

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

Memo. No. 257/Elecs.F/2013-78

Dated:18.02.2013.

Sub:- Biennial Elections to A.P. Legislative Council from 3 Graduates' & 3 Teachers' Constituency – Appointment of Election Agents/ Polling Agents/Counting Agents – Clarification – Reg.

Ref:- 1)ECI Lr. No.322/AP-LC/INST/2010-CC&BE, Dt.24.2.2010  
2)This office Memo. No.257/Elecs.F/2013-9, dt.25.1.2013.  
3)This office Memo. No.257/Elecs.F/2013-50, dt.6.2.2013.

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The attention of all the Collectors & D.E.Os., and the Returning Officers/A.R.Os., of 3 Graduates' & 3 Teachers' Constituencies is invited to the instructions regarding appointment of Election Agents/ Polling Agents/Counting Agents issued from time to time. It is once again reiterated that ECI vide letter first cited has issued clear guidelines / instructions in respect of conduct of biennial elections to Legislative Councils, among them the instructions on the appointment of Election Agents / Polling Agents / Counting Agents specified are as follows:

- (i) It should be ensured that no person who is employed in Govt./Semi Govt. offices nor any person who is holding a post accruing political benefit shall be allowed to be appointed as Election Agent/ Polling agent/Counting agent of a contesting candidate.
- (ii) Election Agents/ Polling Agents/Counting Agents should not be office bearers of the Local Bodies (rural or urban local bodies) such as Sarpanchas, Pradhan, Zilla Pramukh, Mayor, Dy. Mayor etc.
- (iii) Election Agents/Polling Agents/Counting Agents should be persons from the same Legislative Council Constituency, *repeat from the same Legislative Council Constituency.*

In regard to item (iii) above, there is a confusion in the districts and it has come to the notice of this office that the district officials are insisting the contesting candidates to propose a person who is residing in the village where polling station is established as Polling Agents.

In this context, it is clarified that such restriction i.e., elector of the respective polling station has been imposed by the Commission for the Assembly and Parliament elections, but for the elections to the Legislative Council, there is no such restriction. The E.C.I. has already clarified in its guidelines dated 24.02.2010 that Election Agent / Polling Agent / Counting agent should be from the same Legislative Council Constituency.

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In view of the above, the District Election Officers / Returning Officers are clarified that the contesting candidates can propose any person from the same Legislative Council Constituency to appoint as Election Agent/ Polling agent/Counting agent subject to fulfillment of other (2) criterion mentioned at Para (1) supra.

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To  
The Dist. Collector & DEOs of East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Medak, Nizamabad, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam & Nalgonda Districts.

**Copy to:**

The Returning Officers of 3 Graduates & 3 Teachers' Constituencies  
through the D.E.Os., concerned.

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