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Sub: General Elections to Telangana Legislative Assembly 2018 – Instructions /guidelines of ECI for Poll day – Communicated – Reg.

Attention of Director General of Police / Commissioner of Excise / All Dist. Election Officers and Collectors in the state are invited to the subject cited and they are requested to be abreast with instructions / guidelines of the Election Commission on various points / issues that may crop up on poll day. The following important points are reiterated for your strict compliance:

- Answers under Q.No. 90 to Q.No. 100 in the FAQs.
- The existing guidelines under Model Code of Conduct communicated from time to time.
- When orders under Sec. 144 of Cr.P.C., 1973 are issued regarding ban on unlawful assemblies and prohibition on holding of public meetings during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, wherever necessary, more than 5 persons to assemble/move together in the area not permitted. However, the Commission has clarified that this does not restrict house-to-house visits during 48 hours in connection with door-to-door campaigning. However, this should be specifically spelt out in the orders under Sec.144 to avoid any confusion.
- All restrictions provided in Excise law shall be vigorously enforced and Special drives should be launched to unearth illicit liquor making factories and information about seizure should be made available to the concerned DEOs, RO.
- Restrictions on setting up election booth, canvassing near polling station, use of mobile phones/cordless phones, going armed near polling stations, on vehicles etc., should be adhered.
- Presence of political functionaries / party workers in a constituency who are from other areas and not voters of the constituency shall not be allowed after campaign period is over.
- Arrangements, direct or indirect, to carry any voter to or from polling station by any kind of vehicle used for transport is a criminal offence.

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- Entry into polling stations is restricted to valid pass holders and the Media person not to capture photograph of balloting process in any manner that will reveal the secrecy of ballot.
- No FST/SST teams shall be withdrawn until the election process is completed.
- Petrolling by police teams should be strengthened.
- If storing of liquor is found on the poll day, the Excise officer concerned will be held responsible.
- If necessary checks shall be carried out in Hotels/Lodging, rest houses, guest houses, Bus/Railway stations, Function halls, Choultries etc., If any outsiders found, they shall be sent out of the Constituency.
- To strength checks on all intra-state / inter-state boarders and at other check posts.

2. It is clarified that the above are some of indicative points to remind all the concerned. The detailed instructions contained in Manuals, SOP for last 72 Hours till counting issued by the ECI shall be followed scrupulously. The Dist. Election Officers are also requested to sensitize all the ROs / AROs and other election related officials in advance for compliance.

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The Director General of Police, Hyderabad The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad The Commr., GHMC & DEO, Hyderabad All the DEOs and Collectors of all Dists., The Addl. DG (L & O) / Nodal Officer, O/o. DGP <u>Copy to:</u> CEO website.

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