

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

PRESS NOTE

With reference to the forthcoming elections to the A.P. Legislative Council to be held on 17.3.2007, certain complaints have been received apprehending the use of Cell Phones around and within the Polling Stations. This is to clarify that as per the instructions of ECI 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 Centres. 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.

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