

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTION-B) DEPARTMENT

**Memo No.276/Elecs.B/A1/2013-15**

**Dated:01.02.2013**

Sub: Elections – Biennial Elections to AP Legislative Council from Graduates’ and Teachers’ Constituencies – Model Code of Conduct - Certain clarifications – Reg.

Ref: From the ECI Lr.No.437/AP-LC/2013-CC&BE, Dt.31.01.2013.

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The Collectors & District Election Officers of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Nizamabad, Medak, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam and Nalgonda Districts are informed that the Election Commission of India, vide their letter cited, have clarified certain issues raised by certain District Election Officers in connection with the Model Code of Conduct in view of the biennial elections to APLC from 3 Graduates’ and 3 Teachers’ Constituencies, as below. They are requested to follow these clarifications scrupulously.

S. No.	Issue raised	Clarification given by the ECI
1	In Andhra Pradesh, various political parties, keeping in view of forth coming General Elections, are conducting ‘Pada Yatra’ (walking on foot and rallies) in the entire State for quite some time prior to announcement of biennial elections. Now these rallies are entering into the districts where biennial elections to the AP Legislative Council are announced and MCC in force. It is requested to clarify whether these Pada Yatras (Rallies) shall be videographed and submitted to the Observer as instructed vide ECI letter first cited?	Model Code of Conduct will apply to the various political parties conducting Pada Yatra, when they enter the MCC covered areas and all instructions of the Commission with respect to Model Code of Conduct for Council elections shall apply
2	Whether hoardings, flags arranged in connection with the said Pada Yatra shall cover the MCC of biennial elections to APLC and whether these shall be removed and expenditure be booked on the candidate of such party?	There is no restriction of hoarding, flags and posters etc., for Legislative Council Elections (as there is no election expenditure limit in these elections), nevertheless the District Administration should monitor these things in terms of the Defacement of Property Act of the State.
3	Whether the contesting candidates of APLC can place hoardings, flags, posters in public places?	
4	Whether various teams in connection with the MCC shall be constituted in the districts to oversee the MCC?	Various teams may be constituted in the districts to oversee the Model Code of Conduct.

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5	Whether all the instruction on MCC applicable during the general / bye-elections to Legislative Assembly shall also be applicable to biennial elections to Legislative Council or the MCC is limited to the items specified in the letter first cited?	The MCC is limited to the items specified in the Commission's instructions dated 23.01.2013, however, any conduct or action or activity which is likely to influence the specific class of electors are not allowed.
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