

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

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**CIRCULAR**

**No. 152/SEC-F1/2014**

**Date: 09.05.2014**

Sub:- Elections – 4<sup>th</sup> ordinary elections to Municipal Bodies 2014 – Closure of liquor shops within the jurisdiction of Urban Local Bodies notified for election on the date of Counting on 12.05.2014 – Reg.

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

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The State Election Commission issued Notifications in the references cited notifying that Counting of votes relating to ordinary elections to (10) Municipal Corporations and (145) Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats shall commence at 8:00 AM on 12.05.2014 (Monday).

In G.O.Rt.No.395, M.A. & U.D.(Elec.I) Dept., 07.03.2014, the Government issued orders authorizing the Collectors & District Election Authorities to issue orders for closure of liquor shops in the Urban Local Bodies notified for election on the day of counting of votes.

The Commission directs that the date of counting of votes, i.e., 12.05.2014 shall be observed as 'dry day' within the jurisdiction of the Urban Local Areas notified for elections.

No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling / serving liquor shall be permitted to sell / serve liquor to anyone whatsoever, on 12.05.2014. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed and the restrictions provided in the Excise Law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

Steps shall be taken to set up special check posts on the outskirts of the urban local bodies notified for election to keep a strict vigil to curb inflow of liquor from the adjoining areas.

All the concerned authorities shall take appropriate and legally effective measures to implement the above prohibition and ensure that free, fair and peaceful environment prevails at the time of counting for smooth completion of election process.

**Sd/- P. Ramakanth Reddy**  
**State Election Commissioner**

To  
All Collectors & District Election Authorities.  
All Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police.  
All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Nagar Panchayats notified for election.  
All Dy. Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise Department.  
Copy to: The Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department.

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**Joint Secretary**