employees of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited and APSRTC except those working in the capacity of Managing Agent, Manager or Secretary of the company or Corporation are eligible to contest irrespective of Government share in the company.</p> <p>If the Government share in the company is less than 25% , persons working in the capacity of Managing Agent, Manager or Secretary of the Company or Corporation are also eligible to contest.</p> <p>If the Government share in the company is 25% or more, persons working in the capacity of Managing Agent, Manager or Secretary of the company or Corporation are not eligible to contest.</p>

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
2	1294/SEC-F2/2005	Bharat Electronics Limited, a Central Public Sector undertaking sought a clarification with regard to declaration of holiday on the day of poll for their undertaking.	<p>It was clarified that the Central Public Sector undertakings are governed by Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training office Memo No.12/486-KA, dated.09-03-1987 which read as follows:</p> <p><u>“Panchayat/Corporation/Municipalities or Local Bodies</u> – The Central Government Offices shall not be closed. The Government employees who are bonafide voters and desire to exercise their franchise should however, be offered reasonable facility, subject to the normal exigencies of service either by way of coming late to office or by being allowed to leave office early or a short absence on that day”</p>

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON POLLING PERSONNEL:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	757/SEC-F2/2005	The District Collector, Visakhapatnam has requested to clarify whether the employees Central Govt., located in Visakhapatnam division can be drafted for Bheemunipatnam & Anakapalle Municipalities as they lie in Visakhapatnam division.	It was clarified that the polling personnel shall be drafted from a Revenue Division other than the one in which the urban local body is located. Therefore, the persons working in the VISAKHAPATNAM Revenue Division cannot be posted to urban local body located in the same division.
2	874/SEC-F1/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, East Godavari, Kakinada, to clarify whether the polling parties can be formed by mixing the polling personnel manually duly following the norms mentioned in Circular No.2 i.e., No.76/SEC/F/2005 - 2 dt. 22.8.2005	It was clarified that proper mixing of the polling personnel for formation of polling parties may be done either with the help of computer technology wherever available or manually without deviating from the theme of the instruction made at para 3.11 of circular No. 2 (76/SEC-F/2005-2, dated. 22.08.2005).
3	932/SEC-F2/2005	The District Collector, Chittoor, requested to clarify as to whether the Municipality to which the staff are being deputed for duty can be informed to the polling personnel without indicating the exact Municipalities to which they are being deployed.	It was clarified that the municipality / municipal corporation to which the staff are being deputed for polling duty can be specified without indicating the exact polling station.
4	1232/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, Nellore, requested to clarify whether the Bill Collector, Sanitary Inspector, PH Massioners & Watermen to be drafted as route officers and asses the presiding officer for identification of voters at polling stations as there are familiar to those areas and no other Govt., machinery is available in the towns.	The State Election Commission issued instructions that employees of municipal corporation including teachers should not be drafted as polling personnel. The State Election Commission received complaints from various quarters alleging that municipal employees in some municipalities are partisan and actively involved in political activity. In view of this, you are requested to follow the State Election Commission's guide lines already issued.

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
5	1287/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, Warangal, requested to clarify as to when the Presiding Officer Asst. Presiding Officer & Polling Officer have to report for actual poll i.e., two day before the poll or one day before the poll to the distribution centre.	It was clarified that the polling personnel may be asked to report at the distribution centre on 23 rd morning.

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON SYMBOLS, FORM A & B:-

Sl. No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	804/SEC-F/2005	Some of the district Collectors and Commissioners of Municipalities sought a clarification on choice and allotment of symbols to independent candidates in the election to members of Municipality.	The District Collectors and Commissioners of Municipalities sought a clarification on choice and allotment of symbols to independent candidates in the election to members of Municipality. The procedure is explained in detail at paragraph 6 of Chapter IX of Hand book for Election Officers
2	879/SEC-F2/2005	Some of the District Collectors and Commissioners of Municipalities are seeking clarifications with regard to submission of Form A & B by the candidates set up by recognised and registered political parties.	The District Collectors and Commissioners of municipalities are seeking clarifications with regard to submission of Form A & B by the candidates set up by recognized and registered political parties. Detailed instructions regarding submission of Form A & B by the candidates set up by recognized and registered political parties were given in the hand book for election officers / Returning Officers.
3	972/SEC – F2/2005	The Election Officer and Commissioner Sangareddy has sought clarification as to on which day and time the Election Officer has to allot free symbols to the independent candidate and allocation the candidates are to be present at the time of such allocation of symbols(or)not ?	As per the election programme, the list of contesting candidates shall be published on 09.9.2005 after 3.00 P.M. The list shall be published in Form VII prescribed under Rule 14 of A.P. Municipalities (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2005. The symbol allotted to a candidate shall be specified in Column No. 6 of Form VII if there are more than one contesting candidates for the office of Member of a municipality. (Rule 14(3) of the said rules). Under Rule 14(4) of the said rules, in case a symbol has been assigned to a candidate under rule 14(3) such candidate or his election agent shall

			forthwith be informed of the symbol so assigned and be supplied with a specimen thereof by the Election Officer. In the election notice the date and time of publication of list of contesting candidates has been published. The candidates or their election agents are generally present at the time of allotment of symbols. In case if any candidate or his election agent is not present, he may be informed of the symbol allotted to him soon after the process of allotment is completed by the Election Officer.
4	975/SEC-F2/2005	<p>a) If the contesting candidate has not given declaration choosing the allotment of free symbols, whether he can be treated on par with the candidates who filed declarations. It is presumed that such candidates shall be considered only after the allotment of symbols who have filed declarations for allotment of symbols as per the available.</p> <p>Declarations who have filed along with nominations can be taken at the time of symbol allotment and can they be treated on par with others (OR) taken up the end.</p> <p>2. "X" and "Y" filed nominations presuming to get "B" Form of a Z Party. Only "X" filed "B" Form before withdrawal time. "Y" has not provided with "B" Form either from the recognized or registered Political Party whether he can be independent candidate OR his case has to be taken up after allotment of Free symbols who have already filed declarations.</p>	<p>For the independent candidates who have not given declaration choosing 3 free symbols of their choice in order of preference along with the nomination paper, the Election Officer shall allot one of the free symbols chosen by the candidate from out of the list of free symbols remaining after completion of allotment of symbols to all independent candidates who filed declaration along with the nomination paper.</p> <p>The same procedure shall be followed in respect of candidates who are treated as independents in the following cases</p> <p>(a) A candidate who made a declaration in the nomination paper that he/she was set up by a particular political party but could not produce authorization in Form A and Form B from that party within the stipulated time.</p>
5	995/SEC -F2/2005	<p>The Municipal Commissioner Kagazanagar Municipality Adilabad District has sought clarification on the following points:</p> <p>(a) A candidate has filed nomination as independent. The same candidate has been given a party Form B. Whether the contesting candidate may be identified as an independent candidate or a candidate of the</p>	<p>It was clarified that:-</p> <p>(a) He/she has to be treated as an <u>independent</u>.</p>

		party? (b) A candidate has filed nomination as a party member. The same candidate has not been given Form B by the party. Whether the contesting candidate may be identified as candidate of that party or as an independent?	(b) He/she has to be treated as an <u>independent</u> .
6	996/SEC –F2/2005	Sri Kadium Srihari General Secretary Telugu Desam Party, has requested to clarify that in Ward No. 14 of Nagari Municipality of Chittoor District. By oversight one candidate belonging to TDP has filed his nomination as an independent candidate but the final list of contesting candidates issued by the election officer shows is name as a TDP candidate. Whether their party can issue Form B in favour of the above said candidate or not?	It was clarified that where a candidate has made no declaration in the nomination papers that he has been set up by a particular political party, he shall not be deemed to have been set up by that party even if that party gives an intimation to that effect in Form B subsequently. He shall not be allotted the symbol reserved to that party. He shall be treated as an 'Independent'.
7	1027/SEC–F2/2005	The District Collector Nalgonda sought clarification whether the contesting candidate has to be treated as candidate of that party which issued B-Form.	This is to clarify that if the contesting candidate filed his nomination declaring party affiliation and the party issued valid B form in his favour and deliver the same to the Election Officer before 3.00 PM on 9.9.2005, the contesting candidate has to be treated as a candidate of that party which issued B Form.
8	1028/SEC-F2/2005	The Commissioner and Election Officer, Vizianagaram Municipality, has sought clarification whether BSP symbols be given to the candidates who filed their first nomination as Independent and subsequent nominations on national recognized party i.e., BSP and also submitted B Form before 3. PM.	It was clarified that if the list of validly nominated candidates has been prepared taking into consideration the valid nominations filed by the candidates in which a declaration has been made to the effect that they have been set up by a particular political party and if that party delivers Form A / Form B to the Election Officer / Returning Officer

			within the stipulated time, they will be treated as candidates set up by that political party and allotted the symbol reserved for that party. Otherwise they have to be treated as 'Independents'.
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CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON BALLOT PAPERS & POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	958/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, Chittoor District sought to clarify whether declaration by the voters as prescribed in Annexure XXII in Handbook for Returning Officers has to be printed on the backside of the postal ballot papers or not?	It was clarified that the said declaration shall not be printed on the backside of the Postal ballot paper. It shall be printed separately and sent to the persons authorized to vote by Postal ballot along with other material.
2	983/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector, Adilabad, requested to clarify whether the work pertaining to printing of ballot papers by the District Collector, can be entrusted to Deputy Election Authorities.	The State Election Commission entrusted the work relating to printing of Postal ballot papers to the District Collectors to get the work done locally. It is not necessary that the work shall be done only at the district headquarters. The work can be done at any place within the district under proper security. Therefore, the District Collectors are permitted to entrust the work to the Deputy District Election Authorities i.e. Revenue Divisional Officers wherever they feel the need to do so.
3	1010/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector, Krishna requested to clarify whether the number of ballot papers to be printed for each ward @ of 50 for each polling station is inclusive of the tendered ballot papers used for that ward at each polling station at that ward and also the same ballot papers will be used for inserting into the use of EVMs. As well as tendered ballot papers to be used at a polling stations.	It was clarified that total number of ballot papers to be printed for each polling station in a ward is 50 . This number is inclusive of tendered ballot papers to be used at the polling station and the ballot paper to be inserted in the EVM used at the polling station. The ballot paper is the same for both purposes.
4	1018/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector and District Election Authority, East Godavari District, requested to clarify regarding a doubt raised under the Head “candidate of recognized political parties in which there are “National” and “State” recognized political party. In such case he requested to	It was clarified that names of all candidates of the recognized National political parties and recognised State political parties shall be mixed and arranged alphabetically in telugu language.

		clarify as to whose name has to be placed first i.e., a .recognized political party b. recognized State Political Party are to be placed one after another arranging alphabetical in telugu language in each category or both can be mixed and arrange alphabetical in telugu language	
5	1032/SEC-F2/2005	The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Warangal, requested to issue a necessary clarification regarding identification of certain names of women candidate resembling that of man.	It was clarified that as the women candidate in the case referred to by you bears the name resembling that of man, as a special case, the Commission permits you to use a prefix like "Smt." or "Kumari" whichever is proper on the ballot paper for gender identification.
6	1211/SEC-F2/2005	The Municipal Commissioner & Election Officer, Adilabad Municipality, whether in case of death of one contesting candidate the ballot paper already printed have to be retained as they are or they have to be re-printed duly deleting the name of deceased candidate.	As there is time for reprinting of ballot papers and deletion of name of the deceased independent candidate from the ballot paper avoids confusion to the voting public, the State Election Commission hereby directs that the ballot paper of Ward No. 13 of Adilabad Municipality shall be reprinted immediately deleting the name of the deceased independent candidate and the symbol allotted to him.
7	1226/SEC-F2/2005	The Commissioner & Election Officer, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari, has stated that the candidate Sri Venneti Sudhara Ram Kumar furnished the declaration regarding printing of his name in the ballot papers as Babu Venneti. Whether there can be any deviation in the name of the candidate with reference to the nomination form and declaration form.	It was clarified that the name of the candidate on the ballot paper should reflect his name as given in the nomination paper and no deviation is allowed.
8	1267/SEC-F2/2005	The Municipal Commissioner & Election Officer, Gudivada Municipality, GUDIVADA, requested to clarify whether the entry postal ballot can be made after the issuance of	It was clarified that as the marked copy of the electoral roll has to be prepared quite in advance of the date of poll by the Election Officer / Returning Officer for

		marked copy to the Presiding Officers, the date and time upto which postal ballot can be issued to the candidates.	supplying the same to the Presiding Officers of all polling stations, the supply of Postal Ballot Papers to the employees drafted on election duty should be completed in all cases at least three days before the date of poll.
9	1341/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, NUZVID, requested to clarify whether to follow the orders of the High Court and re – print the ballot papers omitting the name of Sri.Basava Vaikunta Venkata Bhaskar Rao.	With reference to his letter cited a copy of the orders of the High Court dated.21-09-2005 in WAMP SR No.107631 of 2005, he was requested to re-print the ballot paper omitting the name of Sri.Basava Vaikunta Venkata Bhaskar Rao. The ballot paper can be re-printed at the Regional Government Printing Press, Vijayawada where all the election symbols are available. The Commissioner, Printing is also requested to issue necessary instructions to the Deputy Director, Regional Government Printing Press, Vijayawada to give top priority to this item of work.
10	1357/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Commissioner, Nuzvid Municipality, KRISHNA DISTRICT, has stated that in pursuance of the Hon'ble High Court order WAMPSR No. 107631 / 2005 and sought clarification whether postal ballot paper in respect of 16th ward has to be re – printed or not by omitting the name of Sri B.V.V. Bhaskara Rao, and what action has to be taken in respect of already dispatched postal ballot papers of 16th ward.	It was clarified that the postal ballot papers have already been dispatched and there is no time for getting the postal ballot paper re-printed deleting the name of the candidate in question and sending it by post to the persons concerned. However, if you receive any postal ballot paper in which the vote is cast in favour of Sri.B.V.V. Bhaskara Rao, whose candidature was cancelled by the Hon'ble High Court, such postal ballot paper shall be ignored.

