

Biennial Elections to the
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA

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To,
The Secretary to State Legislature,
Telangana Legislative Assembly,
Public Gardens,
Hyderabad – 500004 (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Biennial Election to the Legislative Councils of Telangana by the members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) – ECI instructions on Form-26 – Communicated - Reg.

- Ref: 1. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/ER/2009/SDR, dt.21.3.2009.
2. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/ER/2011/SDR, dt.8.2.2011.
3. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/ER/2011/SDR, dt.20.7.2012.
4. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/ER/2011/SDR, dt.12.10.2012.
5. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/ER/2013/SDR, dt.12.06.2013.
6. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/ER/2016/2014/SDR-Vol.I.I,dt.22.2.2014.
7. E.C.I., Lr.No.3/ER/2016/DR,dated:31.05.2016.
8. E.C.I.,Lr.No.4/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/VOL-II/2017,dt.22.06.2017.
9. E.C.I.,Lr.No.576/3/2017-SDR,dt.26/7/2017.
10. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/4/2017/SDR/Vol.II, dt.10.10.2018.
11. E.C.I.,Lr.No.3/4/2017/SDR Vol.II, dated:05th November, 2018.
12. E.C.I.,Lr.No.576/3/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/2013, dt.7th February, 2019.
13. E.C.I.,Lr.No.ECI/PN/18/2019, dated.18th February, 2019.

I am to inform that in the reference 13th cited, the Election Commission of India has announced the schedule for conduct of Biennial Election to the Legislative Council of Telangana by the members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs).

2 In the references 1st to 9th cited, the ECI has issued instructions from to time and the latest instructions in the references 10th cited regarding Amendments in Form-26 (Format at Affidavit by candidates) filed by the candidates in the offices of Returning Officer / Assistant Returning Officer and placing the Affidavits on the ECI & CEO website. (copies of the same are enclosed). The Election Commission of India has instructed that the candidates are now required to file the affidavit in the amended Form-26 and shall fill up all columns as directed by the Commission. The provisions for the additional affidavit in respect of dues against Govt. accommodation, if any, have now been incorporated in Form-26 itself under item (8) relating to liabilities to Public Financial Institutions and Govt. Therefore, the candidates shall give the requisite declaration/particulars in this regard in item (80 of Form (26). Accordingly, the candidates are now not required to file the additional affidavit prescribed under the Commission's Order No.509/11/2004-JS-I, dt.3.2.2016, as provisions are not part of Form-26 itself.

(P.T.O)

3. The Returning Officer is informed that the Commission has directed that the Affidavits filed by all candidates, whether set up by the recognized political parties or unrecognized political parties or independents shall be put on the website soon after the candidate files the same and within 24 hours in any event. Therefore, the R.O is requested to upload the scanned copies of affidavits (format in Form-26) filed by the candidates on daily basis on E.C.I. & C.E.Os, website as per ECI instructions. The affidavits should be scanned with high resolution for legible reading.

4. In the reference 11th cited, the ECI has furnished the FAQs on Criminal Antecedents of candidates and its publicity in pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Judgment dated:25/09/2018 in © No.536 of 2011.(copy enclosed).

5. In the reference 12th cited, the ECI has furnish the revised format of checklist of document in connection with filing of nominations by the candidates in view of the Amendment in Form-26.

6. The Returning Officer is, therefore, requested to take necessary action duly following the ECI instructions. For detailed instructions, the Hand Book for R.O. - for Council elections and other Hand Books and latest instructions of the E.C.I. issued from time to time should be referred and followed scrupulously.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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

Copy to:

Sri Chiranjeevi, Project Manager, I.T. O/o the C.E.O., with a request to provide the software to the R.O. to upload the Affidavits on ECI's/CEO's website and also monitor the same on daily.

Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED: BY ORDER//


SECTION OFFICER