Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh

South 'H' Block, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

MESSAGE

FROM:

THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, A.P., HYDERABAD

TO

ALL THE DIST. COLLECTORS & D.E.Os., (w.e.)

THE COMMISSIONER & GHMC & D.E.O, HYDERABAD. (w.e.)

FAX MESSAGE No.3732/ELECS.F/2014-1,

DATED:27.03.2014

GENERAL ELECTIONS TO H.O.P. / A.P.L.A., 2014 - THE NOTIFICATIONS ARE BEING ISSUED ON 02.04.2014 (WEDNESDAY) (1st Phase) AND 12.04.2014 (SATURDAY) (2nd Phase) (.) THE RETURNING OFFICER SHOULD ISSUE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION ON THE SAME DAY AS PRESCRIBED UNDER SECTION 31 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1951 READ WITH RULE 3 OF THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS RULES 1961 IN FORM-I APPENDED TO THE SAID RULES (.) NOMINATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED FROM 02.04.2014 (1st Phase) AND 12.04.2014 (2nd Phase) ONWARDS BETWEEN 11.00 A.M. TO 3.00 P.M. (.)

ACCORDING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1951, SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR THE CANDIDATES CONTESTING ELECTIONS TO THE LOK SABHA IS Rs.25,000/- AND Rs.10,000/- FOR ASSEMBLY ELECTION (.) FOR CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SC/ST, THE RATE BEING HALF OF THE ABOVE AMOUNT (COPY ENCLOSED FOR READY REFERENCE)

INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING STAGES OF THE ELECTION SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER BY FAX (FAX Nos. 23454438 OR 23450261) (.)

A) DAILY REPORT: EVERY DAY FROM 02.04.2014 (1st Phase) AND 12.04.2014 (2nd Phase)) IMMEDIATELY AFTER 3.00 P.M. THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO FILED NOMINATIONS ON THE DAY (IF, NO NOMINATIONS ARE FILED 'NIL' REPORT) SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN THE PROFORMA PRESCRIBED i.e., IN FORM-3A (.)

- B) REPORT OF NOMINATIONS: ON THE LAST DATE FOR FILING NOMINATIONS ie., ON 09.4.2014 (1st Phase) AND 19.04.2014 (2nd Phase) IMMEDIATELY AFTER 3.00 P.M. THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FILED NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM APPENDED AT PAGES 74 & 76 OF THE HAND BOOK FOR RETURNING OFFICERS, 2014 (.) WHILE PREPARING THE CONSOLIDATED LIST OF NOMINATED CANDIDATES, THE GUIDELINES MENTIONED AT PARAS FROM 5.30.1 TO 5.30.5 OF CHAPTER-V OF THE HAND BOOK FOR RETURNING OFFICERS, 2014 SHOULD STRICTLY BE FOLLOWED (.)
- C) LIST OF VALID NOMINATIONS: ON THE DAY OF SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS ie., ON 10.04.2014 (1st Phase) AND 21.04.2014 (2nd Phase) THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHOSE NOMINATIONS ARE FOUND VALID SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN FORM-4 (.) THE LIST OF NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WITH THE REASONS FOR REJECTION, SHOULD ALSO BE ENCLOSED (.) THE NAMES SHALL BE ARRANGED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN TELUGU UNDER THREE CATEGORIES AS IN THE CASE OF FORM-7A (.)
- D) <u>LIST OF WITHDRAWALS</u>: ON THE LAST DAY OF WITHDRAWALS OF CANDIDATURES i.e., ON 12.04.2014 (1st Phase) AND 23.04.2014 (2nd Phase) THE LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE WITHDRAWAN THEIR CANDIDATURES SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN FORM-6 (.)
- E) LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES: ON THE LAST DAY OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURES ie., ON 12.04.2014 (1st Phase) AND 23.04.2014 (2nd Phase) (.) THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN AND THE NAMES OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES WITH PARTY AFFILIATIONS, IF ANY, AND SYMBOLS ALLOTTED WITH CORRECT SPELLING IN THE SAME ORDER IN WHICH THEIR NAMES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES IN FORM 7-A SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED (.) THE LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES (FORM-7-A) SHOULD BE WITH

