

TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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Sub:- Elections – Elections to Gram Panchayats – Printing of Ballot Papers of Sarpanch and Ward Member, Gram Panchayats Elections – Issue of further instructions – Reg.

Ref: TSEC Circular Instructions No. 297/TSEC-PR/2017, Dtd: 24.05.2018.

In the reference cited, the State Election Commission issued detailed instructions on printing of Sarpanch and Ward Member Ballot Paper for the ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats, 2018 to be conducted with Ballot Boxes, wherein at para 11 (b) (v) under specifications for printing of Ballot Papers, it is indicated that, “the ballot paper for Sarpanch as well as Ward Member of each denomination shall begin with an alphabet prefixed to the seven digit (7) digit serial number of ballot paper” as indicated below:

Denomination of Ballot Paper	Numbers should start with
3 Symbols (2+NOTA)	A 0000001
4 Symbols (3+NOTA)	B 0000001
5 Symbols (4+NOTA)	C 0000001
6 Symbols (5+NOTA)	D 0000001
7 Symbols (6+NOTA)	E 0000001
8 Symbols (7+NOTA)	F 0000001

and so on

Some of the DPOs have expressed their constraint to print the serial number of the ballot papers in seven digits.

The issue of 7 digits Serial number of ballot paper also came up for discussion in the meeting of District Collectors and SPs/CPs held on 30.05.2018. The State Election Commission examined the issue and considered for printing of each denomination ballot papers with 6 digits serial number with prefixing an English alphabet letter to the 6 digit serial number of ballot paper as indicated below:

Denomination of Ballot Paper	Numbers should start with
3 Symbols (2+NOTA)	A 000001
4 Symbols (3+NOTA)	B 000001
5 Symbols (4+NOTA)	C 000001
6 Symbols (5+NOTA)	D 000001
7 Symbols (6+NOTA)	E 000001
8 Symbols (7+NOTA)	F 000001

and so on

Printing of Ballot Papers:

The State Election Commission has assessed the denomination wise requirement of Ballot Paper basing on the average number of contested candidates in the last ordinary elections and also contacted the Statistical Officer in Bureau of Economics & Statistics and arrived the following formula tentatively.

In Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats held on 2013 the average number of contesting candidates for the office of Sarpanch was 4 and for Ward Member was 3 in Telangana Districts.

The assessment of percentage of printing of each denomination Ballot Paper is suggested as indicated below:

For Sarpanch Post			For Ward Member Post		
Sl. No.	Denomination (No. of Contesting Candidates)	% of Ballot Papers to be Printed on total Requirement	Sl. No.	Denomination (No. of Contesting Candidates)	% of Ballot Papers to be Printed on total Requirement
1	2	10	1	2	20
2	3	17	2	3	30
3	4	25	3	4	20
4	5	17	4	5	15
5	6	11	5	6	10
6	7	8	6	7	5
7	8	4	7	8	0
8	9	3	8	9	0

9	10	2	9	10	0
10	11	1	10	11	0
11	12	0.65	Total:		100%
12	13	0.50			
13	14	0.30			
14	15	0.20			
15	16	0.15			
16	17	0.10			
17	18	0.05			
18	19	0.03			
19	20	0.02			
Total		100 %			

Further, it is informed that, this is only a tentative indication. The District Collectors shall arrive at the requirement of total number of ballot papers basing on their District Voters Strength, its rounding off to next 10 while allotting to polling stations, reserve ballot papers required etc., and then arrive at the denomination wise number of ballot papers to be printed based on the indicated percentages.

Further, the District Collectors will keep the machinery in readiness to make up the short-falls if any soon after finalization of the contesting candidates. They should have contingency plan to print additionally required Ballot Papers once the contesting candidates are finalized towards this end.

(THIS HAS APPROVAL OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

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SECRETARY**

To

All the Collectors and District Election Authorities.
All the District Panchayat Officers.

Copy to

The Commissioner, PR & RE and Election Authority, Hyderabad.
The CPSSP, Telangana, Hyderabad for assessment of requisite number of Ballot Papers.

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