## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECS.F) DEPARTMENT

## **MESSAGE**

FROM:

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, A.P., HYDERABAD.

TO

THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICERS.

WARANGAL, SRIKAKULAM, VISAKHAPATNAM, EAST GODAVARI, WEST GODAVARI, GUNTUR, PRAKASAM, NELLORE, KADAPA,

KURNOOL, ANANTAPUR AND CHITTOOR (w.e)

## FAX MESSAGE No.1870 /ELECS.F/2012-10

DATED:14.05.2012.

BYE-ELECTIONS TO H.O.P./A.P.L.A., FROM (1) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY AND (18) ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES – NOTIFICATION WILL BE ISSUED ON 18.05.2012 (FRIDAY) (.) THE RETURNING OFFICER SHOULD ISSUE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION ON THE SAME DAY AS PRESCRIBED UNDER SECTION 31 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1951 READ WITH RULE 3 OF THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS RULES 1961 IN FORM-I APPENDED TO THE SAID RULES (.) NOMINATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED FROM 18.05.2012 ONWARDS BETWEEN 11.00 A.M. TO 3.00 P.M. (.)

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST AMENDMENT TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1951, <u>SECURITY DEPOSIT</u> FOR THE CANDIDATES CONTESTING ELECTIONS TO THE LOK SABHA IS Rs.25,000/- AND Rs.10,000/- FOR ASSEMBLY ELECTION (.) FOR CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SC/ST, THE RATE BEING HALF OF THE ABOVE AMOUNT (COPY ENCLOSED FOR READY REFERENCE)

PLEASE ARRANGE TO SEND A REPORT REGARDING PUBLICATION OF FORM-I NOTICE BY 13.00 HOURS ON 18.05.2012 (FRIDAY) ALONG WITH A COPY OF FORM-I NOTICE BOTH IN ENGLISH AND TELUGU ISSUED BY THE R.O., TO THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT THROUGH FAX (Nos. 23454438, 23455781 OR 23450010) (.)

INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING STAGES OF THE ELECTION SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER BY FAX (FAX Nos. 23454438, 23455781 OR 23450010) (.)

- A) <u>DAILY REPORT:</u> EVERY DAY FROM 18.05.2012 TO 25.05.2012 IMMEDIATELY AFTER 3.00 P.M. THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO FILED NOMINATIONS ON THE DAY (IF, NO NOMINATIONS ARE FILED 'NIL' REPORT) SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN THE PROFORMA PRESCRIBED i.e., IN FORM-3A BY 4.00 P.M. (.)
- B) REPORT OF NOMINATIONS: ON THE LAST DATE FOR FILING NOMINATIONS i.e., ON 25.05.2012 IN ADDITION TO DAILY REPORT IMMEDIATELY AFTER 3.00 P.M., THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FILED NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM APPENDED AT PAGES 58 & 59 OF THE HAND BOOK FOR RETURNING OFFICERS, 2009 (.) WHILE PREPARING THE CONSOLIDATED LIST OF NOMINATED CANDIDATES, THE GUIDELINES MENTIONED AT PARAS FROM 29.2 TO 29.6 OF CHAPTER-V OF THE HAND BOOK FOR RETURNING OFFICERS, 2009 SHOULD STRICTLY BE FOLLOWED (.)

- C) LIST OF VALID NOMINATIONS: ON THE DAY OF SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS i.e., ON 26.05.2012 THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHOSE NOMINATIONS ARE FOUND VALID SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN FORM-4 (.) THE LIST OF NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WITH THE REASONS FOR REJECTION, SHOULD ALSO BE ENCLOSED (.) THE NAMES SHALL BE ARRANGED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN TELUGU UNDER THREE CATEGORIES AS IN THE CASE OF FORM-7A (.)
- D) <u>LIST OF WITHDRAWALS:</u> ON THE LAST DAY OF WITHDRAWALS OF CANDIDATURES i.e., ON 28.05.2012, THE LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE WITHDRAWAN THEIR CANDIDATURES SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN FORM-6 (.)
- E) LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES: ON THE LAST DAY OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURES i.e., ON 28.05.2012 (MONDAY), THE NAMES OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES WITH PARTY AFFILIATIONS, IF ANY, AND SYMBOLS ALLOTTED WITH CORRECT SPELLING IN FORM-7A SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED (.) THE NAMES OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES IN FORM-7A HAVE TO BE ARRANGED UNDER THREE CATEGORIES i.e., (i) CANDIDATES OF RECOGNISED NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICAL PARTIES; (ii) CANDIDATES OF REGISTERED, UN-RECOGNISED POLITICAL PARTIES AND (iii) OTHER (INDEPENDENT) CANDIDATES (.) THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES HAVE TO BE ARRANGED IN THE SAID LIST AND ALSO ON THE BALLOT PAPERS IN THE SAME ORDER UNDER THESE CATEGORIES AND THE NAMES HAVE TO BE ARRANGED IN TELUGU ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN EACH OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED THREE CATEGORIES SEPARATELY (.) TRANSLATED VERSION OF FORM-7A IN ENGLISH SHALL ALSO BE COMMUNICATED (.)

