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Bye-Election to 61-Jubilee Hills A.C.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

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U.O.Note No.2215/Elecs.A/A1/2025-1

Dated:08.10.2025

Sub: Elections – Bye-Election to 61-Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency, Hyderabad District scheduled to be held on 11.11.2025 – Model Code of Conduct – Prohibition on sale of liquor and declaration of 'Dry Day' in the polling area during the period of 48-hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll and Dry Day on the day of Counting of Votes – ECI Instructions – Communicated – Reg.

Ref: 1. ECI, New Delhi, Press Note No.ECI/PN/317/2025, dated 06.10.2025.
2. ECI, New Delhi, Lr.No.576/14/2025/EPS, dated 07.10.2025.

The Prl. Secretary to Government, Revenue (Prohibition & Excise) Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad, is informed that according to Section 135C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within the polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.

2. In view of the above statutory provision, 'Dry day' shall be declared and notified under the relevant State laws as is appropriate, during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll with respect to polling day for an election in that polling area. This will include the dates of re-poll, if any. Further the dates on which counting of votes is to be taken up shall also be declared as 'Dry Day' under the relevant laws.

3. He is further informed that no liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days. Non proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc., and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the excise law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

4. In connection with the ongoing Bye-Election to 61-Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency, Hyderabad District, and in accordance with the provisions of the instruction vide Commission's Letter No. 437/6/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024(BYE ELECTIONS), dated 02.01.2024 (copy enclosed), the Model Code of Conduct is enforced within the jurisdiction of the 61-Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency.

5. The Prl. Secretary to Government, Revenue (Prohibition & Excise) Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad is, therefore, requested to issue detailed and comprehensive instructions to the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Telangana Government and to all concerned District authorities to take appropriate legally effective measures to implement the above prohibition on sale of liquor and other substances within the polling areas of 61-Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency, and for declaring and notifying the "Dry Day" from 06.00 pm on 09.11.2025 to 06.00 pm of 11.11.2025 and on 14.11.2025 i.e., the day of Counting of Votes and also the date of re-poll, if any as per the statutory provisions laid down under Sec.135-C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and assist the Election authorities in peaceful and smooth conduct of free and fair poll, as directed by the Election Commission of India.

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6. The Prl. Secretary to Government Revenue (Prohibition & Excise) Department is also requested to address the concerned authorities to take appropriate steps to check illegal flow of Liquor in to the jurisdiction of the 61-Jubilee Hills Assembly Constituency during the ban period.

7. A copy of the instructions issued in this regard may be marked to this office for reference and record.

**C. SUDHARSAN REDDY
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Prl. Secretary to Government,
Revenue (Prohibition & Excise) Department,
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad (**By name cover**)

Copy to:

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Home Department,
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad (w.e)
The Director General of Police, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner (Prohibition and Excise), Nampally, Hyderabad.
Sri Vibhor Agarwal, Under Secretary, ECI, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.
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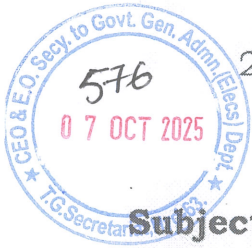
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Dated: 7th October, 2025

No.576/14/2025/EPS

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of
Jharkhand, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana
and UT of Jammu and Kashmir
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of
Jharkhand, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana
and UT of Jammu and Kashmir



Subject: Bye-Elections to Assembly Constituencies of various States/UT, 2025 - DRY DAY - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited and to apprise that the Commission has announced the Bye-election to Assembly Constituencies of various States/UT, 2025 vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/317/2025 dated 06.10.2025 available on the Commission's website under URL <https://www.eci.gov.in/issue-details-page/press-releases>. Details of the Assembly Constituencies can be seen at Annexure-I. The dates of Poll and Counting of Votes in all the Assembly Constituencies going for by-polls have been fixed on **11.11.2025(Tuesday)** and **14.11.2025(Friday)** respectively.

