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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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Lr.No.1701/TSEC-PR/2019,

Dated:24.04.2019

To

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj Rural Employment,
Telangana, Hyderabad.

Madam,

Sub:- TSEC – Elections – Ordinary Elections to the MPPs and ZPPs, 2019 –
Vehicle permit for Star Campaigners of the recognized political parties
registered with the SEC – CPR & RE and EA authorized to issue vehicle
permission to Star Campaigners – Reg.

Ref:- 1. TSEC Notification No.1553/TSEC-PR/2019, Dtd:20.04.2019.
2. TSEC Circular No. 274/TSEC-PR/2017, Dtd: 06.04.2017.

In the reference cited, the State Election commission issued notification for
conduct of ordinary elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs. These elections are conducted
on party basis.

Some Political Parties registered with the State Election Commission
requesting for vehicle permission for State Level Campaigners of their party to be
used for election campaign in the ongoing ordinary elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs in
entire State / part of the State.

In the reference 2nd cited, Commission authorized RDOs to issue vehicle
permissions to contesting candidates/political parties for election campaign within
their jurisdiction.

Obtaining vehicle permission for State Level Campaigners from each RDO is
impractical for political parties.

Therefore, the Commission, hereby, authorizes the Commissioner, PR & RE
and Election Authority to issue vehicle permission to State Level Campaigners of
political parties registered with the SEC to campaign for their party/party candidates
contesting from their party.

The permission shall be given in the name of the State Level Campaigners and also mention the registration number of the vehicle and also the period for which issued and area of operation. The format of vehicle permission prescribed in circular No. 274/TSEC-PR/2017, Dtd:06.04.217 (copy enclosed) may be used by the CPR and State Election Authority also.

The permit may be issued on a square shaped sticker with suitable adhesive. An attested copy of the permit shall be prominently displayed on wind screen of the vehicle and original be kept by the person for checking by police or any other authorities. The General Observers, Expenditure Observers, Collectors and District Election Authorities, CEOs & Liaison Officers of ZPPs, Returning Officers and surveillance teams should also be informed of such vehicle permissions whenever vehicle permit has been issued to the State Level Campaigners of a political party for the purpose of accounting of expenditure either on behalf of party or the contesting candidates as per the instructions already issued.

(THIS HAS APPROVAL OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- M. Ashok Kumar
SECRETARY

Copy to

All the Observers.

All the Collectors & District Election Authorities in the State except Hyderabad.

All the Chief Executive Officers of ZPPs

All the Liaison Officers of ZPPs.

All the MPDOs & Asst. DEAs concern through the C & DEAs concerned.

All the Returning Officers through the C & DEAs concerned.

// Attested //

M. Jayaprakash Reddy
JOINT SECRETARY
29/4/19

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ORDER

No.274/TSEC-PR/2017

Date: 06.04.2017

Sub:- Elections to Member, MPTC of Mandal Praja Parishads / ZPTC of Zilla Praja Parishads – Use of vehicles by the candidates and political parties for campaigning and prevention of mis-use of official vehicles – Instructions issues– Reg.

The State Election Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Articles 243 K of the Constitution of India and in the interest of preserving the purity and neutrality of election process, hereby, issues the following instructions relating to use of vehicles during elections to Member, MPTCs of Mandal Praja Parishads/ZPTCs of Zilla Praja Parishads.

- I During filing of nominations:** The maximum number of vehicles that will be allowed to come within the periphery of 100 meters of office of the Returning Officers office shall be **one**.
- II Use of vehicles for campaigning:**
1. The candidates contesting to the office of Member, MPTC and Member, ZPTC shall furnish details of the vehicles intended to be used by them for campaigning to the Sub-Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer concerned. Only after proper permission / authorization has been issued by the Sub-Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer concerned, the vehicles so notified by the candidates can be used for the election campaign. Thus, prior permission / authorization by the Revenue Divisional Officer is a must for the actual deployment of any vehicle for campaign purpose by the candidates.
 2. Permit for vehicles including two wheelers of candidates/political parties should be issued only by the Sub-Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer concerned. (copy of model permit is enclosed)
 3. A list of permits issued to the contesting candidates and political parties for plying vehicles for campaigning and on poll day should be given to the General Observer and Expenditure Observer concerned and also MPDO/Returning Officer concerned and updated on daily basis.

