

ELECTIONS / URGENT

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

NOTIFICATION

No.363/TSEC-PR/2019-10

Date:30.01.2019

Whereas, in reference No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01.01.2019 the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats in three phases in the State.

And whereas, the Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat of Pudur Mandal in Vikarabad District is notified for election in Phase-III.

And whereas, as per the election schedule notified in the Annexure-I appended to the Notification No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01.01.2019, the date of poll of Gram Panchayats notified in Phase-III of Election is from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M on 30.01.2019.

And whereas, in Lr.No. 671/2017-D(Pts), dated 30.1.2019, the Collector and District Election Authority, Vikarabad District reported that, in the polling station of Ward No.7 of Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat of Pudur Mandal, a women by name Kamli Bai with different ID was allowed by polling personnel to cast vote and the polling agents also did not object her to cast vote. Later genuine voter by name Gamli Bai came to polling station to vote. As her vote had already been cast by another person, the Presiding Officer issued tender vote to her and she cast tendered vote. Out of total 164 votes in ward no. 7 of the said Gram Panchayat 139 votes were polled.

Whereas, the report of the Collector and District Election Authority, Vikarabad District reveals that, the following grave irregularities took place in the conduct of poll process of Ward Member of Ward No. 7 and Sarpanch in the polling station of Ward No.7 of Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat:

1. There was impersonation in the polling station of Ward No.7 facilitated by non identification of voter and allowing voter to cast vote with different identification document against to the clear instructions of the SEC issued in Order No. 173/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 21.5.2018.
2. The polling agents did not object to the impersonation indicates either collusion among them or appointment of ineligible persons as polling agents.

And whereas, the State Election Commission, after careful examination of the matter and taking all material circumstances into account, decided that grave irregularities took place in the poll process of polling station of Ward No.7 of Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat and it comes under the scope of Sections 230(1)(c) and 230(2) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and re-notify fresh poll for the office of Ward No. 7 and also Sarpanch in that ward of Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under article 243 K of the Constitution of India and Sections 230 (1)(c) and 230(2)(a) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, the State Election Commission, hereby, declares the poll conducted for the office of Ward member of Ward No.7 and also Sarpanch in that ward of Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat of Puduru Mandal in Vikarabad District on 30.01.2019 as void and directs that a fresh poll shall be conducted for the office of Ward member of ward No. 7 and Sarpanch in that ward of the said Gram Panchayat on 01.02.2019 from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M duly following the procedure prescribed under Telangana Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2018.

The counting of votes of all offices of Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat shall be taken up only after completion of poll process of ward No. 7 and Sarpanch of that ward.

The election to the office of Upa-Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat shall be conducted only after declaration of results of all offices.

The date of fresh poll of Ward No. 7 and Sarpanch in that ward of the said Gram Panchayat shall be informed to all the contesting candidates of that ward and Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat in writing and also to voters of that ward by beat of tom-tom in that ward.

In this election, indelible mark shall be applied on the ring (fourth) finger of left hand.

The Returning Officer concerned shall keep the sealed polled ballot boxes of other wards of the said Gram Panchayat in strong room under safe custody till the completion of poll process of Ward No. 7 and Sarpanch in that ward of the said Gram Panchayat.

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

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

To
The Returning Officer of Tirumalapur Gram Panchayat of Puduru Mandal
through the Collector & District Election Authority, Vikarabad district.
The Collector and District Election Authority, Vikarabad
The District Panchayat Officer, Vikarabad

Copy to
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment and Election Authority for
follow up action.
The General Observer, Vikarabad District.

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N. Jayaram Reddy
Joint Secretary
30/1/19

