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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
3. The Chief Electoral Officer,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Subject: Biennial elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from 9 Local Authorities Constituencies - Applicability of Model Code of Conduct - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has announced the biennial elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from the following Constituencies vide its Press Note No. ECI/PN/14/2011-MCPS dated 18th February, 2011.

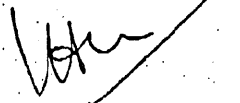
1. Ananapur Local Authorities' Constituency
2. Kadapa Local Authorities' Constituency
3. Nellore Local Authorities' Constituency
4. West Godavari Local Authorities' Constituency
5. East Godavari Local Authorities' Constituency
6. Srikulam Local Authorities' Constituency
7. Chittoor Local Authorities' Constituency
8. Kurnool Local Authorities' Constituency
9. Hyderabad Local Authorities' Constituency

2. With this announcement, the following provisions of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates have come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) comprised in the above mentioned Constituencies, which is going to poll. This may be brought to the notice of the Government, all Ministries/Departments and all other offices of the Union Government and the concerned State Governments :-

- i) Ministers, whether Central or State, shall not make any official visit in any district(s) in which any elections from the said Council Constituencies are being held. If for any special reason, an official visit becomes unavoidable, they shall return to their headquarters on completion of their official tours before going on any private tour/visit to the Constituencies.

- ii) No official of any rank of the district(s) dealing with election related work where the elections are being held shall be called to attend any meeting by any Minister at any place; that is to say, even in the other districts where election is not being held.
 - iii) No member of any Local Authority which forms part of the electorate of a Local Authorities' Constituency shall be called for any official meeting by any Minister/Political functionary. Routine meetings of the Local Bodies, when essential, may be held with the prior permission of the District Election Officer of the District concerned.
 - iv) Any official who meets the Minister on his private visit to the constituency where elections are being held shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct under the relevant service rules; and if he happens to be an officer mentioned in Section 129 (1) of the Representation of People Act, 1951, he shall also be additionally considered to have violated the statutory provisions of that section and liable to penal action provided thereunder.
 - v) No pilot car(s) or car(s) with beacon lights of any colour or car(s) affixed with sirens of any kind making his presence conspicuous shall be used by any Minister during his private visit to the constituency, even if the State administration has granted him a security cover requiring presence of armed guards accompanying him on tour.
 - vi) No policy announcement or programme would be initiated in the Government Departments related to the constituents of the election under reference. For example, if the election is from a Local Authorities' Constituency, no programme or policy could be initiated by Urban or Rural Local Bodies Department.
 - vii) The restrictions on "Official Tours" by Central & State Ministers will also be applicable to use of any "Official Cars" by "Office Bearers" of Local Authorities, like, Mayors of Municipal Corporations, Presidents of Municipal Councils & Zilla Parishads. The use of official cars by them shall be allowed for travel to & from, Office to Residence.
 - viii) If the statutory Meetings of Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Zilla Committees, etc., are unavoidable, it shall be allowed, but no policy decision should be taken and release /sanctions of funds shall be subject to the same restrictions as they apply during Lok Sabha/Assembly elections.
3. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,



(K. AJAY KUMAR)
Secretary