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	765/SEC-F2/2005	The Municipal Commissioner, Proddatur has sought clarification whether they can go on with the finalization of tenders for certain developmental works in Proddatur	It was clarified that since the Model Code of Conduct came into force with effect from 29 th August, 2005 finalisation of tenders for certain development works mentioned in your letter should be deferred till the completion of the elections process on 30.9.2005.
2	778/SEC-F2/2005	The Municipal Commissioner, Ramagundam sought clarification whether they can hold general body meeting of Ramagundam Municipal Council for which election were already held and elected body is functioning.	The State Election Commission issued election notification on 29.8.2005 for conduct of 3 rd ordinary elections to urban local bodies in the State. The Model Code of Conduct came into force with effect from 29.8.2005 in the entire State and shall continue to be in force till the completion of election process on 30.9.2005. Further, there is no objection for holding of General Body meeting of Ramagundam Municipal Council provided in the said meeting only matters of routine nature relating to day to day administration are taken up and matters relating to policies and programmes are put on hold. No new works or new sanctions shall be given in the said meeting.
3	780/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & DEA, Guntur has sought clarification on whether individual officer can be admitted as Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada in view of Model Code of Conduct in force.	The State Election Commission issued notifications for ordinary elections to Urban Local Bodies on 29.8.2005. The Model Code of conduct came into force with effect from 29.8.2005 . The State Election Commission issued orders in reference No.739/SEC-F1/2005, dated 29.8.2005 imposing a total ban on transfers on all officials connected with conduct of elections directly or indirectly with effect from 29.8.2005 till the completion of election process on 30.9.2005. The RDOs were already designated by a notification as Dy. District Election Authorities in connection with conduct of Municipal elections, 2005. Therefore, the transfer orders issued shall not be given effect to till the completion of the election process.

4	802/SEC-F2/2005	Sri P.Krishna Vandana, Field Exhibition Officer, Hyderabad has sought clarification whether the booklet in telugu may be released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of AP or not.	It was clarified that as the Model Code of Conduct is in force from 29.8.2005 to 30.9.2005, the proposed function may be postponed till the completion of the election process.
5	816/SEC-F1/2005	The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyd. has requested to relax ban in post on the recruitment as a special case since the karif season is on going and there is cute need of staff at the field level.	It was clarified that since the Model Code of Conduct has come into force, the recruitment mentioned in your letter may be taken up after 30-09-2005.
6	819/SEC-F2/2005	The Managing Director, A.P.S.R.T.C., Mushirabad, Hyderabad, requested to clarify whether they may go a head with transfer/promotion of its employees.	It was clarified that since the APSRTC is an essential service and its staff are not involved in election duties they can go ahead with transfers/promotions of its employees.
7	831/SEC-F2/2005	The General Manager, Telecom Department, Mahabubnagar has sought clarification whether the new constructed BSNL Bhavan administrative complex near railway station, Mahabubnagar may be inaugurated or not.as Model Code of Conduct is in force.	It was clarified that the proposal for inauguration of a newly constructed "BSNL BHAVAN" Administrative Complex near Railway Station, Mahabubnagar is not agreed to by the State Election Commission in view of the Model Code of Conduct, which is in force till 30.9.2005.
8	858/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector, Vizianagaram has requested to kindly consider to permit to take up works connected to employment generation augmentation of drinking water and transportation in rural areas including municipalities.	It was clarified that the Commission has no objection if the works to be undertaken are purely drought relief works. However, in the Vizianagaram Municipality which is going to polls it was directed to undertake only those works which are highly essential and which will not influence the voters. Drinking water supply through tankers even in the municipal areas going to polls does not violate the model code of conduct.
9	1369/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector, Kurnool, sought clarification as to what action has to be taken against such contesting candidates who violate the rules of Model Code of Conduct and whether cases booked for violation and	It was clarified that the action to be taken for violation of Model Code of Conduct has already been indicated. He was requested to take action accordingly.

		prosecution will have any impact on the candidature of the contesting candidates.	Even if a prosecution is launched, it will not have any impact on the candidature of the contesting candidates.
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CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	777/SEC-F2/2004-5	<p>The Mpl., Comm., Gudivada Municipality</p> <p>The demand of the candidates is to allow old registered deeds also though there is no photograph affixed on such deeds which is not having photographs.</p> <p>When the certificates issued by the competent to SC, ST, BC category voters without having photos how to identify the certificate holder.</p> <p>The Ration card is having only the photo of the head of family. Then how to identify the remaining members of the family with this card. How to identify the other members when the voter approaches with a document having photograph only of the head of family.</p>	<p>It was clarified that:-</p> <p>Document without photograph is not allowed.</p> <p>Document without photograph is not allowed.</p> <p>Refer to the last paragraph of SEC order No 777/SEC-F/2004-1, dated: 23.8.2005. The other members of the family mentioned in the ration card can be identified by the head of the family having his photo on the said card.</p>
2	1110/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Municipal Commissioner & Election Officer, AMALAPURAM has requested to clarify as to what procedure has to be adopted if the voter is not in a position to produce the said 15 documents for exercising their votes.</p>	<p>It was clarified that if the identity of the person wishing to cast his or her vote cannot be established with reference to the State Election Commission's instructions issued already, then such a person shall not be allowed to cast his/her vote.</p>

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON VIDEOGRAPHY :-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1.	1195/SEC-F2/2005	Sri Kadiam Srihari, General Secretary, TDP Office, seeking clarification on videography to record the election of Mayor / Deputy Mayor / Chairperson & Vice Chairperson and Corporation of Municipalities.	It was clarified that a circular was issued by the State Election Commission authorizing the Collector to arrange videography of the special meetings convened for election of Mayor/ Dy.Mayor and Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson. Instructions were also issued in the said circular for live coverage and for coverage of proceedings by the print and electronic media.
2.	1353/SEC-F2/2005	The Election Officer & Comm., Ongole Municipality requested to clarify whether to allow video cameras by the candidates into the polling stations or not?	It was clarified that videography shall not be undertaken inside the polling stations as it violates the secrecy of voting.

CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON COUNTING :-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	1215/SEC-F1/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, West Godavari, Eluru , requested to clarify counting of votes can be taken up in 3 of 4 rooms under the same roof of the building due to non – availability of sufficient space and whether the counting tables can be provided one table in each ward so as to complete the process of counting of votes in different rules under the same roof.	<p>It was clarified that counting of votes can be undertaken in different rooms under the same roof of the building. One counting table may be provided for each ward as proposed so as to complete the process of counting of votes in different rooms in the same building.</p> <p>In this connection, his attention was invited to paragraph 4 of chapter titled “counting of votes” in the Handbook of Election Officers. The law enables Assistant Election Officers also to count votes. Where counting of votes is done in different rooms, the Assistant Election Officers concerned can conduct counting of votes in those rooms. However, the overall counting shall be done under the supervision of the election officer.</p>
2	1223/SEC-F2/2005	The District Collector, Warangal, requested to clarify the procedure to be taken up for counting of votes, number of tables to be arranged etc.,	<p>Detailed instructions were issued regarding counting of votes under the chapter titled “Counting of Votes” in the handbook of Election Officers in case of municipalities and in the Handbook of Returning Officers in case of municipal corporations. Further, the following points raised by him in the fax message are clarified below.</p> <p>Counting of votes of different wards can be undertaken simultaneously on different counting tables.</p> <p>In case of smaller municipalities, one counting table may be allotted to each ward. In case of big municipalities and municipal corporations, one or more counting tables may be allotted to each ward depending upon the number of polling stations in the ward.</p> <p>Counting of votes may be done in different rooms in the same</p>

			building, if one hall big enough to undertake counting of all the wards is not available. In such a case, it should be ensured that counting of votes of one ward is not done in two rooms.
3	1362/SEC-F2/2005	The District Collector & District Election Authority, Guntur , requested to clarify if either the candidate or the agent may only be permitted to be present in the counting hall.	It was clarified that where counting of votes of a ward is undertaken on only one counting table either the candidate or his election agent or his counting agent shall be allowed to be present in the counting hall at any point of the time so as to avoid overcrowding.
4	1377/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, KHAMMAM , requested to clarify whether the media persons can be allowed into counting centre.	It was clarified that no media persons shall be allowed into the counting hall. However, a media room may be provided outside the counting hall to pass on the election results to media persons regularly.

CLARIFICATION ISSUED ON TA & DA:-

1.	1345/SEC-F1/2005	The Collector & District Magistrate & District Election Authority, Guntur , requested to clarify whether any remuneration is to be paid to the polling personnel on the day of distribution towards refreshments in addition to regular TA & DA.	<p>The rates of TA & DA fixed by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.102, GA (Elec.III) Department, dated.11.4.2004 shall be followed for the ensuing elections as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.783, MA & UD (Elec.II) Dept., 3.9.2005. However, the State Election Commission has already addressed the Government to issue necessary orders in the matter, keeping in view the revised scales of pay, 2003. A reply is still awaited.</p> <p>The State Election Commission already issued instructions on payment of Rs.50/- towards food expenses to the polling personnel in Circular No.1149/SEC-F1/2005, dated:15.9.2005.</p>
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CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON INDIRECT ELECTION :-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	1323/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, Prakasam requested to confirm the presumption that notice in Form – II can be issued by the Gazetted officer authorized by the District Collector to the members on 26.09.05 after declaration of results of the ward member.	It was clarified that notice of the special meeting convened for the purpose of indirect election to the office of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of a Municipality and Mayor /Dy.Mayor of Municipal Corporation shall be given to the elected members on 26.9.2005 along with the declaration of results Form or election certificate, as the case may be.
2	1381/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Magistrate & District Election Authority, MAHABUBNAGAR , requested to accord permission to change the venue for conducting meeting of the Municipal Council for election of Chairperson / Vice Chairperson.	It was clarified that under rule 4 of the rules for the Conduct of Election of Chairperson, the special meeting has to be held in the office of the Municipality. Since the place where the meeting is to be held is provided in the rules itself, it is not possible for the State Election Commission to permit the holding of the meeting at any other place. In case of any security problem, you may discuss the matter with the Superintendent of Police and take necessary steps to see that the election is held in a peaceful atmosphere.
3.	1430/SEC-F2/2005	The Mpl., Comm., Kavali, Municipality, Nellore District, requested to clarify whether the election officer and Commissioner was to participate in the election to Chairperson and Vice – Chairperson if so as to where he has to be seated.	It was clarified that as the Municipal Commissioner is the Chief Executive Officer and also the election officer of the municipality in whose possession the records relating to membership etc., are kept, he is permitted to be in the meeting hall. He may sit at a convenient place near the dais.

