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To
The State President/General Secretary,
All recognized and registered political parties.

Sir,

Sub:- SEC – Conduct of 4th Ordinary elections to Municipal bodies - Preparation and Publication of ward-wise electoral rolls on 25-07-2013 – Verification of the ward-wise electoral rolls and to file claims and objections for inclusion/deletion of names wherever necessary before the concerned Electoral Registration Officer – Request - Regarding.

Ref:- 1. SEC Notification No.1215/SEC-F1/2013-1, dated. 18-07-2013.
2. SEC Notification No.1215/SEC-F1/2013-2, dated. 18-07-2013.

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I wish to inform that in the references 1st and 2nd cited, the State Election Commission issued notifications for preparation and publication of ward-wise photo electoral rolls in respect of 17 Municipal Corporations and 154 Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats as indicated in the annexure I & II appended to this letter. The electoral rolls will be published on 25-07-2013.

As per the provisions of the Section 12 of GHMC Act, 1955 and Section 11 of APM Act, 1965 and rules issued thereunder the latest electoral rolls of the Assembly Constituencies published on 15-01-2013 with reference to 01-01-2013 as qualifying date, are adopted *in toto* for preparation and publication of ward-wise electoral roll of Municipal Corporations and Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats.

The said provisions do not provide for direct inclusion of name into the electoral rolls or deletion of any name from the electoral rolls. Any person who wishes to lodge any claim for inclusion of his/her name or any objection to the inclusion of a name or any objection to the particulars in any entry in the ward-wise photo electoral roll, shall first get such claim or objection settled with reference to the corresponding entry in the electoral roll of the Assembly Constituency concerned by lodging suitable claim or objection under the provision of Representation of People Act, 1950, and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, made thereunder before the concerned Electoral Registration Officer of the Assembly Constituency. Such claims and objections can be lodged either with the Electoral Registration Officer or Assistant Electoral Registration Officer. All orders of inclusions, deletions or corrections in the electoral rolls of the Assembly Constituency issued on the basis of such claims and objections by the Electoral Registration Officer **till the date of issue of election notification by the State Election Commission** for the municipal bodies will be duly carried out in the respective ward-wise photo electoral rolls by the Commissioner of concerned Urban Local Body.

You are aware that during recent elections held for A.P. Legislative Assembly / House of people / local bodies, certain political parties and individuals complained that, there were certain discrepancies in electoral rolls, such as missing of names of

eligible electors, inclusion of ineligible electors, dead persons etc., It is also noticed that on the poll day some people complain stating that they have EPICs in their possession but their names were not found in the electoral roll. Mere possession of EPIC shall not entitle them the right to vote and in this regard all the political parties are requested to advise the public to ensure that their name is included in the electoral rolls.

Therefore, the State Election Commission hereby appeals to all the political parties to verify the ward-wise photo electoral rolls to be published on 25-07-2013 by the concerned Commissioners of Municipal Corporations and Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats with reference to 01-01-2013 as qualifying date and take necessary steps for filing claims and objections for inclusion and deletion wherever necessary as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India. The Commissioners of urban local bodies are already informed by the State Election Commission to supply a copy of the ward-wise photo electoral roll to be published on 25-07-2013 to all the recognized and registered political parties who are provided with a reserved symbol on free of cost base and also to display of ward-wise photo electoral roll on the notice board of the ward office & Municipal Corporation office in case of Mpl. Corporations and on the notice board of the concerned Municipality / Nagar panchayat and on the notice board of the concerned Mandal Revenue Officer and Revenue Divisional Officer for information of the general public as required under Rules issued for Preparation and Publication of electoral rolls.

Further, it is brought to the notice of all the political parties that filing of bulk claims and objections before the concerned EROs is not permissible as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India. The political parties are advised to motivate the public for filing necessary claims and objections for inclusion and deletion of names in the ward-wise photo electoral rolls wherever necessary. All the political parties are also informed that the intention of the Commission in writing this letter is to create awareness and to obviate criticism from any political party that sufficient time and opportunity was not given to them to verify the ward-wise photo electoral rolls and make necessary claims and objections for inclusion of eligible voters and deletion of ineligible voters in the ward-wise photo electoral rolls.

Therefore, the public in general and political parties in particular are requested to avail this opportunity to verify the ward-wise photo electoral rolls of the Municipal Corporations and Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats for which ward-wise photo electoral rolls will be published on 25-07-2013 and take remedial action as explained above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Navin Mittal
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Copy to :-

1. All the Commissioners of Municipal Corporations and Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats.
2. All Regional Directors of Municipal Administration.
3. All Collectors and District Election Authorities, except Hyderabad district for information and necessary action.
4. The Election Authority & Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration for information and necessary action.
5. The Prl. Secretary to Government, MA & UD Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.
6. The Commissioner, Public Relations, A.P., Hyderabad with a request to arrange wide publicity in this matter.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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