THE LIST IN FORM-7A HAS TO BE PREPARED BOTH IN TELUGU AND ENGLISH FOR DISPLAYING ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER AND AT OTHER PLACES WHERE IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE RETURNING OFFICER (.) FOUR COPIES EACH IN TELUGU AND ENGLISH SHALL BE SENT THROUGH A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER TO REACH THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER'S OFFICE ON THE SAME NIGHT (.) THE NAMES OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND SYMBOLS SHALL BE CORRECTLY INDICATED IN THE SAID FORM (.) IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO PREPARE THE LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES EVEN IN THE CASE OF UN-CONTESTED ELECTION AND PUBLISH IT ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER BUT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO PUBLISH IT IN THE GAZETTE OF ANDHRA PRADESH (.)

KINDLY ENSURE THAT THE COMPLETE ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES ARE INDICATED CORRECTLY IN THE LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED AND CONTESTING CANDIDATES (.)

INTIMATE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS AND POLLING STATIONS IN THE CONSTITUENCY AS ON THE LAST DATE OF FILING OF NOMINATIONS (.)

THE LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES IN FORM-7A IN ORIGINAL FOUR COPIES IN EACH LANGUAGE (TELUGU & ENGLISH) SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CEO'S OFFICE AND ONE COPY IN ENGLISH TO THE E.C.I. THROUGH A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (.)

KINDLY ALSO ARRANGE TO FURNISH ALL THE REPORTS AND RETURNS PROMPTLY ON DUE DATES (.)

for CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & E.O. PRL., SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy to:

The Returning Officer, 39-Nellore Parliamentary Constituency & Dist. Collector, Nellore. (w.e.)
The Returning Officers, 104-Parakal, 127-Narasannapeta, 152-Payakaraopet (SC),
161-Ramchandrapuram, 177-Narsapuram, 186-Polavaram (ST), 212-Prathipadu(SC),
220-Macherla, 227-Ongole, 242-Udayagiri, 244-Rajampet, 246-Kodur (SC),
247-Rayachoty, 253-Allagadda, 263-Yemmiganur, 267-Rayadurg, 272-Anantapur
Urban and 286-Tirupati Assembly Constituencies (w.e.) through Dist. Collector &
DEOs concerned.

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 3/1/2009/SDR

Dated: 17th March, 2010

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories

செந்தல் — The Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009 - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

- Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009 as published in an Extraordinary issue of the Gazette of India dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009 alongwith the Notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice appointing the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2010 as the date on which the provisions of the said Amendment Act have come into force.
- 2. It may be noted that by this Amendment Act, Section 24 (relating to appellate authority) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and Sections 8A(relating to disqualification on corrupt practices), 34 (relating to security deposit), 123(7)(relating to the corrupt practice of obtaining assistance of government servants) of Representation of the People Act 1951 have been amended. In addition, two new Sections 126A and 126B(relating to restrictions on Exit Polls) have been inserted in the Act.
- The important consequences of the amendments are following:
  - (i) Appeal against the order of the Electoral Registration Officer (during continuous updation) under Section 22 or 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 will now lie before the DM/ADM/ Executive Magistrate/District Collector. A further appeal against the order of DM/Collector will now lie before the Chief Electoral Officer of the State. The corresponding amendment to (Rule 27) the Registration of Electors' Rules,

- 1960 is yet to be capied out. As and when the amendment is made and notified you will informed accordingly.
- (ii) Security deposit for the candidates has been increased to Rs. 25,000/- for Lok Sabha election and Rs. 10,000/- for Assembly election (the rate being half this amount for candidates belonging to SC/ST). Consequently the security deposit for candidates contesting elections to the Council of States and State Legislative Councils will be Rs. 10,000/- and Rs 5,000/- for candidates belonging to SC/ST. (vide Section 39 of Representation of the People Act, 1951).
- (iii) Conducting exit polls and publishing/publicizing/disseminating results of exit polls in any manner would be prohibited during the period specified in the new Section 126A. The Commission will issue specific instructions notifying such period during the elections.
- 4. The provisions of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009, may be brought to the notice of all election authorities in your State/Union Territory for their information and compliance. All political parties in your State/Union Territory may also be informed accordingly.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Ashish Chakraborty) Under Secretary

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