

G.E(Lok Sabha) -2019
TOP PRIORITY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA
South 'H' Block, Secretariat, Hyderabad – 500 022

U.O. Note No.3017/Elecs.A/A1/2019-1,

Dated:19.03.2019.

Sub: Elections – General Elections to the Lok Sabha, 2019 to be held on 11.04.2019 (Thursday) - Prohibition on sale of liquor and declaration of 'Dry Day' in the polling area during the period of 48-hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll and Dry Day on the day of Counting of Votes – ECI Instructions – Communicated – Reg.

Ref: 1. ECI Lr. No. ECI/PN/23/2019, Dated.10.03.2019

The attention of the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad is invited to the references cited (Copy enclosed). He is informed that according to Section 135C of Representation of the People Act, 1951, no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.

2. In view of the above statutory provision, 'Dry day' shall be declared and notified under the relevant State laws as is appropriate, during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll as indicated in the Commission notification with respect to polling day for an election in that polling areas of 17Parliamentary Constituencies in the State. This will include the dates of re-poll, if any. Further the dates on which counting of votes is to be taken up shall also be declared 'Dry Day' under the relevant laws.

3. In connection with the on going General Elections to the Lok Sabha-2019, the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department, Telangana Government, is therefore, requested to issue detailed and comprehensive instructions to the Commissioner of Excise & Prohibition, Government of Telangana and to all concerned District authorities to take appropriate legally effective measures to implement the complete prohibition on sale of liquor and other substances within the polling areas and for declaring and notifying the "Dry Day" from 6.00 pm on 9th April, 2019, to 6.00 pm of 11th April, 2019 and on 23rd May, 2019 i.e the day of Counting of Votes as per the statutory provisions laid down under Sec.135-C of Representation of the People Act, 1951 and assist the election authorities in peaceful and smooth conduct of free and fair poll.

4. The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department, Government of Telangana, is also requested to address the concerned authorities of adjoining States to take appropriate steps to check illegal flow of Liquor on the border during the ban period.

5. A copy of the instructions issued in this regard may be marked to the O/o Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana for reference and record.

DR. RAJAT KUMAR
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To
The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department,
Telangana Government (W.e) (By name cover)

Copy to:

All Collectors & District Election Officers.
The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Telangana Govt., Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Telangana Govt., Hyderabad.
The Director General of Police, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, Ranga Reddy district.
All Superintendent of Police.
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