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**The Collectors & District Election Authorities,
Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Medak,
Ranga Reddy, Nalgonda and Warangal districts.**

Sir,

Sub: SEC – 4th ordinary elections to ULBs, 2014 – Elections conducted in March 2014, results declared on 12-05-2014 submission of final return of election expenditure by all the contested candidates within 45 days of declaration of results – Furnishing the information to the Commission in Proforma A & B – Reg.

Ref: 1. SEC Lr. No.1389/SEC-F1/2014, dt.22-05-2014 addressed to all the District Collectors.
2. SEC Order No.537/SEC-F1/2011, dt.1-7-2011.
3. SEC Lr. No.1389/SEC-F1/2014, dt.11-06-2014 addressed to all the District Collectors.

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The State Election Commission had conducted 4th ordinary elections to the offices of ward members in Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Nagar Panchayats in the month of March 2014. The results of the said elections were declared on 12-05-2014. The period of 45 days from the date of declaration of results had expired on 26-06-2014.

Section 617(C) of GHMC Act, 1955 (in respect of Municipal Corporations) and Section 343 ZD of APM Act, 1965 (in respect of Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats) stipulate that, every contesting candidate at an election shall within 45 days from the date of declaration of the result of the election, lodge with the District Election Authority an account of his election expenses, which shall be a true copy of account kept by his or by his election agent under Section 617-B of GHMC Act and Section 343 ZC of APM Act.

Under Section 20 B of GHMC Act, 1955 and 15 B of APM Act, 1965 the State Election Commission is empowered to declare a candidate by an order to be

ineligible for a period of three years from the date of the said order to contest any election held for any office under this Act; and to have ceased to hold office, in case he/she is elected for failure to lodge an account of election expenses within the time and in the manner required by the said Acts.

The State Election Commission already issued instructions in the references 1st & 2nd cited and also prescribed Proforma in the reference 3rd cited, with a request to submit final returns of election expenditure of the contested candidates on or before 26-06-2014.

Even after a lapse of more than two months, the election expenditure reports of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Medak, Ranga Reddy, Nalgonda and Warangal districts are yet to be received from the concerned Collectors and District Election Authorities.

This inordinate delay in penalizing the defaulters may lead to legal implications.

Therefore the Collectors and District Election Authorities indicated in the address entry are requested to pay attention to the statutory work and furnish the information indicating the list of contested candidates ward wise who have furnished the accounts of election expenditure returns within the stipulated time of 45 days in Proforma-A and the list of defaulters in Proforma- B to the Commission immediately so as to enable the Commission to penalize the defaulters who failed to submit their election expenditure accounts within the stipulated time of 45 days.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- Navin Mittal
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Copy to:

The EA & C&DMA, Telangana State, Hyd., for information and necessary action.
The Regional Directors-cum-Appellate Commissioners of Warangal and Hyderabad for information and necessary action.

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