4.	1432/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Collector, Guntur, requested to issue a clarification in the event of there being an equality of votes between two or more candidates, the Presiding Officer shall draw lots in the presence of the members and the candidates whose name in first drawn shall be declared to have been duly elected.</p>	<p>Sub-rule 6 of Rule 6 of rules issued in G. O.Ms.No.763 MA dt.19.08.2005 in case of Municipal Corporation and G.O.Ms. No.762 MA dt.19.08.2005 in case of Municipality cited stipulates that in the event of there being equality of votes between two or more candidates for the office of Mayor/Dy.Mayor of Municipal Corporation and Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson of Municipality, the Presiding Officer shall draw lots in the presence of the members and the candidate whose name is first drawn shall be declared to have been duly elected.</p> <p>To ensure transparency and not to give scope for any complaints in the process of determining the elected candidate by drawal of lots under the said rule, the State Election Commission, hereby, directs in the event of there being equality of votes between two or more candidates for the said offices, the presiding officer concerned shall write each of such candidate's name on 5 slips of paper of same color and size and then all those slips should be folded tightly twice and then jumbled to get them mixed beyond recognition. After such mixing the presiding officer should take the draw. The candidates whose name is first drawn shall be declared to have been duly elected.</p>
5	1434/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Municipal Commissioner, Chittoor Municipality, CHITTOOR, sought clarification on the following:</p> <p>a. whether the special meeting proposed for the election of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson on 30.09.2005 can be convened in the premises of Municipal office i.e.,</p>	<p>It was clarified that:-</p> <p>(a) Rule-4 of the said rules in which it was clearly stated that the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipality specified in clauses (i) to (iv) of sub-</p>

		<p>outside the counsel meeting hall or if can be held in the meeting hall itself.</p> <p>b. whether the party leader and other VIPs of the town can be allowed as witness in the special meeting in which it is proposed to elect the Chairperson & Vice Chairperson.</p>	<p>section (2) of section 5 of the Act shall be held in the office of the Municipality. The meeting cannot therefore be outside the Council Hall.</p> <p>(b) Since, the rule above quoted clearly mentions that the special meeting is of the members of the Municipality specified in clause (i) to (iv) of sub-section (2) of section 5 i.e., directly elected members, MLAs., MPs (Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha). It is instructed not to allow anybody other than the Members of the municipality specified above into the meeting hall.</p>
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CLARIFICATION ISSUED ON EX – OFFICIO MEMBER :-

1.	1433/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, GUNTUR , stated that the MP., Narasaraopet after election 2004, for Narasaraopet now wants to opt as Ex – officio members to Piduguralla Nagar Panchayat. A clarification may be issued whether he can change the option to Piduguralla.	It was clarified that if the Member of Parliament from Narasaraopet Parliamentary Constituency has exercised his option to be an ex-officio member of Narasaraopet Municipality, as required by clause (iii) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965, the option so exercised by him is final and irrevocable. He cannot now change his option to Piduguralla Nagar Panchayat.
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CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON WHIP:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1.	1262/SEC-F2/2005	Sri Kadium Srihari, General Secretary, TDP Office, requested to clarify whether the manner of election is the same for both the Chairperson / Vice Chairperson and for the Mayor / Deputy Mayor of a Municipal Corporation.	<p>The Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson of a Municipality and Mayor & Dy.Mayor of a municipal corporation are elected in the same special meeting. The manner of election is the same for both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of a Municipality and for Mayor and Dy.Mayor of a Municipal Corporation. This is specified in rule 6 of indirect elections issued separately for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of a municipality (G.O.Ms.No.762, MA & UD (Elec.II) Dept., dated.19.8.2005) and for Mayor and Dy.Mayor of a municipal corporation (G.O.Ms.No.763, MA & UD (Elec.II) Dept., dated.19.8.2005).</p> <p>As per rule 6 (4) of the said rules, only after completion of election of Chairperson /Mayor, the presiding officer concerned shall conduct election to the office of Vice-Chairperson/ Dy.Mayor.</p> <p>A candidate for the office of Chairperson or vice-Chairperson of a municipality shall be orally proposed by one member and seconded by another member. Similarly, a candidate for the office of Mayor or Dy.Mayor of a municipal corporation shall be orally proposed by one member and seconded by another member.</p> <p>There is no objection to get the following information printed in Form 'A' and Form 'B' (relating to authorisation and setting up of candidates) and Annexure I, II and III (relating to authorization, appointing of whip and direction of whip) wherever they are applicable.</p>

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
2.	1285/SEC-F2/2005	Sri Kadium Srihari, General Secretary, T.D.P, requested to clarify whether there would be no problem if the same party president intends to authorize any person to appoint whip as there is no such proforma or procedure.	It was clarified that the State Election Commission specified the format in which the State President of a recognised political party can authorise a person to appoint Whip in connection with conduct of election of Mayor and Dy.Mayor of a municipal corporation and Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of a municipality in circular No.1082/SEC-F1/2005, dt.15.9.2005.
3.	1441/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, NALGONDA , requested to clarify whether any whip given by a recognized political party after the stipulated time is valid or not.	It was clarified that any whip given by a recognised political party after the stipulated time i.e., 11.00 AM of 29-09-2005 is invalid and need not be acted upon. In case the belated whip is received, the date and time of receipt may be noted thereon and may be simply kept in the records. It has no other implication.

CLARIFICATION ISSUED ON OATH BY C.P.:-

1.	1437/SEC-F2/2005	The Municipal Commissioner & Election Officer, AMALAPURAM , requested to clarify whether a member who has taken oath as ward members has to take oath again after his election as Chairperson / Vice Chairperson on that day.	It was clarified that when the Chairperson was being elected directly, he used to take oath. Now the members take oath and then elect the Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson. Since the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson have taken oath as members, they need not again take oath after their election as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
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CLARIFICATIONS ISSUED ON GENERAL ISSUES:-

S.I.No	File No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Issued
1	768/SEC-F/2005	The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, Lal Bahadur Stadium, Hyderabad , has requested to clarify whether the SEC, has not objection for the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to participate in the inauguration of the Asian Badminton Championship to be held at Hyderabad on 6.9.2005	The State Election Commission has no objection for the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to participate in the inauguration of the Asian Badminton Championship to be held at Hyderabad on 6.9.2005. However it is suggested that no political speeches highlighting the achievements of the party in power may be made. The speeches may be confined to the promotion of sports activities and maintaining standards in sports.
2	793/SEC-F2/2005	Telephonic conversation of Prl Secy to Govt., Agriculture and Corporation with the Secretary State Election Commission, to issue permission to hold video conference with district collector and other concerned official in the interest of the farmers.	It was clarified that the Prl. Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Cooperation and the Commissioner, Agriculture can hold a Video Conference and other review meetings required in the interest of the farmers with the District Collectors and other concerned officials. The Hon' ble Minister could be appraised of the deliberations of the said video conference. It will be appropriate if the Hon' ble Minister does not attend the said conference/meetings. Deliberations of the conference, however, could be intimated to the Hon' ble Minister and his instructions taken on file in the interest of the farmers of the State.

3	799/SEC-F1/2005	<p>The District Collector & District Election Authority, <u>Anantapur</u> requested to <u>clarify whether the candidate may appoint his election agent at the time of filing of nomination.</u></p>	<p>It was clarified that there is no prohibition either in the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965 or the Conduct of Election Rules made thereunder for a registered voter in the Municipality to contest from more than one ward provided he is qualified for it. Therefore, a registered voter can contest from any number of wards in the municipality.</p> <p>It was clarified that under Rule 17 of the Conduct of Election Rules every person nominated as a candidate for an election may appoint in writing a person to be his election agent. Therefore, immediately after filing nomination paper a candidate may appoint an election agent.</p>
4	818/SEC-F2/2005	<p>[a] During the electioneering VIPs like Hon'ble CM or Ministers of State and Central Ministers will participate in Public Meeting. There is every chance of incurring heavy expenditure on construction of arches, platforms, vehicles and meeting arrangements. As such the representatives of political parties have requested to clarify whether the expenditure goes to a particular ward in which the candidate is contesting.</p> <p>[b] Whether the State Election Commission has fixed the rates of hire charges of vehicles like vans, taxies, three wheelers etc. for using the vehicles in the elections and to maintain the election expenditure.</p> <p>[c] The political parties have expressed doubts stating that at</p>	<p>[a] Please refer to proviso under Section 343 ZC (1) (c) of The AP Municipalities Act, 1965 (the said section is one of the new sections inserted by Ordinance 15 of 2005.) copies of the said ordinance were supplied during the regional conferences.</p> <p>[b]The State Election Commission has not fixed any rates for the said items. This can be done by the Collectors concerned taking into account the prevalent market rate in that area.</p> <p>[c] Rule 13 of AP</p>

		the time of withdrawal of candidature the proposers or election agents submit their candidates withdrawals in Form – V manipulating the signature of the contesting candidate which leads to obstruction of election process.	Municipalities (conduct of election of Members) Rules, 2005 shall be followed.
5	824/SEC-F2/2005	The Mpl Comm., Bapatla Municipality, Bapatla , requested to clarify whether the two tenders received on the date already fixed i.e., prior to the issue of election notification as the election code is already inforce.	It was clarified that tenders may be received on the scheduled date but they shall not be opened and processed till 30.9.2005.
6	832/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, Visakhapatnam, requested to issue clarification whether the meeting can be conducted at Mpl., office at Anakapalli and also to clarify if the commissioner, Anakapalli can attend the said meeting before the electronic media to discuss on election process.	Instructions were issued to the Commissioner, Anakapalli Municipality not to participate in the meeting organized by TV9. The Municipal Office cannot be used as a venue for the said meeting.
7	839/SEC-F2/2005	The Prl. Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, A.P .Secretariat, Hyderabad , sought to clarify whether the establishment of petrol refinery of Kakinada can enter into MOU between Mangalore refinery project and the Kakinada Sea Port Ltd.	It was stated that the State Election Commission has no objection to signing of MOU between GOAP., Mangalore Refinery Project Ltd., ILFS Ltd., and the Kakinada Sea Ports Ltd. towards establishment of a petroleum refinery project at Kakinada on 3.9.2005.
8	840/SEC-F2/2005	The Commissioner of Youth Services, Behind Boats Club, Secunderabad, requested to issue necessary instructions for organizing the training to the unemployed youth for CRPF recruit.	It was stated that the State Election Commission has no objection to imparting training to the unemployed youth for CRPF recruitment. You can go a head with the training programme.
9	847/SEC-L/2005	The Deputy Secretary to Govt., Health, Medical & Family Welfare Dept., Hyderabad, requested to clarify regarding	It was clarified that if the expense as incurred for campaigning of a particular candidate, it shall be

		<p>the expenses on vehicles provided by the party for electioneering of their party candidates should be shown in the election expenses of the candidate or the party.</p>	<p>included in the account of the candidate. If the expenses are general in nature and incurred for all candidates by the party it may have to be categorized as “general propaganda” and such expenses shall not be attributed to any candidate under section 343 ZC (2) of APM Act, 1965. But the expenses on the vehicles provided by the party for electioneering of their party candidates should be shown in the election expenses of the candidate using the said vehicles.</p>
10	869/SEC-F1/2005	<p>The District Election Authority & District Collector, GUNTUR, sought to clarify whether</p> <p>(a) to receive withdrawal forms on 07.09.2005 which is public holiday in view of Vinayaka Chaturdhi.</p> <p>(b) If a government employee can contest elections without resigning his job and whether pendency of criminal trial; can be a basis for disqualification.</p>	<p>It was clarified that:-</p> <p>a) The withdrawal forms have to be received on Vinayaka Chaturdhi day although it is a public holiday.</p> <p>b) No Government employee can contest election unless his resignation is accepted. Mere pendency of criminal trial is not a disqualification to contest</p>
11	886/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Election Authority & Comm. & Dir. of Municipal Admn., HYDERABAD - A.P., requested to clarify</p> <p>a. Whether a “wanted candidate” in the police station of other than this ULB, but a resident and elector of this town and no N.B.W was pending in local town police station, can file a nomination as candidate / or sign as proposer.</p> <p>b. Is there any ban / restriction for a person enrolled as rowdy sheeter in local police station is eligible to file the nomination or to sign as proposer on behalf of</p>	<p>It was clarified that the three points raised by you as follows.</p> <p>[a] He can file a nomination or sign as proposer.</p> <p>[b] Rowdy sheeters are not disqualified.</p>

		any candidate. c. Whether a person having 2 living children and one child born after 31.5.1995 and gave 1 child for adoption legally, is qualified or disqualified as per sec 13 B of APM, Act., 1965 and is there any lit of time or giving adoption.	[c] Where a child is given in adoption, it has to be counted against the natural father for the purpose of section 13(B).
12	897/SEC-F2/2005	The Secretary to Govt., Transport, Roads & Buildings Dept., Secretariat, HYDERABAD, sought to clarify whether ban on transfers will attract while filling up of vacant post for the person returning from leave or persons returning from repatriation or deputation to existing vacancies.	It was informed that there is no objection to give posting to Shri. M.Bhushanam, Incharge E.E. (R&B) on return from leave. However, if he is being posted to an urban area going to polls, care should be taken to ensure that he does not get involved in any poll duty either directly or even indirectly.
13	915/SEC-F1/2005	The Officer on Special Duty For Minister for Finance, Plg. & Legis. Affairs, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Hyderabad, requested to permit Sri K. Roasaiah Hon'ble Ministry for Finance, Medical & Health, Govt., of AP., to inaugurate Sri Lakshmi Sreenivasa filling station Narasapur Road, Palacole, West Godavari District.	It was informed that as the function is not an official function, the Commission has no objection to the Hon'ble Minister for Finance's participation. However, political speeches highlighting the achievements of the government should be avoided by the Hon'ble Minister. The speeches may be confined to matters appropriate to the function. Official vehicle should not be used and government functionaries other than security personnel should not accompany the Hon'ble Minister.
14	1073/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Election Authority, Chittoor. Requested to clarify whether a candidate can be appointed as a polling agent in the polling station of a ward from which he is contesting.	It was clarified that there is no statutory bar for a candidate to appoint himself as a polling agent in one of the polling stations of a ward for which he is a contesting candidate. Anyway the polling agents are appointed by a candidate to take care of his interest at the polling station.

