

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

**No. 790/SEC-B1/2014**

**Date: 01.04.2014**

Sub: State Election Commission – 4<sup>th</sup> ordinary elections to MPTCs/ZPTCs – Restrictions on presence of political functionaries in the polling areas concerned after the campaign period is over – Reg.

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Under Section 214 of A.P. Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, during the period of forty-eight hours prior to the hour fixed for conclusion of poll, no campaign shall take place. The prohibitory period in connection with the ongoing MPTC/ZPTC elections is indicated in the table below.

<b>Phase of Poll</b>	<b>Date of Poll</b>	<b>Prohibitory Period</b>	<b>Area of operation</b>
1st Phase	06.04.2014 (From 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM)	From 5:00 PM on 04.04.2014 to 5:00 PM on 06.04.2014	All Mandals notified for poll in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
2nd Phase	11.04.2014 (From 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM)	From 5:00 PM on 09.04.2014 to 5:00 PM on 11.04.2014	All Mandals notified for poll in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase.

During the course of campaign, the candidates mobilise their supporters including from outside the Mandal in order to bolster their campaign. In view of the fact that after the closure of campaign period no campaign can take place within the Mandal going for polls, supporters brought from outside including political functionaries, workers, etc., who are not voters of that Mandal should not continue to remain present in the Mandal as their continued presence after campaign ends may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll.

Therefore, the State Election Commission directs that after the campaign period is over, the District administration / Police administration shall ensure that all such outsiders leave the Mandal going for polls immediately after the campaign period is over.

The State Election Commission further directs that in order to ensure that the above instruction is carried out, the District administration / Police administration may take all necessary measures, which include:-

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1. Checking of kalyana mandapams / community halls, etc., where such people are kept housed and find out whether the outsiders have been accommodated in these premises.
2. Verification of lodges and guest houses to keep a track of the list of occupants.
3. Set up check-posts at strategic locations and also track the vehicular movement.
4. Verify the identity of the people / group of people in order to find out whether they are voters of that Mandal or not and establish their identity.

These instructions shall be followed scrupulously to ensure free, fair and peaceful poll.

**Sd/- Navin Mittal**  
**SECRETARY**

To  
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.  
All the Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police.  
All the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads.  
Copy to: All Observers.

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**Joint Secretary**