

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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

CIRCULAR

No. 1273/SEC-B1/2014

Date: 26.04.2014

Sub: Ordinary Elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs 2014 – Counting of votes scheduled on 13.05.2014 - Counting of votes can take place at the Divisional headquarters or erstwhile Taluq headquarters or Assembly Constituency headquarters or Mandal headquarters as deemed convenient by the Collectors & DEAs in consultation with SPs/CPs - Reg.

Ref: 1. SEC Lr.No. 78/SEC-F1/2014, dated 11.04.2014.
2. SEC Notification No. 222/SEC-B1/2014-3, dated 21.04.2014.

The State Election Commission issued instructions for preservation of polled Ballot Boxes of MPTC/ZPTC elections at the Divisional headquarters or at other suitable places up to the time of counting of votes. Further, security measures to be taken at the time of transporting polled Ballot Boxes and also at the strong rooms were given in the reference 1st cited.

In the references 2nd cited, the Commission notified that counting of votes and declaration of results shall take place on 13.05.2014 in respect of all MPTCs and ZPTCs for which polls were conducted.

Some of the Collectors & District Election Authorities sought a clarification as to places at which counting of votes shall be taken up.

The State Election Commission, after careful consideration of the matter, clarify that counting of votes of MPTCs and ZPTCs may be taken up on 13.05.2014 at the Divisional headquarters or erstwhile Taluq headquarters or Assembly Constituency headquarters or Mandal headquarters as may be considered convenient by the Collectors & District Election Authorities concerned in consultation with Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police concerned.

Wherever transportation of polled Ballot Boxes is required from the strong room to the counting centre decided by the Collectors & DEAs, the following measures shall be taken.

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- a) Candidates / their representatives shall be informed in writing about the date and time when strong rooms are opened and also when polled Ballot Boxes are transported from strong rooms to the counting centres at the places decided by the Collectors & DEAs.
- b) Candidates and their representatives shall be allowed to follow the vehicles transporting polled Ballot Boxes in vehicles of their own.
- c) Polled Ballot Boxes shall be transported under proper security.

**SD/- NAVIN MITTAL
SECRETARY**

To

All Collectors & District Election Authorities.

All Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police.

All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads.

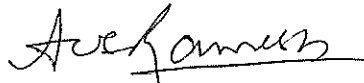
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The Addl. D.G.P. (Law & Order), O/o. DGP.

The Secretary to Government (PR), PR & RD Department.

The EA & Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment.

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JOINT SECRETARY