

# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001**

No. 3/4/ID/2015/SDR (Council)(AP)

Dated : 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

## **ORDER**

Whereas, the Election Commission has been following the policy of compulsory identification of electors by means of specified identification documents at elections to the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies from the year 2000 onwards, so as to prevent impersonation at elections thereby making the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of the Representation of the people Act, 1951 more effective; and

2. Whereas, keeping in view the provisions of Rules, 35(3) and 37(2)(b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, the Commission has been issuing directions that the electors at election to House of the People and Legislative Assemblies shall produce their Electoral Photo Identity Cards or other specified documents at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electoral Photo Identity Cards or documents may result in the denial of supply of a ballot paper to them and permission to vote; and

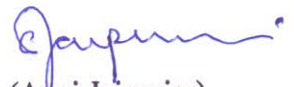
3. Whereas, the said provisions regarding identification of electors and safeguards against impersonation are equally applicable at elections from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies, and as the electors in these constituencies are also electors in Assembly Constituencies, they would have been supplied with Electoral Photo Identity Cards as electors in their respective Assembly Constituencies;

4. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that all electors at the biennial elections in East-West Godavari Teachers' and Krishna-Guntur Teachers' Constituencies of Andhra Pradesh and Mahaboobnagar –Ranga- Reddy –Hyderabad Graduates' and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' Constituencies in the State of Telengana, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise, when they come to the polling stations for voting at the biennial elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from the said Constituencies, notified on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. However,

those electors who are not able to produce EPICs, will have to establish their identity, by producing any of the following alternative documents: -

- i. Passport,
- ii. Aadhaar Card
- iii. Driving License,
- iv. Income Tax Identity (PAN) Card,
- v. Service Identity Card issued by the educational Institutions in which the electors of the concerned Graduates' Constituency may be employed,
- vi. Certificate of degree/Diploma issued by University, in original,
- vii. Certificate of physical handicap issued by competent Authority , in original,
- viii. Service identity card issued to its employees by state/Central government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local bodies or other Private Industrial Houses.
- ix. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Anuj Jaipuria)  
Secretary