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Lr.No. 882/SEC-B2/2013

Date: 02.01.2014

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

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- Elections to Gram Panchayats – Notification issued on 01.01.2014 for conduct of elections to left over and casual vacancies in 744 Gram Panchayats in the entire State – Model Code of Conduct shall remain in force from 01.01.2014 to 18.01.2014 – Clarification regarding conduct of Gram Sabhas in the Gram Panchayats notified for election – Reg.

Ref: 1. SEC Notification No.757/SEC-B2/2013, dated 01.01.2014.  
2. SEC Lr.No.882/SEC-B2/2013, dated 07.07.2013.

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In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of elections to left over and casual vacancies of Sarpanch and Ward Members in 744 Gram Panchayats in the entire State. The Model Code of Conduct came into force with the issue of Election Notification on 01.01.2014 and it will remain in force till the completion of election process on 18.01.2014 within the jurisdiction of 744 Gram Panchayats notified for election.

Some of the Collectors & District Election Authorities and District Panchayat Officers sought a clarification from the Commission as to whether Gram Sabhas can be conducted between 02.01.2014 and 08.01.2014 in pursuance of the orders issued by the Government in G.O.Ms.No.791, General Administration (General / Legislature Coordination) Department, dated 07.11.2013 in the Gram Panchayats notified for election.

During the ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats held in July 2013, the State Election Commission issued a clarification in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited that Gram Sabhas should not be conducted in the Gram Panchayats during the election period (copy enclosed). The clarification issued holds good for the ongoing elections to left over and casual vacancies in 744 Gram Panchayats. In these 744 Gram Panchayats, the Gram Sabhas may be conducted on any date after completion of election process on 18.01.2014.

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

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- Navin Mittal  
Secretary

Copy to The Principal Secretary to Government (PR), P.R. & R.D. Department.  
Copy to The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, AP, Hyderabad.

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To

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Sir/Madam,

Sub:- Elections – 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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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

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