

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
3rd Floor, Buddha Bhavan, M.G. Road, Hyderabad - 500 003.

No. 1515/SEC-B1/2014-12

Date: 16.07.2014

ORDER

The State Election Commission issued Order in Ref.No.1515/SEC-B1/2014-2, dtd.26.6.2014 directing the Collector and District Election Authority, SPSR Nellore to conduct election of Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of SPSR Nellore Zilla Praja Parishad on 05.7.2014 as per the scheduled specified therein. As per the report received from the Presiding Officer and Collector & DEA, SPSR Nellore in Ref.No.P3/1679/2014, dtd.05.7.2014, elections to the said offices could not be conducted due to altercations among the members belonging to different parties, commotion and disturbances creating an atmosphere that was not conducive for holding election.

The State Election Commission again issued orders in Ref.No.1515/SEC-B1/2014-4, dtd.07.7.2014 directing the Collector and DEA, SPSR Nellore to conduct election of Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of SPSR Nellore Zilla Praja Parishad on 13.7.2014 / 14.7.2014 as per the scheduled specified therein.

As per the report received from the Presiding Officer and Collector & DEA, SPSR Nellore in Ref.No.P3/3314/2014, dtd.13.7.2014, at 1:00 PM on 13.7.2014, elected ZPTC members belonging to Telugu Desam Party and YSR Congress Party were present in the meeting hall and seven members belonging to YSR Congress Party stood in the compartment allotted to Telugu Desam Party and there were altercations among the members belonging to two parties and they did not render cooperation to conduct elections. He also stated that the members belonging to Telugu Desam Party even though they were present in the meeting hall did not sign in the attendance register and only 22 members belonging to YSR Congress Party signed the attendance. He also stated that at 3:00 PM the attendance register was verified and since there was no quorum as per the attendance register, the special meeting was postponed and election could not take place.

The reports of the Presiding Officer and Collector & DEA clearly reveal that some vested interests are not allowing the democratic election process to take place to elect Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in two instances on 05.7.2014 and 13.7.2014 creating disturbances and not rendering cooperation to the Presiding Officer who has been patiently sitting for hours together from 1:00 PM till evening to restore normalcy and complete the election process.

The State Election Commission took note of these incidents and developments and decided to exercise its plenary powers under Article 243K of the Constitution of India in order to complete the election process overcoming the situations created by vested interests to delay the election to the said offices and functioning of the SPSR Nellore Zilla Praja Parishad inordinately for their own political ends.

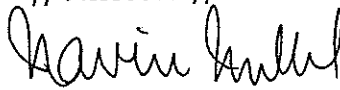
The State Election Commission hereby directs the Collector & DEA, SPSR Nellore to conduct elections to the offices of Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of SPSR Nellore Zilla Praja Parishad in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Andhra Pradesh Conduct of Election of Member (Co-opted), President and Vice-President of Mandal Praja Parishad and Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishad Rules, 2006 and specifies the schedule in the Annexure appended to this order.

The State Election Commission hereby order that the special meeting for the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishad shall be convened at 3:00 PM on 20.7.2014 irrespective of the outcome of the election process notified for the offices of Members (Co-opted) in the schedule appended to this order.

The State Election Commission already issued instructions to undertake videography of the entire proceedings of the special meetings convened for election of Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of SPSR Nellore Zilla Praja Parishad. The presence of members shall be captured in the video record and an officer shall be made incharge of each compartment accommodating elected members and ex-officio members who shall record the names of the members present in the compartment assigned to him and if quorum is fulfilled as per video record and the attendance recorded by officials the special meeting shall be conducted to take up election process. There is no need to obtain the signatures of the members of Zilla Praja Parishad to decide requirement of quorum. Once quorum is fulfilled, the members shall be administered oath *en masse* by giving a copy of the format of oath of allegiance and taking their signatures as a token of acknowledgement for administration of oath. Any member who failed to take oath shall not be allowed to vote in the special meeting. Once quorum is fulfilled, the election process shall be conducted without any interruption even if any member or members leave the venue of the special meeting. Any member disrupting the proceedings or obstructing the Presiding Officer shall be restrained and sent out of the meeting hall to ensure completion of democratic election process.

SD/- P. RAMAKANTH REDDY
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

To
The Collector & District Election Authority, SPSR Nellore District.
Copy to the Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, SPSR Nellore District.

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ANNEXURE

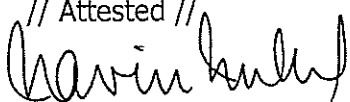
**[Election schedule for conduct of election to Members (Co-opted),
Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson of SPSR Nellore Zilla Praja Parishad]**

1.	Notice to be given in Form-VI by the District Collector, calling for special meetings for conduct of election of Members (Co-opted), Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of SPSR Nellore Zilla Praja Parishad.	On or before 16.07.2014
2.	Date and Time of special meeting and schedule to elect Members (Co-Opted):	
	a) Receipt of Nominations	Before 10.00 AM on 20.07.2014
	b) Scrutiny of Nominations	After 10.00 AM but before 12.00 Noon on 20.07.2014
	c) Publication of list of validly nominated candidates	At 12.00 Noon on 20.07.2014
	d) Time for withdrawal of candidature	Before 1.00 PM on 20.07.2014
	e) Special Meeting for administration of Oath and conduct of election of Members (Co-opted)	At 1.00 PM on 20.07.2014
	f) Publication of Results	Immediately after completion of election
3.	Date and time for Special Meeting for the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishad	At 3.00 PM on 20.07.2014

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Note :

1. Even if election of Members (Co-opted) is not completed, the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishad shall be taken up at 3:00 PM on 20.7.2014. Further, if for any reason election of Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson is not held on 20.7.2014, it shall be held at 3.00 PM on the next day, i.e., 21.07.2014 whether or not it is observed as holiday by the Zilla Praja Parishad concerned.
2. Even those who filed nominations on 13.7.2014 for the office of Members (Co-opted) in pursuance of earlier SEC Order No.1515/SEC-B1/2014-4, dtd.07.7.2014 should file fresh nominations in pursuance of this order.

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