15	1255/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The RDO, Jammalamadugu & Deputy District Election Authority, Kadapa, requested to clarify the following points regarding appointment polling agents.</p> <p>a. It may be clarified whether the above clause means “that the persons should be resident of that ward but not of the Municipality”</p> <p>b. It may also be kindly clarified whether the Election Agent of the contesting candidate should also be the resident of the ward or he can be a resident of the Municipality.</p>	<p>The State Election Commission clarifies that the expressions ‘local resident’ and ‘local area’ employed in the said direction should be understood only as a ‘resident of the municipal area’ and ‘municipal area’ respectively. There is therefore, no objection to a contesting candidate to appointing a resident of the municipal area as his polling agent and the conditionalities attached to a person outside the local area will be applicable only where a person outside the municipal area is appointed.</p>
16	1306/SEC-F2/2005	<p>General clarification issued to all the Collectors and District Election Authorities,</p>	<p>It was clarified that the Hon’ble Ministers shall not hold any such review meetings with the District Collectors, other Officers and staff as this is likely to (a) divert the time and attention of the officials from the emergency relief operations being undertaken; (b) such review meetings are likely to disturb the official machinery from the preparatory work leading to the municipal elections on 24.9.2005. Top priority should be given to field operations when rivers and streams are swelling, banks getting breached and people are getting marooned. The staff should not be tied down at one place in the name of review meetings.</p>
17	1316/SEC-F2/2005	<p>The Collector & District Election Authority, Nizamabad sought clarification for a. Accreditation cards were issued to media persons including electronic media in the district whether a person holding such accreditation card in the Municipal areas can be allowed to enter a polling station for media coverage or not?</p> <p>b. If not whether State Election Commission is issuing any authorization letters through I & PR Department, from their side so</p>	<p>It was clarified that:-</p> <p>a. Media persons holding accreditation cards issued by the district administration cannot be allowed to enter the polling station.</p> <p>b. The State Election Commission has neither issued nor going to issue any authorization letters to the</p>

		that necessary precautionary measures not to allow the persons could be taking.	media persons for their entry into the polling stations.
18	1324/SEC-F2/2005	The Municipal Commissioner, Kavali Municipality, KAVALI , requested to clarify as to how many persons should be allowed into the polling stations.	It was clarified that in the Hand Book for Election Officer it is stated that the Presiding Officer should admit into the polling station each candidate, his election agent and one polling agent of each candidate at a time. These instructions were issued keeping in view wards having a number of polling stations in which case all these people will be dispersed to various polling stations. However, in the case of wards having only one polling station, the Presiding Officer shall admit only one person for each candidate by turns so as to avoid overcrowding in the polling station.
19	1329/SEC-F2/2005	Smt. R. Bharathi Bai, has requested to stop issuing of un official voters identify slip being distributed with party symbol by the Congress & TDP workers. A clarification in the matter was issued to all District Collector & Municipal Commissioners.	As per the provisions of Section 343 H of APM Act, 1965 and section 604 of HMC Act, 1955 wherein canvassing within a distance of 100 meters of the polling station in prohibited. Further, as per para No. 8 of the Hand Book of the Contesting Candidates for Municipalities and Municipal Corporations wherein the procedure to be followed on issue of un-official identity slips was explained. It is therefore clarified that the political parties/ candidates may issue un-official identity slips on white paper and it should not contain the name of the candidate/party/election symbol and any slogans or any exhortation to vote for a party or for a candidate since these slips if carried by the voters to the polling station would amount to canvassing within the 100 meters of the polling station against the provisions of sections 343 H of APM Act and 604 of HMC Act. Therefore, the Election Officer was requested to verify the contents of the allegations made by the petitioner in the

			reference cited and if the allegations are found to be true, he is requested to take immediate necessary action against the defaulters as per the provisions of section 343 H of Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965 .
20	1336/SEC-F2/2005	The Collector & District Magistrate & District Election Authority, NELLORE , requested to clarify whether rowdy-sheeter who is also a contesting candidate can act as polling agent for himself.	It is clarified that where a candidate himself is a rowdy-sheeter, he shall not be prevented from acting as polling agent himself.

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Lr.No.1816/SEC-F2/2006-1

Dated 15-12-2006

To
The Municipal Commissioner,
Hindupur Municipality,
Ananthapur district.

Sub:- SEC – Ordinary elections to Hindupur Municipal Council–
Permission to modify the ward-wise electoral rolls
9,10,12,15,16,35 & 37 wards of Hindupur Municipality –
Accorded – Reg.

Ref:- Lr. Roc.No.1528/2006/G1, dated 14-12-2006 received from the
Hindupur Municipality.

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With reference to your letter cited, I invite your attention to Rule 6 of Andhra Pradesh Municipalities and Nagar Panchayats (Preparation and Publication of Electoral Rolls) Rules, 2001 which stipulates that in case of any clerical or printing error or both or when entries in Municipal electoral rolls deviate from the particulars of the assembly electoral roll, the person authorized by the State Election Commission may cause such errors rectified so as to bring it in conformity with the particulars of the assembly electoral roll concerned. Since the mistakes committed by you falls with in the scope of the said rule, therefore permission is hereby accorded to modify the electoral rolls ward Nos. 9,10,12,15,16,35 & 37 as enumerated in your letter cited.

You are directed to supply copies of the rectified ward-wise electoral rolls of the above wards to all the recognized and registered political parties with the Commission as per the list already communicated to you and obtain acknowledgements and keep the same in your custody. You are also directed to bring this issue to the notice of the Collector and District Election Authority, Ananthapur with a request to inform the above issue to the notice of the representatives of all political parties during the meeting to be conducted

shortly by the Collector and District Election Authority, Ananthapur as suggested by the Commission.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- G.N.RAO

SECRETARY

Copy to the Collector and District Election Authority, Ananthapur with a request to depute D.R.O. Ananthpur to Hindupur Municipality to verify the correctness of the preparation and publication of ward-wise electoral rolls by the Commissioner, Hindupur Municipality and furnish a report to the Commission within a week in order to avoid complaints from any corner at a later date and intimate the action taken to SEC and furnish a copy of the CD to SEC on the finally published Electoral rolls of Hindupur Municipality for record of SEC.

Copy to the Election Authority and Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad for information.

Copy to the Secretary, MA & UD Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for information.

// Attested //

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Lr.No.621/SEC-F2/2007

Dated:23.05.2007

To
The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner,
Kavali Municipality,
KAVALI,
Nellore District.

Madam,

Sub: Municipal elections – Conduct of Elections to casual vacancy to 8th Ward of Kavali Municipality – Permission to rectify clerical errors in the electoral roll of Ward No. 8 – Reg.

Ref: Your Lr.Roc.No.7328/2006/C1, dated 21.5.2007.

I invite your attention to the reference cited, wherein you have reported that clerical errors have occurred in the electoral roll prepared and published with reference to 01-01-2007 as a qualifying date in respect of Ward No. 8 of Kavali municipality, for which election have to be conducted shortly. You should note that the electoral roll for Ward No:8 shall truly and correctly reflect entries in Assembly electoral roll published with reference to 01-01-2007 as qualifying date so far as it relating to the area of Ward No.8 of Kavali municipality.

In this context, it is to inform that as per Rule 6 of A.P. Municipalities & Nagar Panchayats (Preparation and Publication of Electoral Rolls) Rules 2001, the person authorized by State Election Commission for preparation and publication of electoral roll is empowered to rectify only the clerical errors or printing errors or both or when entries in municipal electoral roll deviate from the particulars of the Assembly electoral roll, so as to bring it in conformity with the particulars of the Assembly electoral rolls concerned.

You are, therefore, permitted to rectify clerical errors that were reported to have occurred in the electoral roll of Ward No:8 of Kavali Municipality to bring it in conformity with the entries in the electoral roll of Assembly Constituency concerned under intimation to the political parties and giving publicity in areas effected by such errors.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
Secretary

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Lr.No.1426/SEC-F2/2007

Dated:13-11-2007

To

- 1) The Revenue Divisional Officer
and Electoral Registration Officer
Chittoor Assembly Constituency.
- 2) The Municipal Commissioner &
Election Officer, Chittoor Municipality

Sir,

Sub:- Elections to casual vacancy in 26th ward, of Chittoor Municipality

- Certain irregularities in the voters list – Factual report called – Submitted clarification sought for - Reg.

- Ref:- (1) This office Lr.No.1426/SEC-F2/2007, dt.12-10-2007 addressed to you
(2) Roc No.B/1020/07, 08-11-2007 received from the RDO and ERO, Chittoor.

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With reference to your Fax Message 2nd cited, I wish to state that under section 11(1) of the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965 the Municipal electoral roll was published on **10-09-2007** and the election notification was issued on **03-11-2007**. On the date of election notification the electoral roll became final and is not subject to any further inclusions or exclusions under the provisions of section 11 (1) of the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965.

Once the notification for conduct of elections is issued no changes are possible. Hence you are directed to instruct the concerned polling staff to watch particularly the said (7) expired votes are not polled on the day of poll, duly extending a copy of the report of RDO, Chittoor.

The Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, Chittoor is requested to furnish a copy of the report of RDO, Chittoor vide reference second cited to all recognized political parties and to all contesting candidates of the ward for information.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
SECRETARY

Copy to
The Collector and District Election Authority, Chittoor for information.

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FM.No.157/SEC-F1/2007, dated 29-01-2007

Sub:- Elections – Conduct of elections to Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation – Taking up of JNNURM Project works – Clarification - Issued

Ref:- Lr.No.996/2006-07/EE (WSP), dated 27-01-2007 received from the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation

KINDLY REFER TO YOUR LETTER CITED. IT IS TO INFORM THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION ISSUED NOTIFICATION FOR CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS TO GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM AND RAJAHMUNDRY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND HINDUPUR MUNICIPALITY ON 25-01-2007. ACCORDING TO THE NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED, THE ELECTION PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED BY 26-02-2007, THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT CAME INTO FORCE AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE TILL THE COMPLETION OF ELECTION PROCESS I.E. ON 26-02-2007.

AS THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT IS INFORCE, IT IS CLARIFIED THAT THE PROCESS OF CALLING TENDERS, FINALISATION OF TENDERS AND ALLOTMENT OF WORKS SHALL BE STOPPED DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD IN ALL THE MUNICIPAL AREAS GOING FOR ELECTIONS.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY AND THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE WILL BE DEALT WITH AS PER THE PROVISIONS OF ELECTION LAWS.

Sd/-
SECRETARY

To
The Commissioner,
Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation,
VISAKHAPATNAM

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FM.No.158/SEC-F1/2007, dated 29-01-2007

Sub:- Elections – Conduct of elections to Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation – Pensions sanctioned under Indiramma Programme- Continuation of disbursement of pensions – Clarification - Issued

Ref:- Lr.No.Nil, dated 27-01-2007 received from the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation

KINDLY REFER TO YOUR LETTER CITED.

IT IS TO INFORM THAT ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTS OF THE MCC IS TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT IN ANYWAY USED TO FURTHER THE PROSPECTS OF THE RULING PARTY IN THE ELECTIONS. BUT IN THE NAME OF MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT, RELIEF MEASURES WHICH GO TO THE SUCCOR OF THE POOR AND THE DISTRESSED SHOULD NOT IN ANYWAY BE HAMPERED.

AS PER THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE COMMISSIONER, GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM VIDE REFERENCE CITED, THE DISBURSEMENT OF PENSIONS UNDER INDIRAMMA PROGRAMME IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS TO OLDAGED, WIDOW AND DISABLED MONTHLY BASIS, WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO MAINTAIN EVEN A SINGLE SQUARE MEAL A DAY.

SINCE THE PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTION OF PENSIONS TO OLDAGED, WIDOW AND DISABLED IS A REGULAR PERIODIC MONTHLY ACTIVITY, IT IS CLARIFIED THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUE THE ABOVE ACTIVITY ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. **HOWEVER, NO NEW PENSIONS SHOULD BE SANCTIONED.**

To
The Commissioner,
Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation,
VISAKHAPATNAM

Sd/-
SECRETARY

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FM No.1677/SEC-F2/2007, dated 14-11-2007

Sub:- Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality – Filed a nomination by Sri Duvvada Srikanth as Independent for ward no.15th who was suspended as Ward Member for ward in earlier Municipal Council- Certain clarification – Issued – Regarding.

Ref:- Lr.Roc.No.2417/2007-C1-Elections, dated:13/11/2007 received from the Election Officer & Commissioner, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality.

WITH REFERENCE TO HIS LETTER CITED, THE ATTENTION OF THE ELECTION OFFICER & COMMISSIONER, PALASA-KASIBUGGA MUNICIPALITY IS INVITED TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15 (1) (B) OF A.P. MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1965, ACCORDING TO WHICH "**A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED BY A CRIMINAL COURT FOR THE OFFENCES STIPULATED THEREIN SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR ELECTION AS A MEMBER ONLY WHILE UNDERGOING THE SENTENCE AND FOR (5) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EXPIRATION THEREOF**". FROM THE INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, IT IS DISCERNED THAT SRI D. SRIKANTH WAS NOT SENTENCED BY ANY CRIMINAL COURT. MERE PENDENCY OF CRIMINAL CASES IS NOT A GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM CONTESTING ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF WARD MEMBER.