2. In this regard, your attention is invited to Section 135C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which provides that no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquor or other substances of like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll for any election in the polling area.

3. In view of the statutory provision as above, '**Dry day**' shall be declared and notified under the relevant State/UT laws as is appropriate during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll with respect to polling day for an election in that

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polling area where Bye-election to Assembly Constituency is being held. This will include the date of re-poll, if any.

4. The Commission further directs that **the date on which Counting of votes is to be taken up i.e. 14.11.2025(Friday) shall also be declared 'Dry Day'** under the relevant laws in poll going State/UT.

5. No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling or serving liquor shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days.

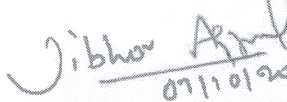
6. Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels functioning under different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, shall not be permitted to serve liquor on these days.

7. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the excise law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

8. In view of above, the Commission hereby directs that the State/UT Government shall strictly implement the above measures and shall issue detailed and comprehensive instructions to all concerned authorities to take appropriate and legally effective measures to implement the above prohibitions and assist the election authorities to ensure peaceful and smooth conduct of poll.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully


07/11/2025
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UNDER SECRETARY

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Representation of the People Act, 1951
(PART II.—Acts of Parliament)

(2) No deduction or abatement of the wages of any such person shall be made on account of a holiday having been granted in accordance with sub-section (1) and if such person is employed on the basis that he would not ordinarily receive wages for such a day, he shall nonetheless be paid for such day the wages he would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to him on that day.

(3) If an employer contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), then such employer shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

(4) This section shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged.

135C. Liquor not to be sold, given or distributed on polling day.—(1) No spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1), shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

(3) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section, the spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature found in his possession shall be liable to confiscation and the same shall be disposed of in such manner as may be prescribed.]

136. Other offences and penalties therefor.—(1) A person shall be guilty of an electoral offence if at any election he—

(a) fraudulently defaces or fraudulently destroys any nomination paper; or

(b) fraudulently defaces, destroys or removes any list, notice or other document affixed by or under the authority of a returning officer; or

(c) fraudulently defaces or fraudulently destroys any ballot paper or the official mark on any ballot paper or any declaration of identity or official envelop used in connection with voting by postal ballot; or

(d) without due authority supplies any ballot paper to any person¹ [or receives any ballot paper from any person or is in possession of any ballot paper]; or

(e) fraudulently puts into any ballot box anything other than the ballot paper which he is authorised by law to put in; or

(f) without due authority destroys, takes, opens or otherwise interferes with any ballot box or ballot papers then in use for the purposes of the election; or

(g) fraudulently or without due authority, as the case may be, attempts to do any of the foregoing acts or wilfully aids or abets the doing of any such acts.

(2) Any person guilty of an electoral offence under this section shall,—

(a) if he is a returning officer or an assistant returning officer or a presiding officer at a polling station or any other officer or clerk employed on official duty in connection with the election, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both;

(b) if he is any other person, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.

(3) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to be on official duty if his duty is to take part in the conduct of an election or part of an election including the counting of votes or to be responsible after an election for the used ballot papers and other documents in connection with such election, but the expression "official duty" shall not include any duty imposed otherwise than by or under this Act² * * *.

³[(4) An offence punishable under sub-section (2) shall be cognizable.]

137. [Prosecution regarding certain offences.] Rep. by the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1966 (47 of 1966), s. 61.

138. [Amendment of Act 5 of 1898.] Rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1957 (36 of 1957), s. 2 and the First Schedule.

PART VIII
DISQUALIFICATIONS

139—145. [Chapters I to III.] Rep. by the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1966 (47 of 1966), s. 62.

1. Ins. by Act 27 of 1956, s. 70.

2. The words and figures "or by or under the Representation of the People Act, 1950" omitted by Act 58 of 1958, s. 38.

3. Subs. by Act 47 of 1966, s. 60, for sub-section (4) (w.e.f. 14-12-1966).