

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

3rd Floor, Buddha Bhavan, M.G. Road, Secunderabad-500003, A.P.

CIRCULAR

No.1272/SEC-F1/2014

Date: 26.04.2014

Sub: Ordinary Elections to Municipal Bodies 2014 – Counting of votes scheduled on 12.05.2014 - Counting of votes can take place at the District headquarters or Divisional headquarters or Urban Local Bodies concerned as may be considered convenient by the Collectors & DEAs in consultation with SPs/CPs - Reg.

Ref: 1. SEC Lr.No. 78/SEC-F1/2014, dated 11.04.2014.
2. SEC Notification No. 85/SEC-F1/2014-7, dated 21.04.2014.
3. SEC Notification No. 86/SEC-F2/2014-4, dated 21.04.2014.

The State Election Commission issued instructions for preservation of polled EVMs of Municipal elections at the District headquarters or at other suitable places up to the time of counting of votes. Further, security measures to be taken at the time of transporting polled EVMs and also at the strong rooms were given in the reference 1st cited.

In the references 2nd and 3rd cited, the Commission notified that counting of votes and declaration of results shall take place on 12.05.2014 in respect of all Municipal Bodies for which elections were notified.

Some of the Collectors & District Election Authorities sought a clarification as to places at which counting of votes shall be taken up.

The State Election Commission, after careful consideration of the matter, clarify that counting of votes of Urban Local Bodies may be taken up on 12.05.2014 at the District headquarters or Divisional headquarters or Urban Local Bodies concerned as may be considered convenient by the Collectors & District Election Authorities concerned in consultation with Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police concerned.

Wherever transportation of polled EVMs is required from the strong room to the counting centre decided by Collectors & DEAs, the following measures shall be taken.

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- a) Candidates / their representatives shall be informed in writing about the date and time when strong rooms are opened and also when polled EVMs are transported from strong rooms to the counting centres at the places decided by the Collectors & DEAs.
- b) Candidates and their representatives shall be allowed to follow the vehicles transporting polled EVMs in vehicles of their own.
- c) Polled EVMs shall be transported under proper security.

**SD/- NAVIN MITTAL
SECRETARY**

To

All Collectors & District Election Authorities.

All Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police.

All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations / Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats.

Copy to:

The Addl. D.G.P. (Law & Order), O/o. DGP.

The Principal Secretary to Government (MA), MA & UD Department.

The EA & Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration.

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JOINT SECRETARY