FURTHER, AN ORDER OF SUSPENSION ISSUED TO A MEMBER U/S 59-A OF A.P. MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1965 SHALL NOT DISQUALIFY HIM FROM CONTESTING ELECTIONS. THE ELECTION OFFICER & COMMISSIONER, PALASA-KASIBUGGA MUNICIPALITY MAY TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE CLARIFICATION ISSUED ABOVE.

Sd/-

To
SECRETARY
The Election Officer & Commissioner,
Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality

Copy to:-

1. The Sub-Collector, Tekkali Revenue Division and Dy. Dist. Election Officer, & Spl. Officer, Palasa-Kasibugga Municipality.
2. The Regional Director, Municipal Administration, Visakhapatnam.

3. The Collector & District Election Authority, Srikakulam.
4. The EA & C&DMA, Hyderabad.

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Lr.No.641/SEC-F2/2005

Dated:14.06.2007

To
The Election Officer & Commissioner
Armour Municipality.
Sir,

Ref: Your Fax Message Lr.No.Elec/A1/80/06, dt.25/05/2007.

With reference to your Fax Message cited, it is to inform that the honourable High Court examined the clarification issued by the State Election Commission in its Circular No.829/SEC-B1/2006, dt.15/07/2006 with reference to the provisions of AP Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and orders issued by Women and Child Welfare Department in G.O.Ms.No.23, dt.04/08/2001 amending the earlier G.O.Ms.No.7, dt.17-03-1996 and held in its order dt.09/04/2007 in W.P.No.6894 of 2007 that Anganwadi workers cannot hold elected offices in Panchayat Raj Institutions.

In view of the above, it is clarified that Anganwadi workers are not eligible to contest to elected offices in Municipal bodies under Section 14 of AP Municipalities Act, 1965.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh

Kumar

SECRETARY

Copy to:

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The Municipal Commissioners, Kandukur and Badvel.

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner & Spl. Officer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

The Commissioner, Tirupathi Municipal Corporation.

The Municipal Commissioners of Palasa Kasibugga and Rajam.

The Municipal Commissioners, Samalkot, Kavali, Sircilla, Repalle, Sattupalle, Nandyal and Tenali.

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Lr.No.242/SEC/F1/2007.

Dated.09-02-2007.

To

The Election Officer & Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
RAJAHMUNDRY.

Sir,

Ref: Roc.No.486/2007-C5, dated.08-02-2007.

With reference to your letter cited, I am to state that under section 40 of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporations Act, 1955 read with rule-8 of the rules for conduct of election, what is contemplated is withdrawal of candidature. There is no question of withdrawing any nomination. Therefore, the action of the Returning Officer referred to in your letter is correct. Sri Revu Gopi and Vankayala Srinivas cannot be treated as contesting candidates.

**Yours faithfully,
Sd/-K.S.N.MURTHY
Secretary (FAC)**

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Lr.No.242/SEC-F1/2007, dated 13-02-2007

To

1. Sri Revu Gopi,
D.No.3-13-128,
Balajipet,
Rajahmundry.
2. Sri Vankayala Srinivas,
D.No.3-10-47,
Railway Quarters,
Rajahmundry.

Sir,

- Ref:-
1. Your representations, dated 09-02-2007 & 10-02-2007.
 2. Lr.Roc.No.486/2007-C5, dated 08-02-2007 received from Election Officer and Commissioner, Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation.
 3. This office Lr.No.242/SEC-F1/2007, dated 09-02-2007.

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With reference to your representations cited, it is to inform you that as per the provisions of Section 40 (2) of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporations Act, 1955 no person who has given a notice of withdrawal of his candidature, shall be allowed to cancel the notice. In other words, when a person withdrawn his candidature, his name shall not be included in the list of contesting candidates irrespective of number of nominations filed by him.

In view of the above provisions of HMC Act, 1955, your contention that you have withdrawn only the nomination filed on behalf of Congress party is not tenable.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- K.S.N.
Murthy
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Lr.No.255/SEC/F1/2007,

Dated.12-02-2007.

To
The Deputy Dist. Election Authority &
Sub-Collector,
RAJAHMUNDRY.

Sir,

Ref: Your Fax Message No.G/2118/06, dated.12-02-2007.

With reference to your Fax Message cited, the four points raised in your Fax Message are clarified hereunder:

1. Though the expression ' Motor Vehicle' includes also a Motor Cycle, it is hereby clarified that in a convoy one Motor Car (Four Wheeler) may be treated as equivalent to two Motor Cycles (Two wheeler). Therefore two Motor Cars or four Motor cycles can be used in a convoy. A three wheeler shall be treated as equivalent to a Motor Car.
2. Vehicle permits need to be obtained for all vehicles including motor cycles from the Municipal Commissioner. Two formats of vehicle permits that can be issued to a party functionary or to a particular candidates are enclosed. The permit shall be displayed prominently on the wind screen of the Motor Car or any conspicuous part of two wheeler.
3. Your attention is invited to point No. 2 of the instructions issued in Direction No.639/SEC-F1/2005, dated.04-08-2005 (enclosed) in which it is made clear that the restrictions imposed on convoy of vehicles in the said order are applicable to the campaign to be carried on by the political parties also. A copy of the said direction is enclosed herewith. The same shall be followed strictly.
4. In your Fax Message you have stated that the election campaign by the Congress party on 12-02-2007 is going to be carried on without involving the contesting candidates. If so, the expenditure incurred by the political party need not be included in the election expenditure account of the contesting candidate of the concerned political party.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-K.S.N.Murthy,
Secretary (FAC)

Copy to:

1. The Collector & District Election Authority, Rajahmundry, E.G. Dist.
2. The Collector & District Election Authority, Visakhapatnam.

3. The Collector & District Election Authority, Anantapur Dist.
4. The S.Ps of East Godavari, Anantapur and Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam
5. The Commissioner, Mpl. Corpn. Rajahmundry, E.G. District.
6. The Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Mpl. Corporation, Visakhapatnam.
7. The Commissioner, Hindupur Municipality, Anantapur Dist.
8. The General Observers.
9. The Election Expenditure Observers.

DIRECTION

No.639/SEC-F1/2005

Dated: 04.8.2005

Sub:- ELECTIONS – Third Ordinary elections to Municipal Bodies, 2005 –
Instructions on use of vehicles during elections – Issued.

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The State Election Commissioner, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Article 243-ZA of the Constitution of India and in the interest of preserving the purity of election process, hereby, issues the following instructions relating to use of vehicles during the ensuing ordinary elections to Municipal bodies.

Use of vehicles for campaigning:

1. The candidates contesting to the office of Ward Members of the urban local bodies shall furnish details of the vehicles intended to be used by them for campaigning to the Municipal Commissioners concerned. Only after such information has been received by the Municipal Commissioner concerned, the vehicles so notified by the candidates can be used for the election campaign. Thus, prior intimation to the Municipal Commissioners, is a must for the actual deployment of any vehicle for campaign purpose by the candidates. The Municipal Commissioners concerned shall also transmit the information so received by them from the candidates about the vehicles to be used by them to the Observers appointed by the State Election Commission.
2. Ministers, MLAs and MPs who want to campaign for their political party and not for a particular candidate, shall also notify the vehicles to be used by them to the Municipal Commissioners concerned indicating the areas in which they intend to campaign. The restrictions imposed on convoy of vehicles in this order, are also applicable to them.
3. The Municipal Commissioner to whom intimation of use of vehicles is given by contesting candidates, shall publish on their office notice boards details of the vehicles notified by the various contesting candidates and also release it to the press. This measure is intended to enable the common citizen to bring to the notice of the authorities any un-authorized use of vehicles for the election campaign.

4. Vehicles deployed for election campaign, as per the intimation given by the candidates, or by the election agents should not be requisitioned by the administration.
5. Any vehicle which has not been registered for election campaigning with the Municipal Commissioners concerned, if found being used for campaigning, shall be deemed to be unauthorisedly campaigning for the candidate and will attract penal provisions of Chapter-IX (A) of the Indian Penal Code and shall therefore be immediately taken out of the campaign exercise.
6. The vehicles permitted to be used under this order, shall not carry more than five passengers including the driver.

Restrictions on convoy of vehicles:-

7. Cars/vehicles being used for electioneering purposes, shall, under no circumstances, be allowed to move in convoys of more than two vehicles during the campaigning period. All bigger convoys shall be broken up, even if they are carrying any Minister of Central or State Government. This shall, however, be subject to any security instructions issued in respect of any such individuals. In other words the convoy shall not, in any case, exceed two vehicles plus the security vehicles.
8. The authorities concerned shall keep a close watch on the vehicles used by the contesting candidates, persons accompanying the contesting candidates and other party leaders and ensure that the Commission's instructions are not flouted.
9. Videography can be used effectively to check use of unauthorised vehicles for campaigning as well as for violation of instructions regarding convoys.

Use of vehicles on the day of Poll:

10. Candidates contesting for the Office of Ward Member of the urban local bodies shall be allowed only one vehicle for their movement within their ward on the polling day. It may be noted that no separate vehicle will be allowed for their agents or other party leaders.

11. The Municipal Commissioners concerned are authorised to issue permits to the contesting candidates for use of vehicles during the day of poll as indicated above. This permit should be displayed on their vehicle.

12. The following type vehicles shall be allowed to be plied on the poll day –
- a) Private vehicles being used by the owners for their private use, not connected with elections;
 - b) Private vehicles being used by owners either for themselves or for members of their own family for going to the polling booth to exercise their franchise, but not going anywhere within a radius of 200 meters of a polling station;
 - c) Vehicles used for essential services namely hospital Vans, Ambulance, Milk Vans, Water Tankers, electricity emergency duty Vans, Police on duty, Officers on election duty;
 - d) Public transport carriages like buses plying between fixed termini and on fixed routes;
 - e) Taxis, three Wheelers, Scooters, Rickshaws etc., for going to Airports, Railway Stations, Inter-State Bus stands, Hospitals for journeys which cannot be avoided;
 - f) Private vehicles used by sick or disabled persons for their own use.

General:

13. The election authorities concerned and the Commissioner of Police/Superintendents of Police concerned are requested to implement these instructions scrupulously. They are also directed to make arrangements to open check up post in the areas, where elections are held to effectively check un-authorized movement of vehicles during election campaign and on the day of poll.

14. The contesting candidates and political parties are hereby informed that any contravention of these instructions will be viewed seriously by the State Election Commission.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION
COMMISSIONER)

**Sd/- Debabrata Kantha
Secretary**

To

All the Commissioners of Municipalities & Municipal Corporations in the State,
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities..
All the Superintendents of Police.
The Commissioners of police concerned.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Hyd.
All the Political parties.
The Press.



STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

Andhra Pradesh

Municipal Elections – 2007

VEHICLE PERMIT

Name of the Municipality /
Municipal Corporation :

Name & No. of the Municipal Ward :

Name of the Candidate :

Party Affiliation :

Vehicle No. :

Permission obtained from _____ to

Date:

Issuing Authority
with office seal

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Fax Message No.260/SEC-F1/2007, dated 12.02.2007

Sub: - SEC-Elections to Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation –
Request from political party representatives to use more vehicles
by senior party leaders on the day of poll – Regarding

Ref:- Lr.Rc.No.9792/GVMC/Election, dated 12-02-2007 received from
the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER CITED, IT IS INFORMED
THAT THE COMMISSION ISSUED REVISED INSTRUCTIONS VIDE
DIRECTION NO.639/SEC-F1/2005, DATED 19-09-2005 (COPY ENCLOSED
FOR READY REFERENCE) SHALL HOLD GOOD FOR THE ENSUING
ELECTIONS ALSO.

THE COMMISSIONER OF GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM/
RAJAHMUNDRY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND HINDUPUR
MUNICIPALITY ARE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE
INSTRUCTIONS SCRUPULOUSLY WITHOUT ANY DEVIATION.

Sd/- K.S.N. Murthy,
SECRETARY

To

1. The Commissioners of Greater Visakhapatnam and
Rajahmundry Municipal Corporations and Hindupur Municipality.
2. The Collectors and District Election Authorities of
Visakhapatnam, East Godavari and Anantapur districts.
3. The Election Authority & Commissioner & Director of Municipal
Administration, Hyderabad.

DIRECTION

No.639/SEC-F1/2005

Dated:19.09.2005

Sub:- Municipal elections, 2005 – Instructions on use of vehicles on the day of poll – Revised instructions – Issued.

Ref:- SEC Direction No.639/SEC-F1/2005, dated.4.8.2005.

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The State Election Commission issued instructions in the reference cited on use of vehicles during campaigning and on the day of poll in connection with the on going municipal elections.

Under paragraph 10 of the said order, the candidates contesting for the office of Ward Member of a Municipality/Municipal Corporation shall be allowed only one vehicle for their movement within their ward on the day of poll and no vehicle shall be allowed for their agents or other party leaders.

Some of the Collectors have opined that in municipal areas where each ward has a very limited number of polling stations allowing one four wheeler to each candidate will lead to congestion, traffic problems and parking difficulties, which would cause public nuisance and inconvenience to voters. Narrow lanes and by-lanes in municipalities are likely to be jammed up with the vehicles leading to the polling stations causing inconvenience to voters.

