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To

All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.
All the Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police.

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- Elections – Conduct of 4th ordinary elections to Municipal Bodies – Preservation of EVMs in pursuance of orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 07.04.2014 to undertake counting after 07.05.2014 instead of 09.04.2014 – Instructions issued – Reg.

Ref: 1. SEC Lr.No.78/SEC-F1/2014, dated 30.03.2014.
2. SEC Lr.No.78/SEC-F1/2014, dated 01.04.2014.
3. SEC Notification No.85/SEC-F1/2014-6, dated 07.04.2014.
4. SEC Notification No.86/SEC-F2/2014-3, dated 07.04.2014.

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I invite your attention to the references cited.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its orders dated 07.04.2014 in SLP (C) No. 9610/2014 directed the State Election Commission to take up the counting of votes and declare the results of Municipal elections after 07.05.2014. Accordingly, the Commission issued Notifications in the references 3rd and 4th cited postponing the counting of votes and declaration of results pertaining to (145) Municipalities and Nagar Panchayats and (10) Municipal Corporations to a date to be notified later which will be any date after 07.05.2014.

In the wake of this development, the following instructions are issued for preservation of EVMs containing polled votes up to the middle of May 2014.

1. The EVMs shall be shifted from the strong rooms in their respective ULBs to the storage points at the District headquarters or at other suitable places identified by the Collectors & DEAs in consultation with SPs/CPs for their preservation.
2. The contesting candidates and the political parties shall be informed about shifting of polled EVMs to the places identified as storage points and they may be permitted to follow the vehicles carrying the EVMs in a separate vehicle of their own, if they so desire.

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3. Suitable floor plans have to be devised in the storage points to systematically preserve the EVMs pertaining to various ward constituencies in different ULBs in each district so as to ensure that EVMs of one constituency / ULB are not mixed up with the others.
4. Adequate number of guards shall be posted round the clock at the storage points ensuring their safety and security. The candidates may be given choice to deploy a representative of his/her choice to be present at the storage points at the time of his convenience to instill confidence in them about safety of the EVMs. Such representatives of the interested candidates may be given identity passes so that no unauthorized person can have access to storage points.
5. Proper lighting shall be arranged at the storage points so that security personnel can guard the area effectively. Precautions may be taken to avert any short circuit or fire accident in the storage points.

All the Collectors & DEAs and Superintendents of Police / Commissioners of Police are requested to take any other measures that will enhance the safety and security around the storage points. The Collectors & DEAs are requested to furnish information on the storage points in their respective districts in the following proforma.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Navin Mittal
SECRETARY

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The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh.

The Addl. Director General of Police (Law & Order).

The Inspector General of Police (Law & Order).

The Election Authority & C & DMA.

The Commissioners of Municipal Corporations/Municipalities/Nagar Panchayats.

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Joint Secretary

PROFORMA

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Names of the Urban Local Bodies	Details of Storage Points
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

