

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.F) DEPARTMENT

Memo No.1455/Elecs.F/2010-69

Dated: 21.07.2010

Sub:- Bye-elections to A.P.Legislative Assembly from 12 Assembly Constituencies – Instructions on usage of mobile phones at polling station – Reg.

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Attention of the Collectors & District Election Officers, Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Karimnagar and Warangal is invited to the discussion in the video conference on 21.07.2010. Accordingly, the following instructions are issued for immediate necessary action:

i) Appointment of Polling Agents by the Candidates:

The polling agents to be appointed shall be the electors of the same polling booth or alternatively from the neighboring revenue village in the rural areas or Wards / Divisions in the urban areas, part of the constituency, which is geographically contiguous and such polling agents must possess Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) or any other recognized identification device issued by the Government or any Government agency and which bears his/her photograph and establishes his / her identity. Refer ECI's instructions dated 27.05.2008 communicated vide Govt.Memo No.1455/Elecs.F/2010-61, dt.15.07.2010. Therefore, address all the contesting candidates to submit the probable list of their polling agents by 24th July, 2010 by 5.00 p.m., and make necessary arrangements for their seating on the day of poll.

On the day of poll, the seating arrangements shall be made for the polling agents of the recognized National and State political parties inside the polling station and the polling agents of the remaining candidates shall be allowed to remain present in the polling station for a specified pre-determined time. (eg. One hour/half), by rotation. The rotation chart for this purpose shall be finalized by the Presiding Officer in the presence of polling agents by drawal of lots. In any case, the polling agents accommodated outside the polling station should not be allowed to mingle with the voters in the queue. They should be seated in an orderly manner in a separate enclosure or room and should be allowed into the polling station strictly as per the rotation decided upon by the Presiding Officer. The police personnel will be vigilant to ensure that there is no undue influence on or intimidation of voters by any polling agent. They should not be allowed to carry mobile phones inside the polling area which includes the special enclosure as well.

They should also ensure that polling agents do not loiter and peaceful orderly polling is not disturbed.

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ii) Prohibition of use of Cellular Phones, cordless phones, wireless sets., etc in the polling station:

The Presiding Officers and polling officers should keep their mobile/cellular phones in silent mode and shall not receive calls from anyone once they are inside the polling station. The Presiding Officer can use the mobile phone only for sending the messages regarding any information on poll process, bi-hourly voter turn-out etc., to the DEO / RO / CEO., but he should not receive any call from outside.

The District Election Officers of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Karimnagar and Warangal are requested to communicate the above instructions to the Returning Officers / Presiding Officers etc., to follow the instructions scrupulously.

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To
The Collectors & District Election Officers of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak,
Karimnagar and Warangal

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