

**TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**PRESS NOTE**

The Ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats were conducted in three phases i.e. on 21.01.2019, 25.01.2019 and 30.01.2019. As per provisions of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act and Rules issued thereunder, every candidate shall submit account of election expenses within 45 days from the date of declaration of results to the concerned MPDO. The 45 days for the first phase of election will expire on 06.03.2019, for the second phase on 10.03.2019 and for the third phase on 15.03.2019. The candidate who fails to lodge an account of election expenses within stipulated time of 45 days and in the manner required will be disqualified to contest in elections to Panchayat Raj Bodies for 3 years and in case of elected candidates, they will cease to hold office in addition to disqualification to contest for 3 years.

Every candidate who filed nomination irrespective of whether he/she has withdrawn or unanimously elected shall submit election expenditure for the period from the date of filing of nomination to the date of declared as elected on the day of counting or unanimously elected, as the case may be. Even, if he/she did not incur any money, he/she has to file election expenditure accounts as nil.

The expenditure accounts shall be in the format prescribed and also to be absolutely true.

Therefore, all the candidates who filed nomination in the Gram Panchayat elections, who did not submit final returns of election expenditure are informed to submit final returns of election expenditure with the MPDOs within 45 days from the date of declaration of results. In turn the MPDOs shall publish the return of expenditure accounts submitted by the candidates on his/her notice board.

Anyone can obtain a copy of Expenditure returns filed by the contested candidates from the office of the MPDO on payment of cost of Xerox copies if they desire so. They can also file objections, if any on the contents of the returns filed by the contested candidates with the evidences to the Expenditure Observers during their visit to the districts.

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**Secretary, TSEC**

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