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Memo.No.846/Elec.D/2021-5,

Dated: 01.04.2021

Sub:- ELECTION- Application of Indelible ink on electors finger – Instructions
– Clarification - Regarding.

Ref:- From ECI, Lr.No.54/2//2021-EMS, dt: 31.03.2021.

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Attention of the Commissioner, GHMC & DEO, Hyderabad and all the Collectors & District Election Officers in the state is invited to the reference cited (copy enclosed), wherein ECI has issued certain instructions / clarification regarding application of the indelible ink on electors finger.

2. The Commissioner, GHMC & DEO, Hyderabad and all the Collectors & District Election Officers are requested for strict compliance and scrupulously follow the Commissions Instructions therein.

**Dr. SHASHANK GOEL,
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To:

The Commissioner GHMC & DEO, Hyderabad.(w.e)
The All Collectors & District Election Officers in the State (w.e.)
All the Returning Officers / AROs of 119 ACs and 17 PCs.
(through the DEOs Concerned)

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No. 54/2//2021-EMS

Dated: 31st March, 2021

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of
all States/UTs.

Subject: Application of Indelible ink on electors finger-regarding.

Ref: 1. Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2014, dated 4th April, 2014
2. Commission's letter No. 54/2/2015-EMS, dated 23rd March, 2015

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letters cited under reference, on the subject cited, and to state that under rule 49K of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 every elector about whose identity the Presiding Officer or the Polling Officer, as the case may be, is satisfied, shall allow his left forefinger to be inspected by the Presiding officer or Polling Officer and an Indelible Ink mark to be put on it. Some States/UTs have sought clarification from time to time on application of Indelible Ink on such voters whom Indelible Ink is already marked during previous elections on left hand fore-finger and impression of the ink is still visible on poll day. In this regard it is stated that after the application of the ink on finger the stain remains for 5-7 days on skin part but stain remains visible on nail till nail grows. The Commission has considered the matter and directed that :

1. If any poll has been conducted not more than two months prior to the date of poll of current election, in such cases, the Indelible Ink shall be marked on the middle finger instead of fore finger of the left hand. If ink has already been applied on fore finger as well as middle finger then the ink shall be applied on ring finger and so on.
2. In case of missing finger rule 49K of the CER, 1961 shall continue to apply.
3. The Chief Electoral Officer of the concerned State/UT shall make wide publicity to this effect during training & awareness.

Yours faithfully,

(Dilip Kumar Mahto)
Under Secretary

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