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To

The Collectors and District Election Authorities of Ananthapur, Chittoor, East Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, Kurnool, Prakasam, SPSR Nellore, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, West Godavari and YSR Districts.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: 4th Ordinary elections to MPPs and ZPPs - Indirect Elections to Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of MPP and Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of ZPP - Scheduled to be held on 04.07.2014 (MPP) and 05.07.2014 (ZPP) - Appointment of Presiding Officers for conduct of indirect elections to MPPs and imparting training to them - Reg.

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.173, PR & RD (Elections & Rules) Dept., dated 10.5.2006.
2. SEC Circular No. 1377/SEC-B1/2014, dated 21.05.2014.
3. SEC Order No. 1515/SEC-B1/2014-1, dated 26.06.2014.
4. SEC Order No. 1515/SEC-B1/2014-2, dated 26.06.2014.

The State Election Commission issued Orders in the references 3rd and 4th cited for conduct of indirect elections to the offices of Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of Mandal Praja Parishads (MPP) on 04.07.2014 and Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishads (ZPP) on 05.07.2014.

The State Election Commission already issued detailed procedural instructions in connection with conduct of indirect elections to the said offices in the reference 2nd cited enclosing all required material including statutory provisions and relevant G.Os.

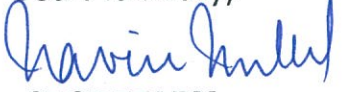
As per relevant rules issued in the G.O. 1st cited, a Gazetted Officer authorised by the Collector & DEA shall conduct indirect election to the offices of Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of MPP. Such authorised officer is called Presiding Officer. The Collectors are requested to appoint experienced and competent officers to act as Presiding Officers for conduct of indirect elections of MPPs. They may be handed over all relevant material and imparted training on a convenient date so as to curtail scope for any deviations from the prescribed procedure leading to complaints as these elections are very crucial and keenly contested by all political parties.

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The Collectors & DEAs are also requested to provide for a level playing field for all the contesting candidates and political parties in these indirect elections eliminating scope for allegations of political bias against the Presiding Officers and Mandal level officers. The Government offices / MPPs / ZPPs and also the Government guest houses are not misused for political meetings and confabulations.

Proper seating and security arrangements shall be made at the venue of the special meetings so as to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections.

Yours faithfully,


SECRETARY

Copy to the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads concerned.