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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER & COLLECTOR, MEDAK

Lr.No. H1/2331/2023-4

Date: 26-11-2023

To  
The Mobile Service Provider,

Medak District.

Sir,

Sub : Elections - General Elections to TSLA, 2023 scheduled to be held on 30.11.2023 - Prohibition on transmission of Unauthorized Bulk SMSs during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll i.e., from 05:00 Pm on 28.11.2023 to 05:00 PM on 30.11.2023 - ECI instructions - Communicated - Regarding

Ref : CEO, Telangana Memo No. 5087/Elecs. A/A1/2023, Dt. 25.11.2023.

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I invite attention to the reference cited, wherein the CEO & Principal Secretary to Govt. Telangana has communicated certain instructions issued by ECI with regard to the Prohibition on transmission of Unauthorized Bulk SMSs during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll i.e., from 05:00 Pm on 28.11.2023 to 05:00 PM on 30.11.2023 and the details are as follows;

The Election Commission of India has instructed to take action in enforcing Prohibition on transmitting Bulk SMSs of political nature during the period of **48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll i.e., from 05:00 Pm on 28.11.2023 to 05:00 PM on 30.11.2023.**

Further, it is requested to strictly adhere to the Election Commission of India Instructions while extending the SMS services to the customers; to have a check on the misuse of SMS services for campaign/political adversaries and to furnish the Account of expenditure of all authorized SMSs to this office during the period of **48 hours** ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of Poll i.e., **from 05.00 PM on 28.11.2023 to 05.00 PM on 30.11.2023**, as it is an offence under Section 126 of Representation of the People Act, 1951 and any violation will be taken seriously and appropriate action will be taken under relevant provisions of Election Laws.

Further, in this regard, a special mobile number i.e., **7337340816** has been facilitated wherein the receiver can forward the objectionable SMSs as per the directions issued by the ECI and also to initiate appropriate enquiry and trace back the original sender of such SMSs to take appropriate action under relevant provisions of IPC/RP Act, 1951. In this regard, the DPRO, Medak is requested to give wide publicity of said number in both Print & Electronic Media.

Therefore, it is requested to follow the instructions issued by Election Commission of India Scrupulously.

Any deviation in the matter will be viewed seriously and necessary action will be initiated against the defaulter as per the Election Laws.

Yours faithfully,



District Election Officer &  
Collector, Medak.

Copy to ROs of 34-Medak & 37-Narsapur ACs for necessary action.  
Copy to Superintendent of Police, Medak for information  
Copy to DPRO, Medak for necessary action.  
Copy submitted to the CEO, Telangana for favour of kind information.  
Copy submitted to the General Observer, Medak for favour of kind information.  
Copy to C.C. to Collector, AC (Revenue)/AC (LB)/DRO, Medak.

Most Immediate  
G.E. to TSLA, 2023

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA**  
**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT**  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRKR Bhavan, Near Tank Bund, Hyderabad – 63

No.5087/Elecs.A/A1/2023

Dated:25.11.2023



Subject: Elections – General Elections to Telangana State Legislative Assembly, 2023 scheduled to be held on 30.11.2023 (Thursday) – **Prohibition** of Public meetings / Campaigning during the period of 48 hours ending with hours fixed for conclusion of poll i.e., from **05.00 P.M on 28.11.2023** – ECI Instructions – Regarding.

Ref: 1. ECI, New Delhi, Press Note No.ECI/PN/57/2023, dated 09.10.2023.  
2. ECI, New Delhi, Lr.No.464/INST/2007-PLN-I, dated 08.01.2007.

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The attention of the Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad; all the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State and the Director General of Police, Telangana State is invited to Section 126 of Representation of the People Act, 1951, which clearly specifies that:

- i. No person shall –
  - (a) convene, hold or attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election; or
  - (b) display to the public any election matter by means of Cinematograph, Television or other similar apparatus; or
  - (c) propagate any election matter to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, in any polling area during the period of 48 hours ending with the fixed or the conclusion of the poll for any election in the polling area.
- ii. Any person, who contravenes the provisions of sub-Section (1), shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.
- iii. In this Section, the expression "election matter" means any matter intended or calculated to influence or affect the result of an election.

2. In this regard the Election Commission India, vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited (copy enclosed), has issued clear instructions. They are therefore, requested to ensure that the Section 126 of Representation of the People Act, 1951 should be implemented scrupulously and no campaign shall take place within the Constituency during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the close of poll i.e., from **05.00 PM on 28.11.2023**. Presence of political functionaries / party workers / processionsists / campaign functionaries etc., who have been brought from outside the Constituency and who are not voters of the Constituency, should not continue to remain present in the Constituency as their continued presence after campaign ends may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll.

3. The Commission has further directed that in order to ensure that the above instructions are carried out, the Election administration may take all necessary measures, which may include:

- (i) Checking of Kalyana Mandapams / Community Halls etc where such people are kept/housed and find out whether the outsiders have been accommodated in these premises;

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- (ii) Verification of lodges and guesthouses to keep a track of the list of occupants;
- (iii) Set up Check-Posts in the Constituency/district borders;
- (iv) Verify the identity of the people/group of people in order to find out whether they are voters or not and establish their identity.

4. The District Election Administration / Police Department shall ensure that all such functionaries leave the Constituency immediately after the campaign period is over. They are also requested to bring these instructions to the notice of all political parties, contesting candidates and their agents in order to enable them to scrupulously comply with the instructions of the Commission.

**VIKAS RAJ**  
**CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &**  
**E.O. PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad (w.e)  
All the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State (w.e)  
The Director General of Police, Telangana State, Hyderabad (w.e)

**Copy to:**

The Returning Officers of all the Assembly Constituencies in the State (w.e)  
(through concerned District Election Officer),  
All recognized National & State Political Parties of Telangana (w.e)  
(with a request to intimate to all their cadre and contesting candidates of their Party)  
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

*K. Rama Sekhri*  
SECTION OFFICER  
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# Election Commission of India

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001

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No. 464/INST/2007-PLN-I

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2007

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and UTs

**Sub: Restrictions on presence of political functionaries in a Constituency after the campaign period is over.**

Sir,

Under Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, in the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of poll, the campaign will come to an end.

2. During the course of campaign in bye-election, the political parties mobilize their supporters, including from outside the constituency of poll, in order to bolster that campaign. In view of the fact that after the closure of campaign period no campaign can take place within the constituency, presence of political functionaries / party workers / procession functionaries / campaign functionaries etc., who have been brought from outside the constituency and who are not voters of the constituency, should not continue to remain present in the constituency as their continued presence after campaign ends may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll.

3. Hence the Commission has directed that after the campaign period is over, the district election administration / police administration shall ensure that all such functionaries leave the constituency immediately after the campaign period is over. This shall be brought to the notice of all political parties, candidates and their agents in order to enable them to comply.

4. The Commission further directs that in order to ensure that the above instruction is carried out, the election administration / police administration may take all necessary measures which may include:

1. Checking of kalyan mandapams / community halls etc., where such people are kept housed and find out whether the outsiders have been accommodated in these premises.
2. Verification of lodges and guesthouses to keep a track of the list of occupants.
3. Set up check-posts in the constituency borders and track the vehicular movement from outside the constituency.
4. Verify the identity of the people / group of people in order to find out whether they are voters or not and establish their identity.
5. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned and ensure strict compliance. Action taken in the matter may be informed to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(A.K. Majumdar)  
Secretary