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Dated: 07.10.2019

Sub:- Elections – Bye Elections to the TSLA from 89-Huzurnagar
Assembly Constituency - Carrying of Mobile Phone by Returning
Officers/Assistant Returning Officers inside Counting Hall – ECI
Instructions – Communicated - Reg.

Ref: From the ECI, New Delhi, Lr.No.470/INST/2019/EPS-983, dt.30-09-2019.

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A Copy of the reference cited is sent herewith to the District Election Officer, Suryapet and the Returning Officer, 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency wherein the ECI has issued instructions regarding carrying of Mobile phones by ROs/AROs inside the Counting Hall

2. The District Election Officer, Suryapet and the Returning Officer, 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency are therefore, requested to follow the above instructions of the Commission scrupulously.

**DR. RAJAT KUMAR,
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER,
TELANGANA STATE**

To

The District Election Officer, Suryapet (w.e.)

The Returning Officer, 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency (w.e.)

All Assistant Returning Officers of 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency. (w.e.)

Copy to:

Mr. Sudhakar, SLA (with a request to place on website) (w.e.)

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Dated: 30th September, 2019

No. 470/INST/ETPBS/2019-EPS 1983

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of,
Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh,
Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Pudducherry, Punjab,
Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana & Uttar Pradesh.



Bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in the Parliamentary Constituencies & State Legislative Assemblies of various States/UTs, 2019 – Carrying of Mobile Phone by Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers inside the Counting Hall-Reg.

Reference: 1. The ECI's instruction No.470/INST/2014-EPS, dated 8th May, 2014;
2. The ECI's instruction No.470/INST/2014-EPS, dated 15th May, 2014;

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's instructions referred above and to state that in view of inception of Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot Paper System (ETPBS) wherein One-Time password (OTP) is received on mobile phones. The Commission has directed that on the day of counting,

- (i) Only that mobile phone of the RO/ARO/Counting Supervisor(s), linked to ETPBS, to be used to receive 'OTP' to log into ETPBS to start counting thereof have to be brought inside the counting hall;
- (ii) The mobile handsets will be switched on only to receive 'OTP' and be switched off once the system is logged on to ETPBS;
- (iii) Inside the counting hall, such mobile handsets are to be kept in the custody of ARO/RO/Observer, whosoever is the senior most officer in the Counting Hall for ETPBS counting, in switched off mode till the counting is over.
- (iv) In case the login is closed for some reasons, Counting Supervisor can get the mobile from the officer to whom the mobile set was submitted to receive OTP once again for enabling him to re-login. After re-login, he should return the mobile to same officer in switched off mode.
- (v) A declaration be got signed by all users separately about Do's and Don'ts for mobile usage.
- (vi) Specific permission be sought from concerned CEO for number of users in each case with the requisite mobile phone numbers being used. Mobile phones are to be allowed inside the Counting hall for all such users.

Yours faithfully,

(Sanjeev Kumar Prasad)
Under Secretary