

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**CIRCULAR**

**No. 1377/SEC-B1/2014-1**

**Date: 07.07.2014**

Sub:- 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary elections to MPPs and ZPPs - Instances of altercations between members of different parties, commotion and disturbances disrupting the special meetings convened for conduct of indirect elections - Special measures ordered to be taken in 4 MPPs and 2 ZPPs - Authorising Collectors & DEAs to take similar measures in other MPPs where elections are taking place on 13.7.2014 / 14.7.2014 in case there is any anticipation or apprehension of trouble, disturbance and disruption of proceedings of special meeting - Reg.

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The State Election Commission issued orders on 26.6.2014 for conduct of indirect elections to the offices of Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of Mandal Praja Parishads on 04.7.2014 and Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishads on 05.7.2014.

It was brought to the notice of the Commission that in certain MPPs (Agiripally MPP in Krishna District, Devarapalli MPP in West Godavari District, Muppala MPP in Guntur District, Addanki MPP in Prakasam District) and ZPPs (SPSR Nellore ZPP and Prakasam ZPP), the special meeting was disrupted by some members indulging in altercations, commotion and disturbance and also obstructing the Presiding Officer from discharging the statutory public function of conducting the elections to the offices of Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of MPP or Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of ZPP as per the schedule fixed by the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in relevant election rules. In some cases, the Presiding Officers were also manhandled and abused by some members. These instances were widely reported in press and also electronic media and also complaints were filed by some individuals and parties.

The Commission took a serious view of the matter and decided to take special measures to curb recurrence of such unwarranted disruptive activities which mar the free, fair and peaceful conduct of election process.

The Commission issued orders on 05.7.2014 and on 07.7.2014 to conduct special meetings on 13.7.2014 / 14.7.2014 in all the MPPs and ZPPs where the election process for the said offices could not be conducted earlier on 04.7.2014 and 05.7.2014.

The Commission directed the Collectors and District Election Authorities and Superintendents of Police of Krishna, West Godavari, Guntur, Prakasam and SPSR Nellore Districts to take the following special measures to ensure smooth conduct of indirect elections to the said 4 MPPs and 2 ZPPs on 13.7.2014 or 14.7.2014, as the case may be.


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- 1) Competent and experienced officers have to be appointed as Presiding Officers for conduct of indirect elections to Agiripally MPP in Krishna District, Devarapalli MPP in West Godavari District, Muppala MPP in Guntur District, Addanki MPP in Prakasam District.
- 2) Barricading shall be done inside the venue of the special meeting so that the Presiding Officers cannot be obstructed from discharging his responsibilities and the elected members belonging to different political parties and the ex-officio members can be seated separately within their allocated spaces without indulging in altercations and disturbance.
- 3) Adequate bandobust arrangement shall be made in and around the venue of the special meeting to prevent any disturbances. Any person indulging in unlawful activities and obstructing the Presiding Officer in conducting the election process shall be restrained, taken out of the meeting hall and prosecution shall be launched as per relevant sections of various enactments.
- 4) Entire proceedings of the special meeting shall be videographed as already instructed in the earlier circular and the video tapes or CDs shall be sent to the Commission after completion of the meeting.

**The State Election Commission hereby authorises the Collectors & District Election Authorities having jurisdiction over other MPPs where elections are taking place on 13.7.2014 / 14.7.2014 to take similar measures in case they are apprehending any trouble, disturbance and disruption of proceedings of special meetings scheduled on the said dates.**

**The Commission also directs the Collectors & DEAs and Superintendents of Police to launch prosecution against any person who may indulge in obstructing the Presiding Officers from discharging statutory public function of conducting election to MPPs scheduled on 13.7.2014 / 14.7.2014 under Section 186, 187 and 189 of IPC, 1860 and other enactments and send a report to the Commission thereon immediately.**

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

  
**SECRETARY**

To

All Collectors & District Election Authorities in Andhra Pradesh State.

All Superintendents of Police in Andhra Pradesh State.

All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads in Andhra Pradesh State.

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