4. Ministers, MLAs and MPs who want to campaign for their political party and not for a particular candidate, shall also notify the vehicles to be used by them to the Revenue Divisional Officer concerned indicating the areas in which they intend to campaign. The restrictions imposed on convoy of vehicles in this order are also applicable to them.
5. The Revenue Divisional Officer who issues the permission / authorization to the contesting candidates/political parties for the use of vehicles shall publish on their office notice boards details of the vehicles for which permission / authorization given to the contesting candidates and also release it to the press. This measure is intended to enable the common citizen to bring to the notice of the authorities any un-authorized use of vehicles for the election campaign.
6. Vehicles deployed for election campaign, as per the intimation given by the candidates, or by the election agents should not be requisitioned by the administration.
7. Any vehicle which has not been permitted to use for election campaigning by the Sub-Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer concerned is found being used for campaigning it shall be deemed to be an unauthorized campaigning for the candidate and will attract penal provisions of Chapter-IX (A) of the Indian Penal Code and shall therefore be immediately taken out of the campaign exercise.
8. Vehicles permits for campaigning should be issued from the day of publication of list of contesting candidates up to 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the Poll.
9. The permit must bear the number of the vehicle and name of the candidate in whose favour it is issued. Sufficient number of proforma passes (see Annexure) must be placed at the disposal of Sub-Collectors/RDOs in advance.
10. Permit must be displayed in original, prominently on the windscreen of the vehicle.
11. Permit should be of sufficient dimension so that it could be seen from a distance. The District Election Authority should ensure design and printing of sufficient number of proforma permits (See Annexure) in advance.

12. A register must be maintained in this matter in the office of the Revenue Divisional Officer concerned as well as MPDO/Returning Officer concerned.
13. The vehicles permitted to be used under this order, shall not carry more persons than what is permitted as per the law/rules in force.
14. Though there is no limit in respect of number of vehicles to be permitted for campaigning to each candidate/political party (except for the poll day), yet the use of vehicles by the contesting candidates during the campaigning is subject to restrictions imposed by the authorities concerned, keeping in view the traffic problems etc., to avoid inconvenience to the general public.
15. The Returning Officer shall see that the expenditure is booked in candidate election expenditure for all the vehicles for which the permits are issued without fail.

III Restrictions on convoy of vehicles:-

1. **Cars/vehicles being used for electioneering purposes, shall, under no circumstances, be allowed to move in convoys of more than two vehicles during the campaigning period.** All bigger convoys shall be broken up, even if they are carrying any Minister of Central or State Government. This shall, however, be subject to any security instructions issued in respect of any such individuals. In other words the convoy shall not, in any case, exceed two vehicles plus the security vehicles.
2. If any person moves in a convoy of vehicles exceeding the limits prescribed above, in spite of the convoy having been broken, it shall be the duty of the local administration to initiate suitable action to seize the vehicles besides cancelling the permission granted.
3. The authorities concerned shall keep a close watch on the vehicles used by the contesting candidates, persons accompanying the contesting candidates and other party leaders and ensure that the Commission's instructions are not flouted.
4. Videography can be used effectively to check the use of unauthorized vehicles for campaigning as well as for violation of instructions regarding convoys.

IV Use of vehicles on the day of Poll:

1. (a) The contesting candidates for the office of Member, Zilla Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency and their election agents, their workers and leaders of political parties shall be permitted to use only two vehicles on Polling Day i.e.,

(i) one vehicle for the candidate and (ii) one vehicle for election agent of the candidate or his workers or leaders and workers of political party which has set up the candidate.

(b) The contesting candidates for the office of Member, Mandal Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency shall be allowed only one vehicle for their movement within their constituency on the polling day. It may be noted that no separate vehicle will be allowed for their agents or other party leaders.

2. On the day of the poll, if the contesting candidate is absent from his Constituency, no other person will be allowed to use the vehicle allotted for the candidate.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officers are authorized to issue permits to the contesting candidates for use of vehicles during the day of poll as indicated above. This permit should be displayed on their vehicle.
4. The following types of vehicles shall be allowed to be plied on the poll day –
 - a) Private vehicles being used by the owners for their private use, not connected with elections;
 - b) Private vehicles being used by owners either for themselves or for members of their own family for going to the polling booth to exercise their franchise, but not going anywhere within a radius of 200 meters of a polling station;
 - c) Vehicles used for essential services namely hospital Vans, Ambulance, Milk Vans, Water Tankers, electricity emergency duty Vans, Police on duty, Officers on election duty;
 - d) Public transport carriages like buses plying between fixed termini and on fixed routes;
 - e) Taxis, three Wheelers, Scooters, Rickshaws etc., for going to Airports, Railway Stations, Inter-State Bus stands, Hospitals for journeys which cannot be avoided;
 - f) Private vehicles used by sick or disabled persons for their own use.

