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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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CIRCULAR

Cir. No.578/TSEC-ULBs/2015

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Sub:- Conduct of ordinary elections to Urban Local Bodies –
Restriction on number of vehicles and people at the time of filing
nominations – Instructions – Issued – Reg.

At the time of filing of nominations in the offices of the Returning Officers / Election Officers, it is often noticed that proper control and order is not maintained due to overcrowding by the supporters of the candidates. In order to avoid over crowding and to ensure proper control and order at the time of filling of nominations, the Commission decided to issue the following directions:

- 1) The Election Authority & Commissioner, GHMC / Election Authority & C & D, MA / District Election Authority / Commissioners of Municipal Corporations / Municipal Commissioners may inform various political parties and interested groups that the maximum number of vehicles that will be allowed to come within the periphery of 100 meters of Returning Officer's/ Assistant Returning Officer's / Election Officers / Assistant Election Officers office shall be **two** per a candidate.
- 2) Maximum number of persons that will be allowed to enter the office of Returning Officer's/ Assistant Returning Officer's / Election Officer's / Assistant Election Officer's at the time of filing nomination shall be the candidate plus **two** other individuals which may include the proposer proposing the nomination of the candidate i.e. there can be only **three** people (including the candidate) who can remain present inside the Returning Officer's/ Assistant Returning Officer's / Election Officer's / Assistant Election Officer's room at the time of filing nomination.
- 3) As per statute, the nomination paper can be delivered to the Returning Officer / Assistant Returning Officer / Election Officer / Assistant Election Officer either by the candidate in person or by his proposer.

Where a candidate chooses not to be present physically to deliver the nomination paper, the proposer and two other individuals shall be allowed to enter the office of Returning Officer / Assistant Returning Officer / Election Officer / Assistant Election Officer.

- 4) Requisite number of Senior Police Officers shall be designated as Nodal Officers to assist the RO/EO. Each one of these Nodal Officers may be in charge of two or three Wards each to ensure strict adherence to the above instructions on restricting the number of vehicles and persons accompanying the candidates. The Nodal Officer shall be given adequate support personnel to ensure that the instruction is complied with.
- 5) The expenditure on the vehicles that will come along with the candidate at the time of filing of nominations shall be taken into account for calculating his expenditure if he remains in the fray.
- 6) Any violation of this instruction at time of filing nomination papers will be seriously viewed by the Commission and action will be taken against RO/EO and or any other person responsible including the candidate.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)



SECRETARY

To

- 1) All the Returning Officers/Election Officers.
- 2) The EA & Commissioner & Special Officer, GHMC, Hyderabad.
- 3) The EA & Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad.
- 4) All the Collector & DEAs in the State.
- 5) All the Commissioners of Municipal Corporations in the State.
- 6) All the Municipal Commissioners in the State.
- 7) All the Deputy Commissioners, GHMC.
- 8) The Regional Directors-cum-Appellate Commissioners of Municipal Administration Hyderabad and Warangal.

Copy to the Secretary to Govt., MA & UD Department, Telangana, Secretariat, Hyderabad.