REFERENCE TO THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES OF RECOGNISED NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICAL PARTIES FOLLOWED BY CANDIDATES OF REGISTERED, UN-RECOGNISED POLITICAL PARTIES FOLLOWED BY OTHER CANDIDATES IN TELUGU ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN EACH CATEGORY(.) FORM 7-A WITH NAMES IN ENGLISH SHALL ALSO BE COMMUNICATED (.) THE LIST HAS TO BE PREPARED BOTH IN TELUGU AND ENGLISH FOR DISPLAYING ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER AND AT OTHER PLACES WHERE IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE RETURNING OFFICER (.) SIX COPIES EACH IN TELUGU & ENGLISH AND OTHER LANGUAGE PRESCRIBED IF ANY SHALL BE SENT THROUGH A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER TO REACH THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER'S OFFICE ON THE SAME NIGHT (.) THE NAMES OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND SYMBOLS MAY BE CORRECTLY INDICATED IN THE SAID FORM (.)

KINDLY ENSURE THAT THE COMPLETE ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES ARE INDICATED CORRECTLY IN THE LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED AND CONTESTING CANDIDATES (.)

INTIMATE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS AND POLLING STATIONS IN THE CONSTITUENCY AS ON THE LAST DATE OF FILING OF NOMINATIONS (.)

THE LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES IN FORM-7A IN ORIGINAL IN SIX COPIES IN EACH LANGUAGE (TELUGU & ENGLISH AND OTHER LANGUAGE PRESCRIBED IF ANY) SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CEO'S OFFICE AND ONE COPY IN ENGLISH TO THE E.C.I. (.)

KINDLY ALSO ARRANGE TO FURNISH ALL THE REPORTS AND RETURNS IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMATS PROMPTLY ON DUE DATES (.)

for CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, Andhra Pradesh

Copy to:

All the Returning Officers of Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Constituencies through concerned D.E.Os., (w.es)

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 3/1/2009/SDR

Dated: 17th March, 2010

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories

Subject:

The Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009 - regarding.

Sir/Madam.

I am directed to forwarded herewith a copy each of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009 as published in an Extraordinary issue of the Gazette of India dated 23rd December, 2009 alongwith the Notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice appointing the 1st February, 2010 as the date on which the provisions of the said Amendment Act have come into force.

- 2. It may be noted that by this Amendment Act, Section 24 (relating to appellate authority) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and Sections 8A(relating to disqualification on corrupt practices), 34 (relating to security deposit), 123(7)(relating to the corrupt practice of obtaining assistance of government servents) of Representation of the People Act 1951 have been amended. In addition, two new Sections 126A and 126B(relating to restrictions on Exit Polls) have been inserted in the Act.
- 3. The important consequences of the amendments are following:
 - (i) Appeal against the order of the Electoral Registration Officer (during continuous updation) under Section 22 or 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 will now lie before the DM/ADM/ Executive Magistrate/District Collector. A further appeal against the order of DM/Collector will now lie before the Chief Electoral Officer of the State. The corresponding amendment to (Rule 27) the Registration of Electors' Rules.

1960 is yet to be carried out. As and when the amendment is made and notified you will informed accordingly.

- (ii) Security deposit for the candidates has been increased to Rs. 25,000/- for Lok Sabha election and Rs. 10,000/- for Assembly election (the rate being half this amount for candidates belonging to SC/ST). Consequently the security deposit for candidates contesting elections to the Council of States and State Legislative Councils will be Rs. 10,000/- and Rs 5,000/- for candidates belonging to SC/ST. (vide Section 39 of Representation of the People Act, 1951).
- (iii) Conducting exit polls and publishing/publicizing/disseminating results of exit polls in any manner would be prohibited during the period specified in the new Section 126A. The Commission will issue specific instructions notifying such period during the elections.
- 4. The provisions of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009, may be brought to the notice of all election authorities in your State/Union Territory for their information and compliance. All political parties in your State/Union Territory may also be informed accordingly.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Ashish Chakraborty) Under Secretary

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