

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES CHAIRED
BY CEO & PRL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
ON 17.03.2008 AT 4.00 PM

The following persons attended:

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1.	Y.Venkateswara Rao	...	CPI(M)
2.	J.Jayaram	...	CPI(M)
3.	T.Srinivasa Rao	...	TDP
4.	Dr.N.Janardhana Reddy, MLA	...	TDP
5.	Dr.K.Laxman	...	BJP
6.	Dr.M.Laxman	...	BJP
7.	K.Ramakrishna	...	CPI
8.	S.V.Pantulu	...	INC
9.	B.Vinod Kumar, Ex.MP	...	TRS

The CEO welcomed the party representatives. He informed that the meeting was held to explain the procedure proposed to be adopted for implementing the final Notification of the Delimitation Commission dated 31st May, 2007 and preparing the revised electoral rolls. He informed the party representatives that this notification was placed on the Table of both the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council on 23rd July, 2007. He also stated that vide Notification S.O.382(E), dated 19.2.2008, the President of India had amongst other issues notified 19.2.2008 as the date on which the final notification of the Delimitation Commission will take effect in Andhra Pradesh.

CEO explained that the first stage of process of preparation of the rolls for the newly delimited constituencies involved the preparation of 4 statements for every district as under:

Statement I - which gives the constituency wise summary of Polling stations for every district and reconciliation Statement in case the numbers are different before and after reorganization of constituencies.

Statement II - which gives details of mandals, bifurcated into Different constituencies – applicable to only those Districts where mandals were bifurcated.

Statement III- based on data in Statement – IV provides a comparative statement of polling stations mandal wise in the present and delimited constituencies.

Statement IV - which provides district wise details of every polling station, its current AC and the villages which covers. It also links the Polling station to the new delimited AC and the new part Number proposed by the Collector.

CEO stated that these four statements for all the 23 districts in Andhra Pradesh have been put on CEO's web site "ceoandhra.nic.in" covering all the 294 constituencies in Andhra Pradesh. A demonstration of how to access the website and download data for every delimited constituency in every district was also given by the CEO.

A copy of the four statements for one constituency wise was enclosed to the agenda notes. Further a CD containing all the statements mentioned above for all the 294 constituencies in Andhra Pradesh categorized district wise was provided to all the party representatives present.

CEO explained that since the preparation of the polling station correlation statement is a critical step for the preparation of revised electoral rolls, these statements were being brought to the attention of all the recognized political parties in Andhra Pradesh. Once these statements were finalized, CEO explained that the process of preparing fresh rolls basically involved changing the cover sheet of the electoral roll for every polling station. The new constituency to which the polling station has been allocated as per the correlation statement will be mentioned in the new cover sheet. The location of the polling station and the number and particulars of voters as per the latest summary revision will not change. There will however be new part number as allotted by the respective Collector. CEO displayed as an example the present roll for polling station No.55 of 240-Nirmal Assembly Constituency. This constituency would be converted into Polling station No.22 of 010-Mudhole Assembly Constituency after implementing the notification of the Delimitation Commission. The electoral rolls for this polling station under the new constituency was also shown to the party

representatives. CEO emphasized that the exercise involved basically changing the cover sheet of the electoral roll for that polling station.

Finally the CEO pointed out that in view of the importance of correlation statement, he requested all the political parties to forward their views on these four correlation statements before 31st March, 2008. He further stated that necessary action will be taken for preparation of the revised rolls after 31st March. The party representatives expressed satisfaction at the proposed procedure and informed that after examining the contents of the CD, they would revert to the CEO by 31st March in case they felt it was necessary.

The following election related queries were raised by some of the Members present which the CEO answered.

1. Dr.N.Janardhana Reddy, MLA ... TDP

1. When will the rolls for delimited constituencies will come into effect?
 - A. The final rolls after delimitation will come into effect from the next General elections.
2. Every effort should be taken to ensure that persons who have temporarily migrated from their houses be included in the rolls?
 - A. All the persons who fall within the definition of "ordinarily resident" as clarified by the Election Commission are eligible and entitled to be included in the rolls.
3. Whether the list of duplicate names in electoral rolls submitted by political parties would be examined by the Electoral Officers?
 - A. All the lists of duplicates submitted by any party or individual as well as any allegation regarding the quality of the electoral roll would be duly enquired into and appropriate action taken.

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4. The schedule for preparation of photo rolls for the remaining 22 districts.

A. It is proposed to commence the intensive enumeration work in April, 2008 and complete it by August, 2008. Adequate notice would be given at the district level to all concerned.

5. Dr.K.Laxman ... BJP

There were number of duplicates in the existing rolls in Hyderabad. He wanted to know what action has been taken to rectify it.

A. The problem of removing duplicate names from electoral rolls will be resolved through use of special soft ware. This soft ware has been prepared by CMC and is already in operation. This software would be implemented in stages firstly across polling station; second across all the polling stations in a constituency and finally across all polling stations in the State. This process is slow and time consuming.

6. B.Vinod Kumar, Ex.MP ... TRS

Whether the duplicates will be removed after giving due notice?

A. It is clarified that the provision of Representatives of Peoples' Act 1950 & Registration of Electors Rules 1960 would be scrupulously followed and due notice would be given by ERO prior to deletion of duplicate names from the rolls.

V.BHASKAR
CEO & Prl.Secretary