

// Elections – Most Immediate//

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To

**All the Collectors and District Election Authorities except Hyderabad.**

Sir/Madam,

**Sub:** State Election Commission – Ordinary elections to Gram Panchayats, 2019 – Clarification sought – Furnished – Reg.

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The State Election Commission has been receiving letters/e-mails on the following subjects from various districts seeking specific clarification. Basing on the Act provisions / Rules, clarification is given as follows –

Sl. No.	Clarification Sought	Clarification Given
1	A candidate can contest or not simultaneously for Sarpanch and Ward Member ?	Yes: As per Section 243 (3) of TPR Act, 2018, a candidate can contest simultaneously for Sarpanch and Ward Member. He/she shall retain one office and vacate the other office in the manner prescribed where he/she elected more than one office.
2	Is the MPTC/ZPTC is eligible for contesting for Sarpanch / Ward Member ?	Yes. He/she shall retain one office and vacate the other office in the manner prescribed where he/she elected more than one office.
3	A candidate can contest more than one Ward ?	As per Rule 7 (3) of TPR Conduct of Elections Rules, 2018, no candidate contest from more than one Ward in a Gram Panchayat or one Territorial Constituency of a MPP or ZPP. He/She can file nominations more than one Ward/Territorial constituency, but he/she shall withdraw his/her nominations to all but one Ward/Territorial Constituency of his/her choice before the date and time fixed for withdrawal of candidature.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/- M. Ashok Kumar**  
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1. The all the DPOs
2. All the MPDOs through the C & DEAs concerned.
3. All the Returning Officers through the C & DEAs concerned.

**// Attested //**

  
Joint Secretary  
6/1/19