The State Election Commission has examined the issue. The Commission is of the view that regulation of vehicles and traffic management on the day of poll keeping in view the convenience of voters be best left to the discretion and judgement of the District Collector and the Superintendent of Police/Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada. In fact, the Commission has no objection to the District authorities putting such reasonable restrictions on the number and usage of vehicles as may be warranted to reduce traffic congestion in the narrow lanes and by-lanes of the municipal wards, prevent public nuisance and increase the convenience of voters.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Sd/- Debabrata Kantha

Secretary

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To
All the Commissioners of Municipalities & Municipal Corporations in the State.
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.
All the Superintendent of Police.
The Commissioner of Police concerned.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.
All the political parties.
The Press.

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FM No.1816/SEC-F2/2007, dated 01-12-2007

Sub:- Srikakulam Municipality – Conduct of elections to casual vacancy of 36th ward in Srikakulam Municipality – Date of poll fixed on 03-12-2007- Representation of Smt. M.V. Padmavathi, Chairperson of Srikakulam Municipality as Election Agent – Clarification issued.

Ref:- Lr.Rc.No.3416/2007-C1, dated 01-12-2007 received through fax from the Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTER CITED, THE ELECTION OFFICER & MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, SRIKAKULAM IS INFORMED THAT THERE IS NO BAR IN THE PROVISIONS OF A.P. MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1965 OR IN THE ANDHRA PRADESH MUNICIPALITIES (CONDUCT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS) RULES, 2005 FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AS AN ELECTION AGENT. HOWEVER, IF THE CHAIRPERSON IS PROVIDED WITH SECURITY, SHE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS ELECTION AGENT AS PER THE COMMISSION'S CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS VIDE NO.707/SEC-F1/2005, DATED 25-08-2005 (COPY ENCLOSED FOR READY REFERENCE).

Sd/-
SECRETARY

To
The Election Officer & Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality.

Copy to:-

1. The Collector & District Election Authority, Srikakulam
2. The Election Officers and Municipal Commissioners, Palasa-Kasibugga, Kovvuru, Chittoor, Ramagundam, Nalgonda and Kamareddy.
3. The Regional Directors, Municipal Administration, Visakhapatnam, Ananthapur, Rajahmundry and Warangal.
4. The Election Authority & C&DMA, AP, Hyderabad.

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No.707/SEC-F1/2005,

Dated:25.8.2005

CIRCULAR

Sub:- Ordinary elections to Municipal Bodies, 2005 - Ministers, MPs and MLAs having security cover shall not be appointed as Election Agents or Polling Agents or Counting Agents – Instructions – Issued.

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The Commission wishes to bring to the notice of all concerned the provisions of Section 343 O of the AP Municipalities Act, 1965 and Section 607 B of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 as inserted by A.P Ordinance No.15 of 2005 which states that, except those expressly permitted by those sections, no one else carries any arms or indulges in show of arms in polling stations or in their vicinity (an area within a radius of 100 metres from the polling booth), so that the conduct of elections can take place in a free and fair manner without any intimidation of voters, or threat perception to them or they being overawed by large posse of security personnel carrying arms.

To facilitate the understanding of the issue, an extract of the sections referred to in the above paragraph which are identical in wording, is given below;

“ Prohibition of going armed to or near a polling station---

(1) No person other than the Returning Officer / Election Officer, any Police Officer and any other person appointed to maintain peace and order at a polling station who is on duty at the polling station, shall, on a polling day, go armed with arms, as defined in the Arms Act, 1959, of any kind within the neighborhood of a polling station.

(2) If any person contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1), he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both.

(3) An offence punishable under sub-section (2) shall be cognizable.”

It is seen from time to time that during the poll process, candidates and / or supporters of candidates, who are recipients of security extended to them by the State authorities, enter polling stations or go within the neighborhood thereof accompanied by their security personnel. This amounts to contravention of the Provisions laid down in Section 343 O of the AP Municipalities Act, 1965 and Section 607 B of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955.

The State Election Commission therefore, directs that, no person, who is provided with any form of security from any quarter, should enter into any polling station or go within its neighborhood, accompanied by such security personnel. Neighbourhood of a polling station should be construed to mean an area within a radius of 100 metres from the polling booth, on the analogy of Section 343 H of the AP Municipalities Act, 1965 and Section 604 of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955. The security agencies in charge of extending security must therefore, recast security plans accordingly. It would be the duty of those in charge of the election to ensure that the provisions of the above quoted Section 343 O of the AP Municipalities Act, 1955 and Section 607 B of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1965 are strictly enforced and no security personnel attached to any person (i.e., any candidate, any of his agents, workers, supporters, or even any elector) enter into any polling station or are found in the neighbourhood of the polling station. The same restrictions should also apply in relation to entry into counting centers and in the neighbourhood of the counting centers.

Therefore, a Minister, MP or MLA or any person who is recipient of any form of security cover by the State shall not be appointed as an Election Agent or Polling Agent or Counting Agent as his personal security shall be jeopardised with such appointment, because his security personnel will not be permitted to accompany him into the polling station or counting hall.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION
COMMISSIONER)**

**Sd/- Debabrata
Kantha
Secretary**

To
All the Collectors and District Election Authorities.
All the Municipal Commissioners in the State.

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The Election Authority and Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.

All the Superintendent of Police concerned.
All the Commissioners of Police concerned.
All Recognised and Registered Political Parties

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Lr.No.293/SEC-F1/2007-3

Dated 16-02-2007

To
The Collector and District Election Authority,
Anantapur district.

Sir,

Sub:- SEC—Conduct of elections to Hindupur Municipality—Alleged violation of Model Code of Conduct and abuse of official power—Certain instructions issued -Regarding.

Ref:-1.Representation dated 16-02-2007 submitted by Sri Kadium Srihari, General Secretary, Telugu Desam Party, Hyderabad and three others.

2. This office Lr.No.293/SEC-F1/2007-2, dated 16-02-2007.

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In continuation of this office letter second cited, I request you not to make any modifications in the appointments of Presiding Officers/Assistant Presiding Officers which were already made. Further, I request you not to make any modifications in the appointments of polling officers and the polling parties already made.

faithfully,

Yours

Sd/-
K.S.N.Murthy
SECRETARY

Copy to the General Secretary, TDP State office for information.

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FM No.1782/SEC-F2/2007, dated 28-11-2007

Sub:- Srikakulam Municipality- Conduct of elections to casual vacancy in 36th ward – Clarification sought on declaration of local holiday on 03-12-2007 – Regarding.

Ref:- Lr.No.2765/2007/H3, dated 27-11-2007 received from the Collector (FAC) & J.C. & Dist. Addl. Magistrate, Srikakulam.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTER CITED, THE COLLECTOR (FAC) & J.C. & DIST. ADDL. MAGISTRATE, SRIKAKULAM IS INFORMED THAT THERE IS NO PRACTICE IN DECLARING LOCAL HOLIDAY WHENEVER AN ELECTION TO A CASUAL VACANCY OF A WARD IS CONDUCTED SINCE THE NUMBER OF VOTERS (GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) GOING TO EXERCISE THEIR FRANCHISE ARE VERY LIMITED.

HOWEVER, THE ELECTION OFFICER & MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, SRIKAKULAM MAY BE DIRECTED TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE BONAFIDE VOTERS IN 36TH WARD AND DESIRE TO EXERCISE THEIR FRANCHISE SHOULD OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE CONCERNED HEAD OF THE OFFICE, SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL EXIGENCIES OF SERVICE, EITHER BY WAY OF COMING LATE TO OFFICE OR BY BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE OFFICE EARLY OR A SHORT ABSENCE ON THAT DAY.

Sd/-
SECRETARY

To
The Collector (FAC) & J.C. & Dist. Addl. Magistrate, Srikakulam

Copy to the Election Officer & Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam.
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Fax Message No. 254/SEC-F1/2007, dated 12.02.2007

Sub: - SEC- Elections to Greater Visakhapatnam and Rajahmundry Municipal Corporations and Hindupur Municipality –Compulsory identification of voters–Production of specified documents to establish identification of voters – Regarding.

Ref:- 1. This office Order No.777/SEC-F/2004, dated 16-08-2004.
2. This office Order No.777/SEC-F/2004-1, dated 23-08-2005.
3. This office Order No.2803/SEC-B2/2006, dated 23-12-2006.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS AT THE POLLING STATIONS, THE COMMISSION HAD PRESCRIBED CERTAIN DOCUMENTS VIDE REFERENCES FIRST AND SECOND CITED.

KEEPING IN VIEW THE LIST OF THE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA IN THE RECENTLY HELD BYE ELECTIONS TO BOBBILI AND KARIMNAGAR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES, THE COMMISSION VIDE REFERENCE THIRD CITED ISSUED ORDERS, SUPERCEDING THE ORDERS ISSUED EARLIER VIDE REFERENCES FIRST AND SECOND CITED AND SPECIFIED (17) DOCUMENTS, ONE OF WHICH CAN BE PRODUCED BY THE VOTERS TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY AT THE POLLING STATIONS IN THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD TO THE LOCAL BODIES,

THE COMMISSIONERS OF GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM AND RAJAHMUNDRY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND HINDUPUR MUNICIPALITY ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THE ORDERS ISSUED IN THE REFERENCE THIRD CITED FOR IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY AT THE POLLING STATIONS ON THE POLL DAY. I.E. ON 19-02-2007.

Sd/- K.S.N. Murthy
SECRETARY

To

1. The Commissioners of Greater Visakhapatnam and Rajahmundry Municipal Corporations and Hindupur Municipality.
2. The Collectors and District Election Authorities of Visakhapatnam, East Godavari and Anantapur districts.
3. The Election Authority & Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.

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FM. No. 256/SEC-F1/2007, dated 13.2.2007

Sub:- Elections – Conduct of elections to Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation – Setting up of polling booths for issue of unofficial identity slip – Clarification – Issued.

Ref:- 1. This office Circular No. 640/SEC-F1/2005, dated 5.8.2005.
2. Rc. No. 9792/GVMC/Election, dated 12.2.2007 received from the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

IN THE REFERENCE SECOND CITED, THE COMMISSIONER, GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS REQUESTED TO CLARIFY WHETHER A POLITICAL PARTY AN SET UP MORE THAN ONE POLLING BOOTH FOR ISSUE OF UNOFFICIAL IDENTITY SLIPS NEAR A POLLING PREMISES WHERE MORE THAN ONE POLLING STATION HAVE BEEN SET UP.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSIONER, GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS INVITED TO THE CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED NO. 640/SEC-F1, DT. 5.8.2005 OF THE COMMISSION [COPY ENCLOSED FOR READY REFERENCE] WHEREIN THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED SETTING UP ELECTION BOOTHS. HENCE, IT IS CLARIFIED THAT NO POLLING BOOTH SHALL BE SET UP BY CONTESTING CANDIDATES WITHIN A DISTANCE OF 200 METERS FROM THE POLLING STATION. EVEN WHERE MORE THAN ONE POLLING STATION HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE SAME BUILDING OR LOCATION OR PREMISES, THERE SHALL BE ONLY ONE BOOTH TO BE SET UP BY A CANDIDATE FOR SUCH GROUP OF POLLING STATIONS BEYOND DISTANCE OF 200 METERS FROM SUCH PREMISES.

THE COMMISSIONER OF GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND RAJAHMUNDRY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND HINDUPUR MUNICIPALITY ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THE CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN THE REFERENCE FIRST CITED FOR SETTING UP OF ELECTION BOOTHS BY THE CONTESTING CANDIDATES.

Sd/-
SECRETARY

To

1. The Commissioners of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation and Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation and Hindupur Municipality.
2. The Collector and District Election Authority, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari and Anantapur District.
3. Copy to the Superintendent of Police, East Godavari & Anantapur Districts.
4. Copy to the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam.
5. Copy to the Election Observers / Expenditure Observers.

Circular No.640/SEC-F1/2005

Dated: 5.8.2005.

Circular

Sub:- Municipal elections, 2005 – Maintenance of law and order and prevention of electioneering within the prohibited area around polling stations – Instructions regarding setting up of Election Booths – Reg.

