

ELECTIONS / URGENT

TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
1st Floor, DTCP Building, Opp: PTI Building, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004.

ORDER

Order No.1763/TSEC-PR/2019

Dated:28.04.2019

Sub:- TSEC – Elections – Ordinary elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs, 2019 – Election Notification issued – Unanimous election –ROs shall obtain C&DEA clearance before declaration of result to the post of MPTC and ZPTC – Instructions – Reg.

Ref:- TSEC Notification No.1553 /TSEC-PR/2019, dated 20.04.2019.

In the reference cited, the State Election Commission issued notification for conduct of ordinary elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs, 2019 in three phases in the State.

As per the election schedule notified in the reference cited, for the I-phase of election, the list of contesting candidates is published in Form-IX after 3.00 PM on 28.04.2019, for the II-Phase of election after 3.00 PM on 02.05.2019 and for III-Phase of election after 3.00 PM on 06.05.2019.

If only one validly nominated candidate is published in the list of contesting candidates in Form-IX, the Returning Officer will declare such candidate as duly elected in Form-X and send the same to the State Election Commission, Election Authority and District Election Authority.

There were instances in the past when vested interests manipulated the election process by auctioning of posts or by intimidating candidates not to file nomination or forcible withdrawal of other candidates.

Therefore, the SEC hereby issues the following directions to guard against the evil designs of vested interests to manipulate the election process by indulging in such malpractices.

1. A Special Cell shall be opened in the district by the District Collector and District Election Authority to scan the complaints received and reports published in the Press and Electronic Media about alleged incidents of auctioning of posts, intimidating candidates not to file nomination and forcible withdrawal of candidature of other candidates etc.
2. The Collectors and District Election Authorities and Superintendants of Police/ Commissioners of Police/Deputy Commissioners of Police shall take prompt action to launch prosecution against the persons involved in such malpractices under relevant provisions of the law.
3. The Collectors & DEAs shall send a report to the General Observers and the State Election Commission wherever there is prima facie case of auctioning of posts or intimidation of candidates not to file nomination or forcible withdrawal of candidature of other candidates.
4. **The Returning Officers concerned of MPTCs and ZPTCs shall declare the result of unanimous election to the post of MPTC or ZPTC only after obtaining clearance from the Collector & District Election Authority.**
5. In all such cases, the Collector & District Election Authority shall satisfy himself on the voluntary nature of unanimous election before issuing clearance to declare results. In all cases where auctioning or use of undue influence is evidenced, the same should be reported to the State Election Commission for further instructions.

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

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

To

All the Collectors & District Election Authorities for information.

All the Returning Officers of MPTCs and ZPTCs through C&DEAs.

Copy to:

All the Election Observers through C&DEAs for information.

All the CEOs of ZPP/Liaison Officers and MPDOs through C&DEAs for necessary action.

The CPR &RE and EA for follow up action.

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N. Jayasree
Joint Secretary
28/4/19