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Sub:- Elections - Bye Election to 89 – Huzurnagar Assembly constituency, Suryapet District to be held on 21.10.2019 – Conduct of officials- Section 129 of ROP Act, 1951-Instructions – Issued – Reg.

Ref: ECI Press Note No.ECI/PN/84/2019, dated 21.09.2019.

In the reference cited, the ECI while announcing the schedule for the Bye-Election of 89 – Huzurnagar Assembly constituency, Suryapet District to be held on 21.10.2019 has directed that all the Officials engaged in the conduct of elections shall discharge their duties in an impartial manner without any fear or favour. All the Officials and employees connected with the Bye-election are deemed to be on deputation to the Commission and shall be subject to its control, supervision and discipline. The conduct of all Government officials who have been entrusted with election related responsibilities and duties would remain under constant scrutiny of the Commission and strict action shall be taken against those officials who are found guilty on any account.

- 2. The Collector & District Election Officer, Suryapet District is hereby requested to bring the provisions of Section 129 of the Representation of the People Act. 1951 to the notice of all the employees working in the district immediately and circulate the instructions available in the Compendium of Instructions and to follow the same scrupulously. The provision of section 129 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951, is extracted below:
 - (1) No person who is a District Election Officer or a Returning Officer, or an Assistant Returning Officer, or a Presiding or Polling Officer at an election, or an officer or clerk appointed by the returning officer or the presiding officer to perform any duty in connection with an election shall in the conduct or the management of the election do any act (other than the giving of vote) for the furtherance of the prospects of the election of a candidate.
 - (2) No such person as aforesaid, and no member of a police force, shall endeavour
 - (a) to persuade any person to give his vote at an election, or
 - (b) to dissuade any person from giving his vote at an election, or
 - (c) to influence the voting of any person at an election in any manner.

- (3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or subsection (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.
- (4) An offence punishable under sub-section (3) shall be cognizable."

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To The Collector & District Election Officer, Suryapet District.

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