

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Buddha Bhavan, M.G. Road, Secunderabad – 500 003, A.P.

**ORDER**

**Lr.No.419/SEC-B2/2011,**

**Date: 13.07.2013**

Sub: State Election Commission – 4<sup>th</sup> ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats - Disclosure of information relating to Criminal antecedents, assets and liabilities and educational qualification along with nomination papers by the candidates – Common format prescribed by the Commission – **Information against Item No. (1) to be struck down in Gram Panchayat elections** - Reg.

Ref: SEC Order No.588/SEC-F1/2011, dated 20.12.2011.

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In the reference cited, the State Election Commission prescribed a common format of self-declaration (Annexure-II) to be filed by every candidate contesting for the office of Member, Municipality/Nagar Panchayat; Member, MPTC/ZPTC; and Sarpanch and Ward Members of Gram Panchayat along with the nomination papers.

The elections to Gram Panchayat are held on 'non-party' basis and elections to all other local bodies are held on 'party' basis. Item (1) of the said format relates to offices held on 'party' basis reads as under:

***(1) I am a candidate set up by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the political party) / am contesting as an Independent candidate.***

**This item is not applicable to the candidates contesting for Sarpanch and Ward Members in Gram Panchayat elections, which are held on non-party basis.**

In most of the districts, this item was struck down by the administrative machinery / Returning Officers before supplying the format to the candidates intending to contest elections. It has come to the notice of the Commission that in some places, the format was supplied to candidates without striking down the above mentioned Item No. (1).

**All the Returning Officers are, hereby, directed to strike down Item No.(1) of the format before supplying them to candidates. The candidates also need not fill information under Item No. (1), if it is not struck down in the format supplied to them. If any candidate already disclosed information in the format supplied to him/her without striking Item No. (1), the information disclosed by such person against Item No.(1) shall be ignored by the Returning Officer.**

**All the Collectors & DEAs shall communicate this order to all the Returning Officers immediately.**

**Sd/- P. Ramakanth Reddy  
State Election Commissioner**

To  
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.  
All the District Panchayat Officers.  
All the Returning Officer (through Collectors & DEAs concerned).

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**Joint Secretary**