

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

3rd Floor, Buddha Bhavan, M.G. Road, Hyderabad-500003, A.P.

Navin Mittal, IAS
Secretary

Off: 27545350, 27543122
Fax: 27544580, 27544428
Email: secy.apsec@gmail.com
Website: www.apsec.gov.in

Lr.No. 882/SEC-B2/2013

Date: 07.07.2013

To

**All the Collectors and District Election Authorities.
All the District Panchayat Officers.**

Sir/Madam,

- Sub:- Elections – 4th ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats – Conduct of Gram Sabhas from 08.07.2013 to 20.7.2013 to read out action taken reports on the petitions received during Revenue Sadassulu – Clarification issued – Reg.
- Ref: 1. Fax Msg.No.Rc.515/2013/H3, dt.6.7.2013 from Collector, Vizianagaram.
2. Fax Msg.No.Rc.E2/2506/2013,dt.6.7.2013 from Collector,Ananthapuramu

* * *

In the references cited, the Collectors and District Election Authorities of Vizianagaram and Ananthapuramu Districts sought a clarification as to whether Gram Sabhas can be conducted from 08.07.2013 to 20.7.2013 to read out action taken report on the petitions received during Revenue Sadassulu as instructed by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad as Model Code of Conduct is in force now and remains so till the completion of election process of Gram Panchayats.

In this connection, it is clarified that the State Election Commission has advised the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration that the Gram Sabhas should not be conducted in the Gram Panchayats during the election period for the following reasons.

1. The Model Code of Conduct is already in force.
2. The Panchayat Raj and Revenue authorities at the field level, who have to be involved for conduct of Gram Sabhas, are engaged in election work. They cannot be spared for any work other than election work till the completion of election process.
3. Conduct of Gram Sabhas during the election period may give scope for prospective candidates to use it as a platform to indulge in election propaganda.
4. It may create law and order problem in the politically volatile environment.

You may take action accordingly.

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

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Navin Mittal
Secretary

// Attested //


Joint Secretary