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To

**All Collectors & District Election Authorities.**

Sir/Madam,

Sub: 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Elections to MPTCs/ZPTCs 2014 – Postal Ballot Paper – Request for extending last date for acceptance of applications in Form XIV and delivery of Postal Ballot Papers to employees on election duty for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Poll scheduled on 11.04.2014 – Reg.

Ref: 1. SEC Circular No.574/SEC-B1/2014-1, dated 24.03.2014.  
2. SEC Circular No.574/SEC-B1/2014-5, dated 01.04.2014.

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In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, a schedule was given for acceptance of applications in Form XIV by employees on election duty, delivery of Postal Ballot Paper by RO/ARO concerned and receipt of covers containing Postal Ballot Papers. This schedule was given as per the earlier election schedule where date of poll was notified as 06.04.2014 (single phase). Subsequently, another Notification was issued by the Commission altering the date of poll to provide for two phase poll on 06.04.2014 and 11.04.2014.

In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, keeping in view the dates notified for two phases of poll, the outer limit for acceptance of application in Form XIV and delivery of Postal Ballot Papers to the employees drafted on election duty was extended. The outer limit for acceptance of applications for Postal Ballot Papers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase was indicated as on or before 05.04.2014.

Now, it is brought to the notice of the Commission by some employees drafted as Other Polling Officers that they were served with appointment orders of election duty for 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase today and requested for extension of time for acceptance of application for Postal Ballot Papers and issue of Postal Ballot Papers so as to enable them to cast their vote by Postal Ballot Papers. Some CEOs of ZPPs also confirmed that appointment orders are issued to some Other Polling Officers after 05.04.2014.

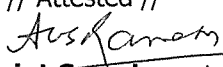
In view of the above, the outer limit for acceptance of applications for Postal Ballot Papers in Form XIV and delivery of Postal Ballot Papers to such applicants drafted on election duty for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase is further extended as shown below. This extended schedule is applicable to Police personnel also drafted on election duty for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase.

S.No.	Activity	2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase of Poll
1.	Acceptance of applications in Form XIV by voters on election duty by Returning Officer of MPTC election and Assistant Returning Officer of ZPTC election	On or before 09.04.2014
2.	Delivering Postal Ballot Paper and Forms to the voters on election duty in person by such RO/ARO	On or before 10.04.2014

It was already mentioned in the Notification dated 29.03.2014 that the date of counting of votes of MPTC/ZPTC elections will be notified later. As per Rule 31 of A.P.P.R. (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2006, all the Postal Ballot Papers received by the RO/ARO before the hour fixed for commencement of counting of votes are to be kept in safe custody and taken up for counting on the date and time to be notified for conduct of counting process.

Yours faithfully,  
**Sd/- Navin Mittal**  
**Secretary**

Copy to all Chief Executive Officers of ZPPs.

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**Joint Secretary**