

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELEC.B) DEPARTMENT

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Sub:- Elections to APLA –Apprehension of breach of secrecy
in Polling procedure – Reg.

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All the Collectors & ROs in the State are informed that the necessary instructions for maintaining the 'Secrecy of Vote" contained in Hand Book for Presiding Officers, (para 19) and also in (para 38.1) Hand book for Candidates may strictly followed. In this connection a Press note has already been released in this regard on 15.3.2007.

As per the instructions of the ECI, contained in item No. 167 of Compendium of Instructions 2004, all the Collectors and ROs are further informed that no person shall be allowed to either carry or use cellular phones, cordless phones, wireless sets, etc., in the 100 meter perimeter of the Polling Stations described as the "Polling Station Neighbourhood" and within the polling booth . Similarly no person shall be allowed to carry or use such instruments in the area within and around the Counting Centre or within the area cordoned off by the security forces to regulate the entry of persons to such Counting Halls and Centers. If any person is found in possession of such instrument in violation of these directions, the instrument shall be seized by the officers in charge of security.

These restrictions, however, do not apply to the officers in charge of law and order and security personnel put on duty near the polling booths and counting centers who may be using any of such instruments in the course of the discharge of their official duties. Similarly, these restrictions do not apply to the Observers appointed by the Commission and to the officers in-charge of polling duty and counting duty who may have to use such instruments in the course of their official duties.

All the Returning Officers and District Election Officers are requested to implement the above instructions scrupulously.

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PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the Collectors & Returning Officers for Teachers /
Graduates and Local Authorities Council Constituencies in the State.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.