

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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CIRCULAR

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Sub: State Election Commission – Ordinary elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs 2014 – Preservation of Ballot Papers and other election related documents after completion of counting on 13.05.2014 – Reg.

The counting of votes and declaration of results of MPTC and ZPTC elections is scheduled to take place on 13.05.2014.

Attention of all the Collectors & District Election Authorities is invited to Rule 65 and 66 A.P. Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2006 with regard to sealing and safe custody of used ballot papers and other election related documents after completion of counting of votes and declaration of results of MPTC and ZPTC election on 13.05.2014.

The officer authorised by the Collector & District Election Authority is vested with the responsibility of safe custody of sealed packets containing ballot papers whether counted, rejected or tendered and other election related documents. These packets shall not be opened and their contents shall not be inspected or produced except under the orders of an authority competent to decide election disputes. The officer authorised by the Collector & DEA shall retain those sealed packets relating to MPTC/ZPTC election for a year and shall cause them to be destroyed if there are no election petitions.

In view of the above position, all the Collectors & District Election Authorities are requested to take necessary steps for storage of sealed packets containing ballot papers and other election related material relating to MPTC/ZPTC elections in Government Treasury or Sub-Treasury. However, where adequate space is not available in Government Treasury or Sub-Treasury, the Collectors & DEAs may identify suitable places for their storage and keep them under custody of the officer authorised by the Collector & DEA.

Sd/- Navin Mittal
SECRETARY

To

All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.

All the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads.

All the Returning Officers (through Collectors & DEAs concerned).

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Joint Secretary