

ELECTIONS / MOST IMMEDIATE

TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
1st Floor, DTCP Building, A.C. Guards, Hyderabad.

NOTIFICATION

No.243/TSEC-ULBs/2021

Dated:10.04.2021

Keeping in view the fresh surge of COVID-19 pandemic in India and in order to curb the high-risk of community spread of novel corona virus (COVID-19), the Commission decided to extend option of availing Postal Ballot facility to the electors who are marked as Persons with Disabilities (PwD), Electors 80 years and above age & Electors tested as COVID-19 Positive.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, the State Election Commissioner, Telangana hereby extends the privilege to avail Postal ballot facility to the electors who are marked as Persons with Disabilities (PwD), Electors 80 years and above age and active COVID-19 Positive electors for voting through Postal Ballot in addition to the electors mentioned in Rules 23, 24 and 25 of Telangana Municipalities and Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2019 and the Election Authority and Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration is directed to implement the same in connection with the conduct of elections to Urban Local Bodies in the state.

The forms prescribed for application for issue of postal ballot paper Form-XII-A, Declaration by voter Form-XV-A and Instruction for the Guidance of voters Form-XVIII-A are as appended to this notification.

Sd/- C. PARTHA SARATHI
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

To

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration & EA, Hyderabad.
All Returning Officers

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, MA & UD Department, Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. All Collectors & District Election Authorities.
3. All Additional District Election Authorities.
4. All Municipal Commissioners
5. The Presidents/ Secretaries of all political parties registered with TSEC.
6. Print & Electronic Media for wide publicity.

//Attested//

Joint Director



FORM XII - A

APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPER

(for PWD voters, Voters 80 and above years of age, voters found COVID-19 positive)

***Ordinary/ Casual Elections**

To
The Returning Officer,
.....Ward
..... Municipality/Municipal Corporation.

Sir,
I am a Senior citizen having age of _____ years / found COVID-19 positive / PwD intend to cast my vote by post at the ensuing election to the office of Ward Member from ward No. _____ in _____ Municipality / Municipal Corporation.

Relevant proof is enclosed herewith.

My name is entered at Serial Number in
Ward electoral Roll.

The ballot paper may be sent to me at the following address.
(This shall be same as in the document enclosed)

Place :

Yours faithfully,

Date :

Signature

Name:

Postal Address :

* Senior citizen shall enclose self attested aadhar / EPIC Card / SSC Certificate
(Any one of the above)

* In case of COVID-19 Positive cases, they have to enclose medical test certificate issued after 15th April, 2021 in addition to above.

FORM – XV-A

DECLARATION BY VOTER

(for PWD voters, Voters 80 and above years of age, voters found COVID-19 positive)

***Ordinary/ Casual Elections**

Election to the Ward Member of Ward No. _____, of _____
Municipality / Municipal Corporation in the _____ District.

I hereby declare that, I am a voter to whom the postal ballot paper bearing
Serial Number has been issued at the above election as I belong to
*..... category.

Signature of Voter

Address.....

Date :

*** Mention the category to which you belong out of Sr. Citizen / PWD / COVID-19 Positive**

FORM – XVIII-A

INSTRUCTION FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VOTERS

(Sr. Citizens, PWDs & COVID-19 Positive cases)

***Ordinary/ Casual Elections**

Election to the Ward Member of Ward No. _____, of Municipality / Municipal Corporation in the _____ District.

The persons whose names are printed on the ballot paper sent herewith are candidates at the above election. If you desire to vote, you should record your vote in accordance with the directions given in Part I below and then follow the instructions detailed in Part – II

PART I

DIRECTIONS TO VOTERS

1. The number of candidates to be elected is one.
2. You have only one vote.
3. You must not vote for more than one candidate. If you do so, your ballot paper will be rejected.
4. Record the vote by placing clearly a tick (✓) mark opposite the name of the candidate to whom you wish to give that vote.
5. The mark should be so placed as to indicate clearly any beyond doubt to which candidate you are giving your vote. If the mark is so placed as to make it doubtful to which candidate you have given the vote, the vote will be invalid.
6. Do not put your signature or write any word or mark, sign or writing whatsoever on the ballot paper other than the mark you are required to make thereon in accordance with paragraph 4.

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PART II
Instructions for voters

- (a) After you have recorded your vote on the ballot paper, place the ballot paper in the smaller cover marked 'A' sent herewith. Close the cover and secure it by seal or otherwise.
- (b) Then you have to sign the declaration in Form – XV-A also sent herewith.
- (c) If you are unable to mark the ballot paper and sign the declaration yourself in the manner indicated above by reason of blindness or other infirmity, you are entitled to have your vote marked and the declaration signed on your behalf by any family member. Such any family member will at your request mark the ballot paper in your presence and in accordance with your wishes. He/she will also complete the necessary declaration in this behalf.
- (d) After signing the declaration in Form – XV-A, place declaration and the smaller cover marked 'A' containing the ballot paper duly marked them in the larger cover marked 'B'. After closing the larger cover, send it to the returning officer by post only. You have to give your full signature in the space provided on the cover marked 'B'. No postage stamp need to be affixed by you as the stamps of required value have already been affixed on larger cover marked 'B'.
- (e) You must ensure that the cover reaches the Returning Officer before*
..... *(Hour) on (Date)
- (f) Please note that:-
- (i) if you fail to send your declaration in the manner indicated above, your ballot paper will be rejected, and
 - (ii) if the cover reaches the Returning Officer after 8.00 AM (hour) on the day of counting notified by SEC, your vote will not be counted.
- (*) Here specify the hour and date fixed for the commencement of counting of votes.