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To

**The Collectors & District Election Authorities**  
(Except Hyderabad).

Sir/Madam,

Sub: State Election Commission – 4<sup>th</sup> ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats – Certain issues emerged in the meeting convened by the Commission with the Senior Officials of Panchayat Raj, Finance and Home Departments on 28.6.2013 – Reg.

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The State Election Commission convened a meeting with the Senior Officials of the Panchayat Raj, Finance and Home Departments on 28.6.2013 to discuss some important issues relating to conduct of ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats before issue of election notification by the Commission. Based on the inputs and suggestions given by the Director General of Police and other Senior Police officials in the said meeting, the following instructions are issued to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections.

- 1) It is suggested to deploy officials of Excise Department at the Police Check Posts during the election period to keep a tab on the persons carrying liquor from one place to another with an intent to influence the voters. The Collectors shall make arrangements for such deployment in consultation with the senior district officials of Police and Excise Departments.
- 2) Senior officials of Police Department expressed that joint inspection of all the Polling Stations set up for conduct of elections by the Revenue, Police and Panchayat Raj officials at the Divisional and Mandal level will create an environment that is conducive for smooth conduct of elections. Therefore, all the Collectors shall take steps for the joint inspections of all Polling Stations by Revenue, Police and Panchayat Raj officials.
- 3) In the Maoist affected border villages, Polling parties and Police parties shall move independently to reach their respective destinations for conduct of Gram Panchayat elections. The Polling party will go independently to the assigned Polling Station. The Police party will provide cover to the Polling party without moving jointly with them as per the plans drawn out by the Police Department. This will ensure the safety of the Polling personnel and also enable the Police department to chalk out its own strategy to make adequate bandobust arrangements based on their assessment. The Collectors and senior district Police officials are requested to take necessary steps accordingly.

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- 4) To draw bandobust plans at State level and to arrive at scale of deployment as suggested by the Commission, the Addl. DGP (Law & Order) requested the Commission to provide number of routes and also number of polling stations locations. Therefore, all the Collectors are requested to furnish information on these two issues in the following proforma.

| S.No. | Name of the District | No. of Gram Panchayats going to poll | No. of Wards going to poll | No. of Polling Stations | No. of Polling Station locations | No. of Routes |
|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
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- 5) The elections are now held in each Panchayat to elect their representatives to run the administration of the Gram Panchayat and to take care of the basic amenities and welfare of the Gram Panchayat. The elections are held on non-party basis. The Collectors may conduct awareness campaign through Press and Electronic media urging the voting public to keep aside political affiliations and participate in Gram Panchayat elections in a peaceful environment.

All the Collectors are requested to take necessary steps as mentioned above and also send information to the Commission on polling station locations and routes immediately.

Yours faithfully,  
**Sd/- Navin Mittal**  
**Secretary**

Copy to:

- The Principal Secretary to Government (PR), PR & RD Department.  
The Addl. Director General of Police (Law & Order), O/o. DGP, Hyderabad.  
The Addl. Director General of Police (Intelligence), Hyderabad.  
The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise Department.  
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment.  
The Director (Enforcement), O/o. Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise Dept.  
All the Superintendents of Police, Superintendents of Police (Urban) and Commissioners of Police having jurisdiction over rural areas.  
All the Dy. Commissioners of Prohibition and Excise Department in all districts.  
All the District Panchayat Officers.

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**Joint Secretary**