

**“General Elections/Urgent”**

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH  
South 'H' Block, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Memo. No.217/Elecs.F/2014-44

Dated:15.05.2014.

**Sub:- Carrying of mobile phone by RO/ARO inside the counting hall -  
ECI instructions – Communicated – Reg.**

Ref:- From the E.C.I. Letter No.470/INST/2014-EPS, dated:15.5.2014.

A copy of the reference cited is communicated to all the Collectors & District Election Officers and the Commissioner, GHMC & D.E.O., Hyderabad and they are requested to follow the instructions regarding **“Carrying of mobile phone by RO/ARO inside the counting hall”** issued by the ECI in the reference cited.

They are requested that these instructions shall brought to the notice of all the Returning Officers / Asst. Returning Officers/Observers and all the concerned and ensure that the instructions are strictly followed.

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To  
All the Collectors & D.E.Os (w.e.)  
The Special Commissioner, GHMC & D.E.O., Hyderabad(w.e).

**Copy to:**

All the Returning Officers of Parliamentary & Assembly Constituencies  
**through** the D.E.Os., concerned (w.e.)

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SECTION OFFICER

**ELECTION URGENT**

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001.

No 470/INST/2014-EPS

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
all States and Union Territories

Sub: Carrying of mobile phone by RO/ARO inside the counting hall - reg.

Sir / Madam,

The Commission vide its letter of even number dated 08.05.2014, clarified that the RO and the AROs in-charge of counting of EVM of assembly segment can carry mobile phones in silent mode inside the counting hall.

2. The Commission has reviewed the matter and has decided that the Commission's earlier instructions issued vide its letter of even number dated 30.04.2014, stipulating that nobody (not even the candidate or RO/ARO etc) except the ECI Observer shall be allowed to carry a mobile phone inside the counting hall, shall continue to be in force. The relevant paragraph of ECI instructions dated 30.04.2014 are reproduced below:-

*"2.23 Since nobody (not even the candidate or RO/ARO etc) except the ECI observer shall be allowed to carry a mobile phone inside the counting hall, the DEOs/ROs will also arrange another room for the candidates, their agents, counting staff etc to make use of their mobile phones in case of any need. Public Communication Room should also provide for a senior officer and arrangements for safe-keeping of the mobiles etc of the candidates and their agents/representatives and counting staff."*

3. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

4. The CEOs shall bring this to the notice of the ROs/DEOs/AROs/Observers and ensure that the instructions are strictly followed.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sumit Mukherjee)  
Secretary