

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001.

No. 3/4/ID/2008/SDR (AP)

Dated: 26th November, 2008.

ORDER

Whereas, the Election Commission has been following the policy of compulsory identification of electors by means of specified identification documents at elections to the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies from the year 2000 onwards, so as to prevent impersonation at elections thereby making the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 more effective; and

2. Whereas, keeping in view the provisions of Rules 35(3) and 37(2)(b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, the Commission has been issuing directions that the electors at election to House of the people and Legislative Assemblies shall produce their Electors Identity Cards or other specified documents at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Identity Cards or documents may result in the denial of supply of a ballot paper to them and permission to vote; and

3. Whereas, the said provisions regarding identification of electors and safeguards against personation are equally applicable at elections from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies of the State Legislative Council and as the electors in these constituencies are also electors in assembly constituencies, they may have been supplied with Electoral Identity Cards as electors in their respective Assembly Constituencies;

4. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that all electors at the current bye-election to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from Medak – Nizamabad – Adilabad – Karimnagar Graduates' Constituency, in the State of Andhra Pradesh who have been issued with their EPICs, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise, when they come to the polling stations for voting at the current bye- election to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council from the said Constituency, notified on 21st

November, 2008. However, the Commission, will permit the electors who have not obtained their EPICs, to vote at the said election, provided their identity is otherwise established by means of any of the following alternative documents produced by them for establishing their identity :-

- (i) Ration cards with photographs issued on or before 31-10-2008,
- (ii) Service Identity Cards with photographs issued to employees by State/Central Government/Public Sector Undertaking or Public Limited Companies,
- (iii) Driving Licences issued on or before 31-10-2008 with photographs,
- (iv) Passbooks with photograph issued by Public Sector Banks/Post Office (accounts opened on or before 31-10-2008),
- (v) Income Tax Identity Card (Pan Card),
- (vi) Passports,
- (vii) ATM cards with photographs issued by Banks on or before 31-10-2008,
- (viii) Arms Licences with photographs issued on or before 31-10-2008,
- (ix) Pension documents with photographs such as Pension Payment Order, Ex-servicemen and Widow persons dependents of ex-servicemen pension document with photographs,
- (x) Certificate of physically handicapped persons with photographs issued by the competent authority,
- (xi) Freedom Fighters identity card with photograph,
- (xii) Pattadar pass books containing photographs issued on or before 31-10-2008,
- (xiii) Property documents such as Pattas, Registered Deeds etc., with photographs issued on or before 31-10-2008.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)
SECRETARY