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The following standing instructions are now issued in the matter of setting up of election booths by the candidates on the date of poll beyond a distance of two hundred meters from the polling stations:

- (1) No booth shall be set up within a distance of 200 metres from the polling station. Even where more than one polling station has been set up in the same polling station location or premises, there shall be only one booth of a candidate for such group of polling stations beyond a distance of 200 meters from such premises.
- (2) Only one table and two chairs shall be provided at each of such booths with an umbrella or a piece of tarpaulin or cloth to protect the two occupants of those chairs at the booth from weather conditions, such booth shall not be enclosed by tentage, etc.
- (3) Each candidate wishing to set up such booths shall intimate, in writing, in advance, to the Returning Officer, the names and Sl.Nos, of the polling stations where such booths are proposed to be set up by him. He shall also obtain the written permission of the concerned local authorities. Such a written permission must be available with the persons manning the booth for production before the police / election authorities concerned on demand.
- (4) Such booths shall be used only for the sole purpose of issuing unofficial identity slips to electors. These unofficial identity slips shall be printed strictly in accordance with the instructions of the Commission on the subject without the name or symbol of the candidate or the name of the political party .
- (5) Only one banner to display the name of the candidate, his party and the election symbol allotted to him shall be allowed of each such booth, provided that such banner shall not be more than 3 feet by 4 ½ feet in length and breadth. Any banner set up in violation of this restriction will be removed by authorities maintaining the law and order.
- (6) No crowds shall be allowed to collect at such booths under any circumstances, nor shall any person who has already cast his vote at the polling station be allowed to come to the booth. This would be evident from the indelible ink mark on his left forefinger or any other finger as specifically prescribed for that election for the constituency in which the polling station is located.
- (7) The persons manning the booths shall not cause any obstructions whatsoever in the way of electors proceeding to the polling stations or prevent them from going to the booths of other candidates or create any other sort of hurdles whatsoever in the right of voters to exercise their

franchise according to their own free will. More specifically, no elector shall be influenced in any way whatsoever to either come and collect the unofficial identity slip from the particular booth or if he comes to such booth of his own accord to vote in favour of or against any party / candidate contesting the election.

- (8) No person shall be allowed to either carry or use cellular phones, cordless phones, wireless sets, etc., in the 100 meter perimeter of the polling stations described as the “ Polling Station Neighborhood “ and within the polling booth. Similarly no person shall be allowed to carry or use such instruments in the area within and around the counting center or within the area cordoned off by the security forces to regulate the entry of persons to such Counting Halls and Centres. If any person is found in possession of such instrument in violation of these directions, the instrument shall be seized by the officers in charge of security and shall be returned to the person concerned only after the counting of votes is completed and results are declared. These restrictions, however, do not apply to the officers in charge of law and order and security personnel put on duty near the polling booths and counting centers who may be using any of such instruments in the course of the discharge of their official duties. Similarly, these restrictions do not apply to the Observers appointed by the Commission and to the officers incharge of polling duty and counting duty who may have to use such instruments in the course of their official duties.
- (9) The Commission hereby warns all concerned that any violation of the above directions will be viewed by the Commission with the utmost gravity and most stringent action possible under the law, including but not restricted to the removal of such booths forthwith will be taken against the candidates and / or their agents / workers responsible for any such violations.
- (10) If any officer is found to have failed to take prompt and expeditious action to ensure the strict compliance of the above mentioned directions, he will render himself liable to strict disciplinary action apart from any penal action as may be called for against him for failure to discharge the official duty.

Sd/- Debabrata Kantha,
Secretary

To

1. All Municipal Commissioners in the State.
2. All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations in the State.
3. All District Collectors in the State. (Name covers)
4. All Superintendents of Police in the State.
5. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.
6. The Director General of Police, Hyderabad.

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Lr.No.254/SEC-F2/2008

Dated:25-03-2008

To
The Municipal Commissioner,
Tanuku Municipality,
West Godavari District.

Sir,

Sub:- Elections – Casual elections to ward no.12 of Tanuku
Municipality – Certain clarification on implementation of
Indiramma Scheme – Reg.

Ref:- 1. SEC Notification No.1542/SEC-F2/2007, dt.11-03-2008.
2. Your Lr.Roc.No.230/2008/G1, dt.24-03-2008.

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With reference to your fax message in the reference 2nd cited, it is clarified that under paragraph 37 of the Model Code of Conduct, no scheme which has an element of discretionary power with the Government should be implemented during the period when the Model Code of Conduct is in force. The Model Code of Conduct shall remain in force in the entire area of Tanuku Municipality where casual election to ward no.12 of Tanuku Municipality is underway till the completion of the election process.

You are, therefore, requested to defer the proposed III Phase Survey under Indiramma programme in the said Municipality till the completion of the election process on 19-04-2008.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
SECRETARY

Copy to:

The Municipal Commissioners of Bhongir, Mancherial, Bellampally, Kothagudem, Kavali, Tadipatri, Jangaon and Kandukur Municipalities for information and necessary action.

The District Collectors of Nalgonda, Adilabad, Khammam, West Godavari, Nellore, Anantapur, Warangal and Prakasam Districts.

The Election Authority and Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.

The Regional Director-cum-Appellate Commissioner, Rajahmundry, Warangal, Anantapur and Guntur.

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FM.No.253/SEC-F2/2008, dt. 26-03-2008

Sub:- Elections - Election to causal vacancy in ward No.21 of Bhongir Municipality – Holding general body meeting during the election period – Clarification issued – Regarding

Ref:- 1. SEC Notification No.1542/SEC-F2/2007, dt.01-03-2008.
2. Lr.No.G/216/2008, dt.17-03-2008 received from the Municipal Commissioner, Bhongir, Nalgonda District.

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER 2ND CITED, IT IS CLARIFIED THAT:-

Sl. No.	File No.	Clarification sought	Clarification issued by the SEC
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Lr.No.G/216/2008, dt.17-03-2008 received from the Municipal Commissioner, Bhongir, Nalgonda District.	Whether Bank linkage can be given to the Self Help Groups (Bank Loans to Women Groups)	It is to clarify that no decision can be made to give Bank linkage to any Self Help Group from the date of issue of election notification till the election process is completed.
2	-do-	Whether the Budget meeting for the year 2008-09 can be convened or not since Budget for the year 2007-08 is closing by 31-03-2008.	It is to clarify that there is no objection for holding of General Body meeting of Bhongir Municipal Council provided in the said meeting only matters of routine nature relating to day to day administration are taken up and matters relating to policies and programmes are put on hold. No new works or new sanctions shall be given in the said meeting.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3	-do-	Whether Council meeting can be convened for taking resolutions for the new developmental works and Tenders can be finalized to the works already sanctioned.	The Model Code of Conduct is in force in the entire municipal area. Therefore, it is clarified that the process of calling tenders, finalisation of tenders and allotment of works shall be stopped from the date of issue of election notification till the election process is completed.
4	-do-	Whether work orders can be given to the contractors for execution of works.	It is to clarify that allotment of works shall be stopped till the completion of election process.
5	-do-	Whether Indiramma New Pensions can be sanctioned or replacement (in place of deaths) can be done or not.	It is to clarify that since the process of distribution of pensions to oldaged, widow and disabled is a regular periodic monthly activity, it is clarified that there is no objection to continue the above activity on humanitarian grounds. However, no new pensions should be sanctioned during the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct from the date of issue of election notification till the election process is completed.
6	-do-	Whether gas connections can be given under Deepam Scheme or not.	Where beneficiaries have been selected under the ongoing schemes before the issue of election notification, there will be no objection to take up follow up action in pursuance of such selection. But no new beneficiary can be identified after the issue of election notification till the completion of election process.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
7	-do-	Whether house site pattas under Indiramma Phase-I Programme can be issued to the beneficiaries identified previously or not.	It is to clarify that where beneficiaries were already selected before 11-03-2008 consequential action of delivering benefits to them will not be hit by the Model Code of Conduct. But no new beneficiary should be selected after 11-03-2008.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY AND THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE WILL BE DEALT WITH AS PER THE PROVISIONS OF ELECTION LAWS.

Sd/-

SECRETARY

To
The Municipal Commissioner,
Bhongir Municipality.

Copy to
The Collector and District Election Authority, Nalgonda for information.
The Election Authority and Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad for information.
The Municipal Commissioners of Mancherla, Bellampally, Kothagudem, Tanuku, Kavali, Tadipatri, Jangaon and Kandukur Municipalities for information and necessary action.
The Regional Director-cum-Appellate Commissioner, Rajahmundry, Warangal, Anantapur and Guntur.

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FM.No.255/SEC-F2/2008, dt.26-03-2008

Sub:- Elections - Election to casual vacancy in ward No.27 of Mancherial Municipality – Holding general body meeting or budget meeting during the election period – Clarification issued – Regarding

Ref:- 1. SEC Notification No.1542/SEC-F2/2007, dt.01-03-2008.
2. Lr.No.198/Elections/2005-1, dt.19-03-2008 received from the Municipal Commissioner, Mancherial, Adilabad District.

THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION ISSUED ELECTION NOTIFICATION ON 11-03-2008 FOR CONDUCT OF CASUAL ELECTIONS TO WARD NO.27 OF MANCHERIAL MUNICIPALITY. THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT CAME INTO FORCE WITH EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF NOTIFICATION IN THE ENTIRE MUNICIPAL AREA AND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE IN FORCE TILL THE COMPLETION OF ELECTION PROCESS I.E. UPTO 19-04-2008.

FURTHER, THERE IS NO OBJECTION FOR HOLDING OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF MANCHERIAL MUNICIPALITY PROVIDED IN THE SAID MEETING ONLY MATTERS OF ROUTINE NATURE RELATING TO DAY TO DAY ADMINISTRATION ARE TAKEN UP AND MATTERS RELATING TO POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES ARE PUT ON HOLD. NO NEW WORKS OR NEW SANCTIONS SHALL BE GIVEN IN THE SAID MEETING.

Sd/-
Secretary

To
The Municipal Commissioner, Mancherial Municipality.

Copy to

The Collector and District Election Authority, Adilabad for information.

The Election Authority and Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad for information.

The Municipal Commissioners of Bhongir, Bellampally, Kothagudem, Tanuku, Kavali, Tadipatri, Jangaon and Kandukur Municipalities for information and necessary action.

The Regional Director-cum-Appellate Commissioner, Rajahmundry, Warangal, Anantapur and Guntur for information.

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Lr.No.265/SEC-F2/2008

Dated.29-03-2008

To
The Municipal Commissioner,
Bhongir Municipality,
Nalgonda District.

Sir,

Sub:- Elections – Conduct of casual election to ward No.21 of Bhongir Municipality – Certain Clarification sought for – Regarding.

Ref:- Your Lr.No.G/216/2008, dt.25-03-2008.

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With reference to your letter cited, it is to clarify that as per paragraph 11 of Model Code of Conduct there is no objection if hoardings meant for campaigning are displayed on any private property or public property after obtaining prior written permission from the Owner and also from the Competent Authority as the case may be. If the hoarding contains the name or photograph of the contesting candidate, the expenditure shall be added to the election expenditure of the contesting candidate. If it is general in nature and make an appeal to vote for a party, it will go to the expenditure account of the party.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
SECRETARY

Copy to:

The Collectors and District Election Authorities, Khammam, Nalgonda, Adilabad,

West Godavari, Nellore, Anantapur, Warangal, Kadapa, East Godavari and Prakasam Districts for information.

The Municipal Commissioners of Mancherla, Bellampally, Tanuku, Kavali, Tadipatri, Jangaon, Samalkot, Rayachoty, Kandukur, Kothagudem Municipalities and Eluru Municipal Corporation for information and necessary action.

The Regional Director-cum-Appellate Commissioner, Rajahmundry, Warangal, Anantapur and Guntur.

The Election Authority and Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad for information.

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Rc.No.279/SEC-F2/2008,

Dt.02-04-2008.

To
The Municipal Commissioner &
Election Officer,
Jangaon Municipality,
WARANGAL DIST.

Sir,

Sub: Elections – Jangaon Municipality – conduct of election to the casual vacancy of Ward No.12, Jangaon – Prajapadham programme (April 7th to 28th) – Regarding.

Ref: Your Lr.Roc.No.E1/174/2008, dated.01-04-2008.

With reference to your letter cited, it is informed that the Prajapadham programme is a new programme scheduled to be launched from 07-04-2008, it involves distribution of rice at subsidized rates. Therefore, there is an element of subsidy out of State funds and the beneficiaries also are selectively identified on the basis of ration cards which attracts paragraph 37 of Model Code of Conduct. Therefore, the implementation of the scheme shall be deferred till the process of election is completed in all the Municipalities where casual elections are underway.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
Secretary

Copy to:

The Municipal Commissioners of Bhongir, Mancherial, Bellampally, Kothagudem, Tanuku, Kavali, Tadpatri, Rayachoty and Kandukur Municipalities and Eluru Municipal Corporation.

The Collectors & District Election Authorities of Warangal, Nalgonda, Adilabad, Khammam, West Godavari, Nellore, Anantapur, East Godavari Kadapa and Prakasam.

The EA&C&DMA, AP., Hyderabad for information.

The Regional Directors-cum-Appellate Commissioners, Warangal, Rajahmundry, Guntur and Anantapur.

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Rc.No.305/SEC-F2/2008,

Dt.11- 04-2008.

To
The Municipal Commissioner &
Election Officer,
Jangaon Municipality,
WARANGAL DIST.

Sir,

Sub: Elections – Jangaon Municipality – conduct of election to the casual vacancy of Ward No.12, Jangaon – Prajapadham programme (April 7th to 28th) – Display of Flexi Boards - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your Lr.Roc.No.E1/174/2008, dated.08-04-2008.
2. This office Lr.Rc.No.279/SEC-F2/2008, dt.02-04-2008.

