

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECS.F) DEPARTMENT

Memo No.257/Elecs.F/2013-66

Dated:15.2.2013.

Sub:- Biennial election to A.P. Legislative Council from **Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies** – Commission's Order regarding Identification of electors – Communicated - Regarding.

Ref:- Election Commission of India Lr.No.3/4/ID/2013/SDR, dated:14.2.2013.

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A copy of the letter cited along with Election Commission of India Order No. 3/4/ID/2013/SDR(Council), dated:14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 specifying the alternative documents for identification of the elector at the time of poll, is communicated herewith to the Collector & District Election Officers of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Medak, Nizamabad, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Warangal, Khammam and Nalgonda.

The District Election Officers are requested to inform the contents of the order to the Returning Officers, Asst. Returning Officers, Presiding Officers, all other election authorities concerned; to note the implications of the said order and to explain the contents thereof to all Presiding Officers through special briefings. They are also requested to ensure that a copy of the letter cited with its enclosure is available with the Presiding Officers at all polling stations / booths in the constituency.

They are also requested to give wide publicity through print / electronic media for the information of the general public and electors and it should be made clear that those who have been issued with EPIC for Assembly Constituency should bring the EPIC and those who have not been issued with EPIC should bring any of the alternative documents specified by the Commission in the enclosed order at the time of voting. They are further requested to inform in writing, about the direction of the Commission, to all contesting candidates at the Biennial elections and also send a report of compliance to this office immediately.

As per instructions of the ECI, the identity of each voter shall be established by the production of his EPIC or any other alternative document, as specified by the Commission. **The particulars of identity document produced by a voter shall be noted on the counterfoil of the ballot paper issued to him (besides obtaining his signature/thumb impression). These instructions may be brought to the notice of the R.Os., Presiding Officers, Polling Officers and all concerned for strict compliance.**

BHANWAR LAL,  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &  
E.O. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Collector & District Election Officers,  
East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Medak, Nizamabad,  
Adilabad, Karimnagar, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam,  
Warangal, Khammam and Nalgonda. (w.e.)

**Copy to:**

The Returning Officers of 3 Graduates' & 3 Teachers' Constituencies  
**through** the DEOs concerned.(w.e)

// FORWARDED: BY ORDER //

  
SECTION OFFICER  


# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. 3/4/ID/2013/SDR

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Andhra Pradesh,  
Hyderabad.

Subject:- Biennial Elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Commission has directed that all electors in East-West Godavari Graduates' Constituency, Krishna-Guntur Graduates' Constituency, Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Graduates Constituency, Srikakulam-Vizianagaram-Visakhapatnam Teachers' Constituency, Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Teachers' Constituency, Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Teachers' Constituency, who have been issued with EPICs as electors in their respective assembly constituencies, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise when they come to the polling stations for voting at the elections to the Legislative Council of Andhra Pradesh, notified on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

2. A copy of the Order dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 issued in this behalf is enclosed. The Commission has approved 15 alternative documents of identification in respect of those electors who do not produce EPICs. Attention of all Presiding Officers may be specifically drawn to the directions in paragraph 4 of the order.

3. The Presiding Officers shall be clearly instructed that minor discrepancies in the entries relating to elector's name, father's/mother's/husband's name, sex, age or address in the Electors Photo Identity Card shall be ignored and the elector allowed to cast his vote so long as the identity of the elector can be established by means of that card.

4. The Commission's Order dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 may be got published in the State Gazette immediately. The Returning Officers, Presiding Officers appointed for the biennial elections from the Graduates and Teachers Constituencies and all other election authorities concerned may be informed of the Commission's directions urgently. This order may be given

wide publicity through print/electronic media for information of the general public and electors. It should be made clear that those who have been issued with EPIC should bring the EPIC and those who have not been issued with EPIC should bring any of the alternative documents specified by the Commission, at the time of voting. All contesting candidates at the bye-elections in your State may also be informed, in writing, of this direction of the Commission.

5. The Returning Officers shall be instructed to note the implications of this Order and explain the contents thereof to all Presiding Officers through special briefings. They should also ensure that a copy of this letter is available with the Presiding Officers at all polling stations/booths in the constituency.

6. Kindly acknowledge receipt and confirm action taken.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Pathak)  
UNDER SECRETARY

# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi –110 001**

No. 3/4/ID/2013/SDR (Council)

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

## **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 Electors Photo Identity Card or other specified documents at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Photo Identity Card 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 personation are equally applicable at elections from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies, and as the electors in these constituencies are also electors in assembly constituencies, they may have been supplied with Electors Photo Identity Card as electors in their respective Assembly Constituencies;

4. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that all electors at the current biennial elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from East-West Godavari Graduates' Constituency, Krishna-Guntur Graduates' Constituency, Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Graduates Constituency, Srikakulam-Vizianagaram-Visakhapatnam Teachers' Constituency, Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Teachers' Constituency, Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Teachers' Constituency, in the State of Andhra Pradesh, who have been

issued with their EPIC, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise, when they come to the polling stations for voting at the current biennial elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from the said Constituencies, notified on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2013. Those electors, who are not able to produce their EPICs, will have to produce any of the following alternative documents for establishing their identity:-

- (i) Ration Cards with photographs issued on or before 31-12-2012;
- (ii) Service Identity Cards with photographs issued to employees by State/Central Government/Public Sector Undertaking or Public Limited Companies,
- (iii) Driving Licences issued on or before 31-12-2012 with photographs,
- (iv) Passbooks with photograph issued by Public Sector Banks/Post Office (Accounts opened on or before 31-12-2012),
- (v) Income Tax Identity Card (PAN Card),
- (vi) Passport,
- (vii) ATM cards with photographs issued by Banks on or before 31-12-2012,
- (viii) Arms Licences with photographs issued on or before 31-12-2012,
- (ix) Pension documents with photographs such as Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen pension book with photographs, ex-servicemen's widow/dependent certificate,
- (x) Certificate of physical handicap with photographs issued by the competent authority,
- (xi) Freedom Fighters identity card with photograph,
- (xii) Pattadar pass books containing photographs issued on or before 31-12-2012,
- (xiii) Property documents such as Pattas, Registered Deeds etc., with photographs issued on or before 31-12-2012
- (xiv) Smart Cards issued by RGI under the scheme of National Population Register (NPR),
- (xv) Aadhaar Card issued by UIDAI.

Yours faithfully,

(Ashish Chakraborty)  
Secretary