

**TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**DIRECTIVE**

**No.315/TSEC-PR/2018**

**Dated:01.06.2018**

- Sub: TSEC – Elections – Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats, 2018 –  
Updation of Gram Panchayat electoral rolls – Directions – Issued – Reg.
- Ref : 1. TSEC Notification No.195/TSEC-PR/2018, Dtd: 20.04.2018.  
2. TSEC Circular No. 177/TSEC-PR/2018, Dtd: 19.04.2018.  
3. TSEC Lr. No. 135/TSEC-PR/2018, Dtd: 01.05.2018.

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In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the State Election Commission issued Notification for preparation and publication of ward-wise electoral rolls of Gram Panchayats by adopting latest Assembly Electoral Rolls published w.r.t. 01.01.2018 as qualifying date for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats, 2018. As per the given schedule the Electoral Rolls of the Gram Panchayats were published on 17.05.2018 by the District Panchayat Officers concerned.

The State Election Commission is contemplating to issue Notification for conduct ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats in the State shortly.

As per the provisions of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and preparation and publication of Electoral Rolls Rules, 2018 issued thereunder, after publication of ward-wise Electoral Rolls of Gram Panchayat concerned, any inclusions or deletions or corrections in the Assembly constituencies concerned ordered by the Electoral Registration Officers under continuous revision under Sections 22 or 23 of the RP Act, 1950, shall be carried out in the respective ward of the GPERs concerned as a supplement sheet. Procedural instructions were already given vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited.

Generally complaints are received from the general public and public representatives about missing of names in the voter's list, refusal to carry out inclusion in periods other than during summary revision or intensive revision, pending enquiry in E-filing of voter registration and Aadhar seeding etc. The election process is often hampered by litigation on these issues. Many judgements were delivered by the Hon'ble High Court on the subject. The Hon'ble High Court has made a specific observation that even though continuous updation is undertaken under the supervision, direction and control of the Election Commission of India, the State Election Commission is also responsible for processing of applications filed under continuous

revision from the date of publication of ward-wise Gram Panchayat electoral roll (duly adopting Assembly Electoral Roll) till the date of issue of election notification in view of the fact that Article 243-K of the Constitution of India cast the responsibility of preparation and publication of electoral roll of the local bodies on the State Election Commission. There were instances in the local body elections, where applications for inclusions/deletions were processed but final orders were not passed before the deadline fixed by the SEC giving scope for litigation which made the SEC to pass orders invoking its plenary powers under article 243K to process and pass final orders on those applications where the election process was underway.

The process contemplated under sections 22 or 23 of the RP Act, 1950 is continuous in nature and it is a real challenge for the Electoral Registration Officers to process all applications filed and pass suitable orders on the same. The Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 issued thereunder and the provisions of RP Act stipulate the procedure for processing of applications filed under Sections 22 or 23 of the RP Act 1950. Under Rule 16 of Registration of Electors Rules 1960, the Electoral Registration Officer concerned has to maintain a list of claims and objections received by him under Section 22 and 23 of the RP Act, and keep one copy of such list exhibited on the notice board of his office. Under rule 18 of the said rules, if the Electoral Registration Officer is satisfied as to the validity of the claim or objection, he may allow it without further enquiry after the expiry of one week from the date on which it is entered in the list exhibited by him under clause (b) of Rule 16. Provided that where before any such claim or objection has been allowed, a demand for inquiry has been made in writing to the registration officer by any person, it shall not be allowed without further inquiry.

