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Memo. No.4004/Elecs.D/A1/2023-26,

Dated:16.10.2023

Sub:- Elections – General Elections to the Telangana State Legislative Assembly, 2023 – **ECI Instructions -Carrying of Mobile Phone by ROs / AROs inside the Counting Hall** - Communicated -Reg.

Ref: 1. ECI, Press Note No. ECI/PN/57/2023, dated 09.10.2023
2. ECI, Lr. No. 464/Inst/ETPBMS/2023-EPS, dated 11.10.2023
-:oOo:-

A copy of the reference 2nd cited, is communicated herewith, wherein Election Commission of India has issued certain directions on Carrying of Mobile Phone by Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officers in side counting Hall is sent herewith to all the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State, The Commissioner GHMC & DEO, Hyderabad and all the Returning Officers of 119 Assembly Constituencies for strict compliance.

VIKAS RAJ,
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To
All the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State (w.es)
The Commissioner GHMC & DEO, Hyderabad (w.e)

Copy to:

All the Returning Officers of 119 ACs. (Through all the concerned DEOs) (w.es.)
Sri Sudhakar, SLA (for Placing on CEO, Telangana Web Site).

// FORWARDED: BY ORDER//


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No.464/INST/ETPBMS/2023/EPS

Dated: 11th October, 2023

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Telangana
and Nagaland



Subject: General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana and Bye-elections to 43-Tapi(ST) AC of Nagaland, 2023 - CARRYING OF MOBILE PHONE BY RETURNING OFFICERS/ ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS INSIDE THE COUNTING HALL -regarding.

Reference: Commission's letter No.464/INST/ETPBS/2023/EPS dated 10.10.2023

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter of even number dated 10.10.2023 regarding carrying of mobile phones by Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers inside the counting hall in the said elections and to state that "Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS)" may be read as "Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot Management System (ETPBMS)". The rest of the content of the above referred letter will remain same.

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N. Communicate to all
DEOS & All ROS
for about compliance of
ECI instructions.*

Yours faithfully

(Signature)
(AJAY KUMAR VERMA)
SECRETARY

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**Subject: General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of
Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and
Telangana, 2023 - CARRYING OF MOBILE PHONE BY RETURNING
OFFICERS/ ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS INSIDE THE
COUNTING HALL -regarding.**

Reference: Instruction No.464/Counting Arrangements/2023/EPS
dated 18.07.2023

Madam/Sir,

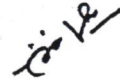
I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's instructions referred above and to state that in view of inception of Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) wherein One-Time Password (OTP) is received on the Returning Officer's mobile phones, the Commission has directed that on the day of counting: -

- Only that mobile phone of the RO/ ARO/ Counting Supervisor (s), linked to ETPBS, to be used to receive 'OTP' to log into ETPBS to start counting thereof have to be brought inside the counting hall;
- The mobile handset will be switched on only to receive 'OTP' and be switched off once the system is logged on to ETPBS;
- Inside the counting hall, such mobile handset is to be kept in the custody of ARO/ RO/ Observer, whosoever is the senior most officer in the Counting Hall for ETPBS counting, in switch off mode till the counting is over.
- In case the login is closed for some reasons, Counting Supervisor can get the mobile from the officer to whom the mobile set was submitted to receive OTP once again for enabling him to re-login.

After re-login, he should return the mobile to same officer in switched off mode.

- e) A declaration be signed by all users separately about Do's and Don'ts for mobile usage.
- f) Specific permission be sought from concerned CEO for number of users in each case with the requisite mobile phone numbers being used. Mobile phones are to be allowed inside the Counting hall for all such users.

Yours faithfully,



(AJAY KUMAR VERMA)
SECRETARY

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From : Ajaykumar Verma <ajayverma@eci.gov.in>

Wed, Oct 11, 2023 05:10 PM

Subject : General Election to Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana and Bye-elections to 43-Tapi(ST) of Nagaland, 2023 - Carrying of Mobile Phone by Returning Officers/Assistant Returning officers Inside the Counting Hall - reg.

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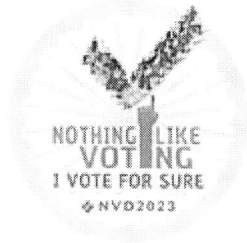
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Madam/Sir,

Please find the attachment.

With Regards,
A.K. Verma
Secretary
Election Commission of India



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