

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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CIRCULAR

No. 1377/SEC-B1/2014-2

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Sub:- 4th 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 - Authorisation to Collectors & DEAs to take special measures in MPPs where elections are taking place on 13.7.2014 / 14.7.2014 in case they are apprehending any trouble, disturbance and disruption of proceedings of special meeting - Reg.

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.

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 ZPP, Ranga Reddy and in MPPs in various districts in Telangana State where the election process for the said offices could not be conducted earlier on 04.7.2014 and 05.7.2014.

The State Election Commission hereby authorises the Collectors & District Election Authorities having jurisdiction over ZPP, Ranga Reddy and MPPs where elections are taking place on 13.7.2014 / 14.7.2014 to take following measures in case they are apprehending any trouble, disturbance and disruption of proceedings of special meetings scheduled on the said dates to ensure free, fair, orderly and smooth conduct of elections.

- 1) Competent and experienced officers have to be appointed as Presiding Officers for conduct of indirect elections to MPPs.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 5) Prosecution shall be launched and cases shall be booked 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 a report shall be sent to the Commission immediately.

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


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To
All Collectors & District Election Authorities in Telangana State.
All Superintendents of Police in Telangana State.
All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads in Telangana State.
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