The State Election Commission carefully considered the issue and decided to put in place a systematic mechanism to streamline the processing of applications within a fixed time frame before the issue of election notification in order to eliminate the scope for complaints and litigation.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243-K of the Constitution of India and all other provisions enabling thereto, the State Election Commissioner, Telangana hereby, issues the following directions to the District Election Authorities and EROs of Assembly Constituencies for further action in the matter -

- i) Wide publicity be given in print and electronic media advising the eligible citizens to make use of the opportunity of inclusion, deletion or corrections in Electoral Rolls well before the impending notification by the Telangana State Election Commission.
- ii) All applications filed under continuous revision from **25.03.2018 to till to the date of Election Notification to be issued by the State Election Commission** shall be disposed off expeditiously.
- iii) Availability of Booth Level Officers at polling stations also affords an opportunity for the EROs to expedite the enquiry into the claims.
- iv) Orders passed by the Electoral Registration Officers shall be communicated to the applicants concerned either by RPAD or certificate of posting or by service in person duly keeping the acknowledgements obtained from the parties in safe-custody so as to produce the same before any court of law wherever required.
- v) All inclusions, deletions and corrections carried in the Assembly Constituency Electoral Rolls (Hard copies of the Photo Electoral Rolls of those supplements) shall be communicated by the EROs falling under their jurisdiction of Gram Panchayats concerned to the District Panchayat Officers once the election notification issued by the State Election Commission.
- vi) With a view to dispose of applications filed under continuous updation, furnish ERO wise total number applications pending in your District from **25.03.2018 to 31.05.2018** in the following proforma (I) to the State Election Commission so as to enable the Commission to review the subject in view of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayat, 2018.
- vii) Further, a daily report shall be sent by the Collector/DEA concerned to the Commissioner PR & RE and Election Authority, Telangana and who inturn shall send a consolidated report to the State Election Commission, Telangana without fail on the processing of the applications filed under continuous revision in the following proforma (II) starting from **01.06.2018.**
- viii) Grievance cell-cum-control room may be opened in the office of each ERO to attend to any complaint regarding electoral related issues.

- ix) Wide publicity should be given in the local press and electronic media about these directions of the State Election Commission and a copy of this directive shall be extended to all the local units of recognized as well as registered political parties.

**(THIS HAS APPROVAL OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)**

**SD/- M. ASHOK KUMAR  
SECRETARY**

**To**

1. The Election Authority & Commissioner PR & RE, Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. All the Collectors & District Election Authorities in the State (except Hyderabad).
3. All the EROs of the Assembly Constituencies in the State through the concerned District Election Authorities concerned.

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Secretary to Govt., PR & RD Department, Telangana., Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner, Public Relations and Information, Hyderabad with a request to give wide publicity in the matter.
3. All the recognized as well as registered political parties with a request to ensure early and expeditious filing of claims/objections if any before the Electoral Registration Officers of Assembly Constituencies concerned by the individuals concerned.

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*M. Jayachandrababu*  
*01/06/18*  
**JOINT SECRETARY**

**I. CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON DISPOSAL OF APPLICATIONS FILED FOR INCLUSIONS/DELETIONS**

**From 25.03.2018 to 31.05.2018**

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total no. of Applications received for inclusions or deletions or corrections				Total no. of Applications Received	No. of Applications Disposed				Total no. of Applications Disposed	No. of Applications Pending as on 31.05.2018				Total no. of Applications Pending	Percentage as on 31.05.2018		
		Form-6	Form-7	Form-8	Form-8A		Form-6	Form-7	Form-8	Form-8A		Form-6	Form-7	Form-8	Form-8A		Filing of Claims	Applications Disposed	Applications Pending
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

**II. CONSOLIDATED DAILY REPORT ON DISPOSAL OF APPLICATIONS FILED FOR INCLUSIONS/DELETIONS**

**Date:**

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of Applications received for inclusions or deletions or corrections till to date				Total no. of Applications Received till to date	No. of Applications Disposed				Total no. of Applications Disposed till to date	No. of Applications Pending as on today				Total no. of Applications Pending as on today	Percentage of as on today		
		Form-6	Form-7	Form-8	Form-8A		Form-6	Form-7	Form-8	Form-8A		Form-6	Form-7	Form-8	Form-8A		Filing of Claims	Applications Disposed	Applications Pending
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