## BYE ELECTIONS - 2019 MOST URGENT

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Block, Buddah Bhavan, Secunderabad, Hyderabad-03.

### Memo.No. 7006/Elecs.D/2019-81

# Dated: 16.10.2019

- Sub:-Elections--- Bye Elections to Telangana State Legislative Assembly from 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency – Commission's Order regarding Identification of Electors in polling stations – Gazette Copy – forwarded -Reg.
- Ref: 1. This Office Memo No. 7006/Elecs.D/2019-66, Dated: 14.10.2019 2. Telangana Gazette No. 43, dated: 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

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In continuation to the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, a copy of the Gazette 2<sup>nd</sup> cited is forwarded herewith to the District Election Officer, Suryapet and the Returning Officer, 89- Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency and they are requested to take necessary action in the matter.

# DR.RAJAT KUMAR,

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & E.O. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The District Election Officer, Suryapet.(w.es.) The Returning Officer, 89- Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency .(w.es.) Copy to: Sri. Sudhakar, SLA (For placing a copy on Website)

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#### Memo No.7006/Elecs.D/2019-66

#### Dated:14.10.2019.

Sub:- Bye-Election to the Telangana State Legislative Assembly, 2019 from 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency – Commission's Order regarding Identification of Electors in polling stations -Communicated - Regarding.

Ref:-E.C.I. Order No.3/4/ID/2019/SDR/VOL.I, DT.12.10.2019

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A copy of the letter cited along with Election Commission of India Order Order No.3/4/ID/2019/SDR/VOL.I, Dt.12.10.2019 is communicated herewith to the Collector & District Election Officer, Suryapet and he is requested to inform the contents of the ECI letter and Order to the Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officers, Presiding Officers, all other election authorities concerned in the 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency to note the implications of the said letter and order and to explain the contents thereof to all Presiding Officers through special briefings. The Collector & District Election Officer, Suryapet is also requested to ensure that a copy of the ECI letter and Order shall be available with the Presiding Officers at all polling stations / booths in the constituency. A copy of the Order translated in the vernacular language should also be supplied to each of the Presiding Officers.

2. The District Election Officer, Suryapet is informed that the ECI in its letter cited, stated that it may be noted that while Photo Voter Slip will continue to be prepared and issued to electors as part of the awareness building exercise, it will not be <u>permitted as an identification document</u>. In order to make it clear to the electors that Photo Voter Slips shall not be accepted as a stand-alone identification document for voting, the words 'THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION IN POLLING STATION. THE ELECTOR ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY EPIC OR ONE OF THE (11) ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION FOR VOTING" shall be printed on the Photo Voter Slip in bold letters. Photo Voter Slips shall continue to be printed.

3. The District Election Officer, Suryapet is further requested to give the Commission's Order wide publicity through <u>print / electronic media</u> for information of the general public and electors and this may also be brought to the notice of all contesting candidates. All contesting candidates at the said elections may also be informed, in writing, of this direction of the Commission and send a report of compliance to this office immediately.

#### DR.RAJAT KUMAR, CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & E.O. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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The Collector & District Election Officer, Suryapet (w.es.) <u>Copy to:</u> The Returning Officer for 89-Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency (w.es.) through the DEO., concerned.

G.A. (Elecs.B) Department, with a request to take necessary action. (w.es.)

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# NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA ORDER REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF ELECTORS IN POLLING STATIONS - BYE-ELECTION TO THE TELANGANA STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2019 FROM 89-HUZURNAGAR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY.

[Memo No.7006/Elecs.D/2019-65, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana, Dated: 14th October, 2019].

The following Notification of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001, Dated: 12th October, 2019, is published:-

#### ORDER

No. 3/4/ID/2019/SDR/VOL.I:- Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under Section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Electors Photo Identity Card for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and.

2. Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election

Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating

their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card to electors

bearing their photographs at State cost; and

3. Whereas, Rules 49H(3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961,

stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors Photo

Identity Card under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules,

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1960, the electors shall produce their Electors Photo Identity Card at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Photo Identity Card may result in the denial of permission to vote; and

4. Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules, makes it clear that although the right to vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Electors Photo Identity Card, where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling and that both are to be used together; and

5. Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to all electors, according to a time bound programme; and

6. Whereas, Electors Photo Identity Card have been issued to a substantially large number of electors in all the States; and

7. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that for current bye elections from 46 Assembly Constituencies(as per Annexure-I) of 16 States and the bye-elections from 23-Samastipur (SC) Parliamentary Constituency in the State of Bihar & 45-Satara Parliamentary Constituency in the State of Maharashtra, which have been notified on 23-09-2019& 27-09-2019, all electors who have been issued EPIC shall produce the EPIC for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity: -

- (i) Passport;
- (ii) Driving License;
- Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt. PSUs/Public Limited Companies;
- (iv) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office;
- (v) PAN Card;

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- (vi) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR;
- (vii) MNREGA Job Card;
- (viii) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour;
- (ix) Pension document with photograph,
- (x) Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs
- (xi) Aadhaar Card.

8. In the case of EPIC, clerical errors, spelling mistakes, etc. should be ignored provided the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC. If an elector produces an Electors Photo Identity Card, which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such EPICs shall also be accepted for identification provided the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting. If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents mentioned in Para 7 above.

9. Notwithstanding anything in Para 7 above, overseas electors who are registered in the electoral rolls under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the particulars in their Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) in the polling station.

By order,

**N.T. BHUTIA**, Secretary.

**Dr. RAJAT KUMAR,** Chief Electoral Officer & E.O., Principal Secretary to Government.

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