Most Immediate Bye-Election to the TLC from Nizamabad LAC -2020

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA 5th Floor, Buddha Bhavan, Tank Bund Road, Secunderabad – 500003.

Memo.No.528/Elec.A/2020-16

Dated:13.03.2020.

- Sub: Elections Bye-Election to the Telangana State Legislative Council from Nizamabad Local Authorities Constituency, scheduled to be held on 07th April, 2020 (Tuesday)– Conduct of officials- Section 129 of ROP Act, 1951- Instructions – Issued.
- Ref: From Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Press Note No.ECI/PN/30/2020, dated 05.03.2020.

In the reference cited, the ECI while announcing the schedule of Bye-Election to the Telangana State Legislative Council from Nizamabad Local Authorities Constituency to be held on 07.04.2020, the Commission has also directed that all the Officials engaged in the conduct of elections to discharge their duties in an impartial manner without any fear or favour. All the Officials and employees related to elections are deemed to be on deputation to the Commission and shall be subject to its control, supervision and discipline. The conduct of all Government officials who have been entrusted with election related responsibilities and duties would remain under constant scrutiny of the Commission and strict action shall be taken against those officials who are found wanting on any account.

2. All the District Election Officers are hereby requested to bring the provisions of Section 129 of Representation of the People Act. 1951 to the notice of all the employees working in the district immediately and circulate the instructions available in the Compendium of Instructions and to follow the same scrupulously. The provisions of section 129 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1951, is extracted below:

- (1) No person who is a District Election Officer or a Returning Officer, or an Assistant Returning Officer, or a Presiding or Polling Officer at an election, or an officer or clerk appointed by the returning officer or the presiding officer to perform any duty in connection with an election shall in the conduct or the management of the election do any act (other than the giving of vote) for the furtherance of the prospects of the election of a candidate.
- (2) No such person as aforesaid, and no member of a police force, shall endeavour –
 - (a) to persuade any person to give his vote at an election, or
 - (b) to dissuade any person from giving his vote at an election, or
 - (c) to influence the voting of any person at an election in any manner.

(P.T.O)

- Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or (3) sub-section (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.
- An offence punishable under sub-section (3) shall be cognizable." (4)

Dr. SHASHANK GOEL **CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &** E.O PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Rajanna Sircilla and Sangareddy Districts (w.e) The Returning Officer, Nizamabad Local Authorities' Constituency.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER