STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

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CIRCULAR

No. 526/SEC-F1/2014

Sub: State Election Commission – 4th Ordinary Elections to Municipal Bodies and MPTCs/ZPTCs - Prohibitory period for campaigning in Urban Local Bodies from 5:00 PM on 28.03.2014 to 5:00 PM on 30.03.2014 - Campaigning for MPTC/ZPTC elections is allowed in rural areas during that time -Clarification - Req.

The State Election Commission issued Notifications for conduct of 4th Ordinary elections to Municipal Bodies on 03.03.2014. Election process is underway in (10) Municipal Corporations and (146) Municipalities and Nagar Panchayats in the State. The poll is scheduled on 30.03.2014. Under Section 600 of GHMC Act, 1955 and Section 343C of A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965, campaigning shall not be done in the polling areas during the prohibitory period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll, i.e., from 5:00 PM on 28.03.2014 to 5:00 P.M. on 30.03.2014.

The ordinary elections to MPTCs and ZPTCs are also simultaneously held as per the schedule notified by the State Election Commission on 10.03.2014. The list of contesting candidates is to be published in respect of all MPTCs/ZPTCs on 24.03.2014 after 3:00 P.M. and poll is scheduled on 06.04.2014. The prohibitory period for campaigning in the polling areas concerned in respect of MPTC/ZPTC elections under Section 214 of A.P. Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 shall be from 5:00 P.M. on 04.04.2014 to 5:00 P.M. on 06.04.2014.

In view of the above position, it is clarified that campaign should not take place in the polling areas of all Urban Local Bodies notified for election from 5:00 P.M. on 28.03.2014 to 5:00 P.M. on 30.03.2014. However, there is no restriction on campaigning in rural areas in connection with MPTC/ZPTC election during that period, i.e., from 5:00 P.M. of 28.03.2014 to 5:00 P.M. of 30.03.2014.

> Sd/- Navin Mittal **SECRETARY**

Date: 22.03.2014

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All Collectors & District Election Authorities.

All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations / Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats concerned.

All the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads.

All Political Parties.

The Press and Electronic Media.

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