With reference to your letter 1st cited you are informed that in the reference 2nd cited the State Election Commission has put on hold the launching of the Rs.2/- per K.G. rice scheme in the Municipalities where casual elections are taking place. Therefore, you are requested to ask the Fair Price Shop Dealers to remove the Flexi Boards on their shops until the election process is completed.

**Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh**

Kumar

Secretary

Copy to: The Collector & District Election Authority , Warangal.

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Lr.No.423/SEC-F2/2008,

Dt.9-05-2008.

To

The Collector & District Election Authority,

KADAPA DIST.

Sir,

Ref: Your Fax Message reference No.H3/537/2008, dt.08-05-2008.

With reference to your Fax Message cited, I wish to inform you that even if one ward in a municipality is going to elections, the Model Code of Conduct will be in force in the entire municipality. Therefore, the Model Code of Conduct is in force in both Rayachoti and Badvel Municipalities in their entirety. The District Collector, Kadapa can accompany the Hon'ble Chief Minister to all areas in the Kadapa District except Rayachoti and Badvel Municipalities.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
Secretary (FAC)

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Lr.No.444/SEC-F2/2008,

Dt.20-05-2008.

To
The Municipal Commissioner & Election Officer,
BADVEL

Sir,

Sub: Elections – Badvel Municipality – 1st Ordinary Elections to
Badvel Municipality – Clarification – Reg.

Ref: Your Ir.Roc.No.985/G1/08, dt.19-05-2008.

With reference to your letter cited, I am to inform you that supplying drinking water to the voters through tankers duly painting the names of the contesting candidates on the tankers amounts to inducement offered to the voters and also amounts offences punishable under section 343 A of the A.P. Municipalities Act and section 171-B read with 171-E of the Indian Penal Code.

You are therefore requested to immediately stop the candidates or anybody acting under his instructions or any of his supporters or any political functionaries from supplying water as aforesaid. They may be strictly warned that if this is not stopped, they will be prosecuted under Section 171 (B) read with Section 171 (E) of the Indian Penal Code.

However, if there is shortage of drinking water the Municipality shall immediately make arrangements for supplying the same and avoid any public inconvenience.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
Secretary (FAC)

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Lr.No.267/SEC-F2/2008

Dated: 29-03-2008

To
The Municipal Commissioner,
Kothagudem Municipality.

Sir,

Sub:- Elections – Election to casual vacancy in ward No.23 of Kothagudem Municipality – Eligibility of Anganwadi workers to contest in municipal elections – Clarification issue – Regarding.

Ref:- Your Fax Message Roc.No.C1/126/2008, 28-03-2008.

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With reference to your fax message cited, it is to clarify that Smt. Dara Sailaja, a contesting candidate to ward No.23 of Kothagudem Municipality, is free to file the nomination either with her surname prior to marriage or with the surname of her husband acquired after the marriage.

Under section 13 A of the A.P. Municipalities Act, a person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, or for being a member of a Municipality if he is disqualified by or under any law for the time being in force for the purpose of elections to the Legislature of the State concerned. Under article 191 of the Constitution, a person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, a member of the Legislative Assembly if he holds any office of profit under the Government of India or the Government of any State. Since Anganwadi workers are paid honorarium by the State Government they are holders of office of profit under the State Government. Therefore, Anganwadi Workers disqualified for election as member of State Legislature and consequently member of a Municipality under section 13 A of the A.P. Municipalities Act. Therefore, an Anganwadi worker's nomination cannot be accepted unless she resigns the office and the resignation is also accepted by the competent authority.

It is also to clarify that the person holding office of profit can contest if her resignation is accepted by the date of scrutiny of nominations.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
SECRETARY

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The Election Authority and Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad for information.

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FM.No.442/SEC-F2/2008, dated:20-05-2008

Sub:- Ordinary elections to Armour Municipality – Accepting the nominations - Clarification issued – Regarding

Ref:- Your Lr.No.A2/Ele/2008, dt.19-05-2008.

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER CITED, THE (3) POINTS RAISED THEREIN ARE CLARIFIED BELOW:-

Sl. No.	File No.	Clarification sought	Clarification issued by the SEC
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Your Lr.No.A2/Ele/2008, dt.19-05-2008.	During the time of filing nomination a candidate who has filed his nomination from Telugu Desam party has later brought B Form from Indian National Congress party. Whether it can be accepted or not	The attention of the Municipal Commissioner and Election Officer, Armour is invited to sub-point No.10 in point No.5 of Chapter IX of "Hand book for Election officers." In view of the above, it is to clarify that he/she has to be treated as an Independent.
2	-do-	When a candidate files his nomination as an Independent Candidate and later get B Form from any other Political Party, whether it can be accepted or not.	The attention of the Municipal Commissioner and Election Officer, Armour is invited to sub-point No.11 in point no.5 of Chapter IX of "Hand book for Election Officers." In view of the above, it is to clarify that he/she has to be treated as an Independent.
3	-do-	If a person / candidate files nomination as Srinivas Kolipaka, whether his name can be changed as Kolipaka Srinivas for the purpose of allotment of symbols in order of preference.	Refer to procedure envisaged in rule 14 (2) of AP Municipalities (Conduct of election of Members) Rules, 2005 and similarly worded instructions issued in Chapter IX of "Hand book for Election Officers". It is

			specifically stated therein that names of candidates shall be arranged with reference to surname of the candidates in alphabetical order in Telugu change of format of name is not necessary, as arrangement of names is based on surname wherever it occurs in the entire name of candidate.
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IF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER AND ELECTION OFFICER, ARMOOR HAS CAREFULLY GONE THROUGH THE “HAND BOOK FOR ELECTION OFFICERS” SUPPLIED TO HIM, HE SHOULD NOT HAVE WRITTEN TO THE COMMISSION FOR CLARIFICATION AS THE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN THE HAND BOOK ARE VERY CLEAR AND SELF-EXPLANATORY.

HE IS DIRECTED NOT TO SEEK CLARIFICATIONS ON THE POINTS ALREADY COVERED IN THE HAND BOOK FOR ELECTION OFFICERS ISSUED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION.

Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
SECRETARY

To
The Election Officer and Municipal Commissioner, Armoor Municipality.

Copy to:
The Collector and District Election Authority, Nizamabad for information.
The Collector and District Election Authority, Kadapa for information.
The Municipal Commissioner of Badvel for information and necessary action.
The Regional Director-cum-Appellate Commissioners, Warangal and Anantapur.
The Election Authority and Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad for information.

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Rc.No.269/SEC-F2/2008,

Dt.31-03-2008.

To
The Municipal Commissioner &
Election Officer,
Bellampalli Municipality,
ADILABAD DISTRICT

Sir,

Sub: Bellampally Municipality – Election to the Casual Vacancies of
Ward No.22 – Contesting of Singareni Collieries Company
Employees and Fair Price Shop Dealers in to election –
Clarification – Regarding.

Ref: Your Lr.Roc.No.Ele/66/08, dated.29-03-2008.

With reference to your letter cited, the two points raised therein
are clarified below: -

1. Singareni Collieries Employees: - The State Election Commission
has already clarified with regard to the eligibility of the employees of Singareni
Collieries Company Limited and A.P.S.RTC also to contest Municipal
elections in its letter No.776/SEC-F2/2005, Dt.01-09-2005, a copy of the same
is enclosed. The same clarification will hold good.

**2. Eligibility of Fair Price Shop Dealers to contest municipal
elections:-**

In W.P.No.14189/2006 and batch, the petitioners questioned the
instructions issued by the State Election Commission in Lr.No.830/SEC-
B1/2006, dt.14.6.2006 to the effect that there is a subsisting contract between
the fair price shop dealer and the Government and therefore, he is disqualified
from contesting to any office in the Panchayat Raj set up under section

19(2)(d) of the APPR Act, 1994 read with sections 156 and 184 thereof. In the said writ petition, a learned single judge, relying upon the judgement of Somnath Rath V. Bikram K.Arukh reported in AIR 1999 Supreme Court, 3417, allowed the petitioner by way of interim order to contest the elections and remitted the case to the Division Bench for final disposal.

In view of the fact that the interim orders of the learned single judge are based upon the judgement of the Supreme Court, the State Election Commission has decided to apply the interim orders referred to the above and allow the fair price shop dealers to contest to all offices in the Panchayat Raj set up. As the provisions of section 19(2)(d) of the APPR Act, 1994 and section 15(2)(c) of the AP Municipalities Act, 1965 are in parimateria with each other, the view taken with regard to the eligibility of fair price shop dealers to contest PR elections will apply for such persons to contest municipal elections also. It is therefore, clarified that fair price shop dealers are eligible to contest municipal elections for now. However, a final view will be taken by the State Election Commission after the disposal of W.P.No.14189/2006 and batch by the Division Bench.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh

Kumar

Secretary

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The Municipal Commissioners of Mancherial, Tanuku, Kavali, Tadipatri, Jangaon, Samalkot, Rayachoty, Kothagudem, Bhongir, Kandukur Municipalities and Eluru Municipal Corporation for information and necessary action.

The Regional Directors-cum-Appellate Commissioners, Rajahmundry, Warangal, Anantapur and Guntur.

The EA & C & DMA, Hyderabad for information.

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Lr.No.272/SEC-F2/2008

Dated: 31-03-2008

To
The Municipal Commissioner &
Election Officer,
Kandukur Municipality,
PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

Sir,

Sub:- Elections – Kandukur Municipality – 4th ward – Casual vacancy
– Conduct of elections – Sri P.V.Subba Rao, Registered
Contractor – Scrutiny of nominations – Regarding.

Ref:- Your Lr.Roc.No.102/07-G1-Elec., dated:29-03-2008.

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Under section 15(2)(c) of the A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965, if a person is interested in a subsisting contract entered into with or any work being done for the Municipal Council he is disqualified to contest elections. If on facts, you are satisfied that Sri P.Venkata Subba Rao, is interested in a subsisting contract made with the municipality he is disqualified to contest the elections. You are requested to take a decision on the basis of the facts and circumstances of the case and the material available with you.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
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Rc.No.412/SEC-F2/2008,

Dt.9-05-2008.

To

The Commissioner,
Armoor Municipality,
NIZAMABAD DIST.

Sir,

Sub: Chairman and office bearers of Board of Trustees appointed
under the Endowments Act – Eligibility to contest – Reg.

Ref: Your letter No.A2/384/2008, dt.06-05-2008.

With reference to your letter cited, I wish to inform you that in the A.P.Municipalities Act, there is no specific provision under which the Chairman and Office bearers of the Board of Trustees constituted under the A.P. Religious Endowments Act, are disqualified to contest elections to the Municipalities.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Dr.G.M.Ramesh Kumar
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F.M.No.639/SEC-F2/2009, dt. 15-06-2009

Sub:- Elections - Election to causal vacancy in ward No.15, Jaggayyapet Municipality – Electoral roll published – Deletions and Inclusions in the Electoral roll – Clarification issued – Regarding

Ref:- Lr.No.625/2009/G1, dt. 12.6.2009 received from the Municipal Commissioner, Jaggayyapet, Krishna District.

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER CITED, IT IS CLARIFIED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS FILED SO FAR MAY BE DISPOSED OF ON OR BEFORE 22.6.2009 BY THE ERO CONCERNED UNDER SECTION 22&23 OF RP ACT, 1950 AND THE INCLUSION / DELETIONS SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE ELECTORAL OF THE CONCERNED WARD UPTO THE DATE OF ELECTION NOTIFICATION.

**SD/- Dr. G.M. Ramesh Kumar
SECRETARY**

To
The Municipal Commissioner, Jaggayyapet Municipality.

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The EA&C&DMA, Hyderabad.

The Municipal Commissioners, Pithapuram, Samalkot, Kadiri, Siddipet, Bhongir, Mahabubnagar, Nidadavole, Vinukonda, Parvathipuram, Mandapeta, and Mangalagiri Municipalities for information and necessary action.

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F.M. No. 640/SEC-F2/2009, dated: 15.06.2009

Sub:- Conduct of elections to the casual vacancy in ward No. 5, Municipal Council, Mahabubnagar – Setting of polling station for casual vacancy of ward member in ward no. 5 in Govt. High School, Shah Bazaar, Rajendranagar in instead of private school building – Clarification issued – Reg.,

Ref:- Lr. Roc.No. G1/3835/2009, dated 12.6.2009 of the Commissioner, Mahabubnagar Municipality.

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER CITED, IT IS TO STATE THAT THE COMMISSION HAS NO OBJECTION FOR CHANGE IN POLLING STATIONS FROM PRIVATE SCHOOL BUILDING TO NEW GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUILDING IN WHICH POLLING STATIONS WERE SET UP FOR THE RECENTLY HELD GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT AND A.P. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. THIS ASPECT MAY BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THE POLITICAL PARTIES MEETING CONVENED AS PER THE PROGRAMME ISSUED BY STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT ELECTION AUTHORITY BEFORE FINAL PUBLICATION OF POLLING STATIONS.

Sd/- G.M. Ramesh Kumar
Secretary

To
The Municipal Commissioner, Mahabubnagar Municipality .

Copy to:-

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