V Prevention of mis-use of "official vehicles" during elections:-

- 1) In the interest of preserving the purity and neutrality of election process and to enable it to reflect the true and free choice of the people, the Commission has been issuing instructions and directions regarding the use of official vehicles.

- 2) For the purpose of these instructions vehicle means, and shall include, any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise and will include trucks, lorries, tempos, jeeps, cars, auto rickshaws, buses, belonging to the (1) Central Government, (2) State Government, (3) Public Undertakings of the Central and State Government. (4) Joint Sector Undertakings of Central and State Government, (5) Local Bodies, (6) Mandal Praja Parishads/Zilla Praja Parishads (8) Marketing Boards, (by whatever name known) (9) Co-operative Societies, (10) Autonomous District Councils.
- 3) The Commission directs that there shall be a total and absolute ban on the use of official vehicles for campaigning, electioneering or election related travel during elections.
- 4) The use of such vehicles belonging to any of these authorities by anyone including Ministers of the Central or a State Government, even on payment, for campaigning or on tours connected with elections but with the alleged and bogusly certified purpose of official work in their capacity as Ministers is totally prohibited. The only exception from the prohibition will be the Chief Minister and other political personalities, who might, in view of extremist and terrorist activities and threat to their lives, require security of a high order and whose security requirements are governed by any statutory provisions made by Parliament or the State Legislature in this behalf.
- 5) The Commission further directs that from the date of announcement of elections till the completion of elections, the District Administration shall keep a close watch on the use of all the above mentioned vehicle to see whether any such vehicles is being misused for electioneering for, or by, any candidate. If it is found that any of the above mentioned vehicle of Central Government or State Government, including those of public sector undertakings or local bodies is being used for electioneering purposes, the Collector & DEA shall, forthwith, requisition or cause to be requisitioned such vehicles, after following due procedure, for election work, to be used by officers performing election related duties. The vehicles so requisitioned shall not be released until after the completion of the process of elections.

VI General:

1. The District Election Authority concerned and the Commissioners of Police / Superintendents of Police concerned are requested to implement these instructions scrupulously. They are also directed to make necessary arrangements to open check posts in the areas, immediately upon the issue of notification for conduct of elections by the Commission, to effectively check un-authorized movement of vehicles during election campaign and on the day of poll and special drives also made till the completion of election process.
2. The contesting candidates and political parties are hereby informed that any contravention of these instructions will be viewed seriously by the State Election Commission.
3. A copy of this order shall be made available to the local units of all recognized National and State political parties and to each candidate or to the election agent authorized by him/her, at the time of filing nomination under acknowledgement.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

**Sd/- M. Ashok Kumar
SECRETARY**

To

All the Revenue Divisional Officers in the State.
All the MPDOs/Returning Officers through the CEOs of ZPPs concerned.
All the Superintendents of Police.
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities in the State.
The Commissioners of Police, Hyderabad and Warangal.
The Election Authority & Commissioner, PR & RE, Telangana, Hyd.

Copy to:

The Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt. (FAC), PR & RD Department, Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
All the Political parties.
The Press.

// Attested //

N. Jayachandrababu
JOINT SECRETARY

[Signature]
08/04/14

అంధాభివృద్ధి కల సంఘం

వాహన అనుమతి పత్రము



ఎం.పి.టి.సిలు / జెడ్.పి.టి.సిలకు సాధారణ ఎన్నికలు, 2019

మండలం పేరు _____

వాహన పర్మిట్ (సం.) _____

తేది: _____

1. ఫోటీచేయు అభ్యర్థి పేరు :
2. ఫోటీ చేయు పదవి ఎం.పి.టి.సి / జెడ్.పి.టి.సి:
3. వాహన రిజిస్ట్రేషన్ నంబరు :
4. అనుమతించిన తేదీలు : _____ నుండి _____ వరకు
5. వాహనము ద్వారా ప్రచారము చేయుటకు అనుమతించిన ప్రాంత పరిధి :

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(కార్యాలయం సీలు)

