## **TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

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## ORDER

## No.489/TSEC-ULBs/2015

Dated:22.07.2015

Sub: State Election Commission, Telangana – Elections to Urban Local Bodies – Compulsory identification of electors – List of documents allowed to establish identity of elector at the polling station – Specified – Reg.

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The Commission has been following the policy of compulsory identification of electors by means of specified identification documents at elections to local bodies so as to prevent impersonation.

Under Rule 23(2) of A.P. Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2005 and Rule 44(2) of A.P. Municipalities (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2005 stipulate that where the electors have been supplied with Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 issued under Representation of People Act, 1950, the elector shall produce his EPIC before Presiding Officer or Polling Officer authorised by him in this behalf and where such identity cards are not issued, each elector shall establish his identity by producing any such documents as are specified, by order, by the State Election Commission.

Now, after taking into account all relevant factors and legal and factual position, the State Election Commission hereby directs that all electors at the elections to Municipal Corporations / Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats, who have been issued with their EPICs shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise when they come to the polling station for voting. Those electors, who are not able to produce their EPICs, will have to produce any of the following alternative documents for establishing their identity:

- I) Aadhaar Cards with photographs issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- II) Passports
- III) Driving Licences
- IV) Income Tax Identity Card (PAN Card)
- V) Service Identity Cards with photographs issued to its employees by State / Central Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, Local bodies or Public Limited Companies.
- VI) Passbooks issued by Public Sector Banks/Post Office and Kisan Passbooks with photographs (accounts opened on or before the date of election notification).
- VII) Ration Cards/Food Security Cards with photographs (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- VIII) SC/ST/BC Castes Certificates issued by the competent authority with photographs (issued on or before the date of election notification).

- IX) Pension documents with photographs such as Ex-serviceman's Pension Book / Pension Payment Order, Ex-serviceman's widow / dependent certificates, Old age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order with photographs (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- X) Freedom Fighter Identity Cards with photographs.
- XI) Arms Licences with photographs (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- XII) Certificate of Physical Handicap with photograph (issued by the competent authority on or before the date of election notification).
- XIII) Membership Cards with photographs issued by Bar Councils (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- XIV) Identity Cards with photographs issued by the Secretariat of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha to Members of Parliament.
- XV) Identity Cards with photographs issued by the Secretariat of the Legislative Assembly / Legislative Council to MLAs/MLCs.
- XVI) Job Cards issued under NREGA with photographs (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- XVII) Health Insurance Scheme Cards with photographs under the scheme of Ministry of Labour (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- XVIII) Pattadar passbooks containing photographs (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- XIX) Property documents such as Pattas, Registered Deeds, etc., with photographs (documents registered on or before the date of election notification).
- XX) ATM Cards with photographs issued by Banks (issued on or before the date of election notification).
- XXI) Smart Cards issued by the RGI under the scheme of National Population Register (NPR).

Wide publicity shall be given in Print and Electronic media about this order dealing with compulsory identification of electors in the elections to Municipal Bodies.

## (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER) Sd/-M. Ashok Kumar Secretary

To

The Commissioner, Spl. Officer & Election Authority, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

All the Collectors and District Election Authorities.

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

All the Deputy Commissioners of GHMC.

All the Recognised and Registered Political Parties.

Copy to the Principal Secretary to Govt. (MA), MA & UD Department.

Copy to the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad.

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