

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

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**CIRCULAR**

**No. 678/SEC-F2/2014**

**Date: 28.03.2014**

Sub: 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Elections to Municipal Bodies – Imposition of restrictions on the presence of political functionaries in the limits of municipal areas after the campaign period is over – Instructions issued - Regarding.

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The State Election Commission issued Notifications on 03.03.2014 for conduct of ordinary elections to (10) Municipal Corporations and (146) Municipalities and Nagar Panchayats in the State. The Poll is scheduled on 30.03.2014 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Under section 343-C of Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965 and section 600 of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955, during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of poll, no campaign shall take place in the polling areas concerned. This prohibitory period operates from 5:00 PM on 28.03.2014 up to 5:00 PM on 30.03.2014.

During the course of campaign in elections to urban local bodies, the political parties mobilize their supporters, including from outside the areas notified for election, in order to bolster their campaign. In view of the fact that after the closure of campaign period no campaign can take place within the urban local body notified for election, presence of political functionaries/party workers/ procession functionaries/ campaign functionaries etc., who have been brought from outside and who are not voters of the urban local body concerned, should not continue to remain present in the urban local body notified for election, as their continued presence after campaign ends may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll.

Hence, the State Election Commission, in exercise of powers conferred under Article 243K read with Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, hereby, directs that after the campaign period is over, the district election administration / Police administration shall ensure that all such functionaries leave the urban local body notified for election immediately after the campaign period is over. This shall be brought to the notice of all political parties, candidates and their agents in order to enable them to comply.

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The State Election Commission further directs that in order to ensure that the above instruction is carried out, the election administration/police administration may take all necessary measures which may include:

1. Checking of kalyana mandapams / community halls etc., where such people are kept housed and find out whether the outsiders have been accommodated in these premises.
2. Verification of lodges and guest houses to keep a track of the list of occupants.
3. Set up check-posts in the borders of the urban local bodies notified for election and track the vehicular movement from outside such local bodies. —
4. Verify the identity of the people / group of people in order to find out whether they are voters or not and establish their identity.
5. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned and ensure strict compliance. Action taken in the matter may be informed to the Commission.

**Sd/- Navin Mittal**  
**Secretary**

To

All the Collectors and District Election Authorities

All the Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police.

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

Copy to :-

All Political Parties.

The Press and Electronic Media.

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**Joint Secretary**