

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

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Memo No.2002/Elecs.B/2023-1,

Dated: 05.05.2023.

Sub: **ELECTIONS** – Field visit on Purification of Electoral Roll - Karimnagar District - Observed some lapses on proper procedure is not followed by the EROs –**Explanation– Sought for**–Regarding.

Ref: 1. Minutes of meeting held on 29.04.2023 at Karimnagar District headquarters by the Joint Chief Electoral Officer & team O/o Chief Electoral Officer Telangana State.

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Attention is invited to the subject & reference cited and it is informed that the during the field inspection on 29.04.2023 by Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana alongwith the team from CEO office, on purification of Electoral roll, it is observed that, EROs of 26-Karimnagar and 30-Mankondur Assembly Constituencies are not adhering to the Standard procedures and documentation with respect to Form processing, as mandated by the Election Commission of India. Further, the following lapses by the respective EROs have been identified during the inspection:-

- (i). It is observed that, in the Polling station no.319 of 26- Karimnagar Assembly Constituency, electors in House No. 8-5-549, at Sl. no 582, 583, 585, 587, 588 were deleted as they were not residing in the said house number and the house owner does not identify the said electors / persons. However it is also observed that proper procedure is not followed and required documents like issue of notice, acknowledgement of notice, replies to notice, recommendation of BLO, orders of the ERO etc., for such deletions were not produced during the inspection.
- (ii). Further, it is observed that, electors from Sl. No.1006 to 1013 were also deleted as they were not residing in the House No. 8-5-553/A/1. The house owner also does not identify the electors of the above mentioned Sl Nos. However it is observed that, proper procedure is not followed and required documents like issue of notice, acknowledgement of notice, Replies to notice, recommendation of BLO, and orders of the ERO etc for such deletions were not produced during the inspection.
- (iii). In the Polling station no.158 of 30-Manakondur (SC) Assembly Constituency, the elector at Sl. No.816, were deleted as these elector shifted to other constituency and the same has been confirmed by the house owner. However it is observed that proper procedure is not followed and required documents like issue of notice, acknowledgement of notice, Replies to notice, recommendation of BLO, orders of the ERO etc for such deletions were not produced during the inspection.
- (iv). In the Polling station no.159 of 30-Manakondur (SC), the elector at Sl. No.945, were deleted as these elector shifted to other constituency and the same has been confirmed by the house owner. However it is observed that proper procedure is not followed and required documents like issue of notice, acknowledgement of notice, Replies to notice, recommendation of BLO, orders of the ERO etc for such deletions were not produced during the inspection.

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- (v). "GUARD FILES" of deletions as per the mandate of Commission was not produced for inspection for which the ERO's of Karimnagar district has informed that all the Guard files/ records shall be placed before the team of O/o CEO by 08.05.2023.
- (vi). It is further observed that, respective ERO's have not maintained register pertaining to meeting with representations of political parties on weekly basis. No weekly meetings, proper minutes, press notes e.t.c., were also not produced during the inspection.

2. In this connection, the Collector & District Election Officer, Karimnagar district is directed to call for explanation of EROs of 26-Karimnagar and 30-Mankondur Assembly Constituencies, for deviating from the Commission's transparency measures guidelines in Form processing and files maintenance.

**VIKAS RAJ
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

The Collector & District Election Officer, Karimnagar district (w.e.)
EROs of 26-Karimnagar and 30-Mankondur Assembly Constituencies.

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