

**TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**Lr. No.2035/TSEC-L/2019**

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**PRESS NOTE**

The Commission noticed that, in last two phases of elections some misguided persons are taking their mobile phones inside the polling booths and taking photos of voted ballot paper and sharing in the social media, considering the breach of secrecy as a mini-adventure.

In this context the Commission considers that, it is necessary to bring the repercussions of the breach of secrecy in terms of prosecution and sentences to the notice of voters. Breach of secrecy of vote attracts to following sections of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018.

**222. Penalty for failure to observe procedure for voting:-**If an elector, to whom a ballot paper has been issued, refuses to observe the procedure prescribed for voting, the ballot paper issued to him shall be liable for cancellation.

**234. Penalty for offences not otherwise provided for:-** Whoever does any act in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or of any rule, notification or order made, issued or passed, thereunder and not otherwise provided for in this Act shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment which may extend to two years and with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.

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

**To**

1. All the Collectors & District Election Authorities for intimating Print and Electronic Media & Radio Services.
2. The Commissioner of Information and Public Relations for giving wide publicity in the print and electronic media.

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**Joint Secretary**  
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