

ELECTIONS / URGENT

TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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Sub:- TSEC – Elections to Panchayat Raj Bodies – Election Expenses – Separate Bank Account to be opened by each candidate for election expenditure – certain modifications to the instructions already issued for using existing bank account for election expenditure purpose - Instructions – Issued.

Ref:- 1. TSEC Order No. 178/TSEC-L/2018,dated 18.5.2018
2. TSEC Circular No. 282/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 21.5.2018

In the reference 1st cited, the Commission issued detailed instructions on maintenance and scrutiny of accounts of election expenses by the contesting candidate.

In the reference 2nd cited, the Commission issued instructions that, in elections to the offices of ward member, Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat and MPTCs or ZPTCs every candidate shall open a separate bank account exclusively for the purpose of election expenditure at least one day before the date of filing of nomination paper and communicate the bank account number to the Returning Officer. All election expenditure shall be made by the candidate only from this bank account.

In the video conference held on 05.01.2019 by the State Election Commissioner with the District Collectors and District police officials, the District Collector of Mahabubnagar district brought to the notice of the Commissioner that, some of the candidates in their district brought it to their notice that, opening of bank account is taking 10 to 15 days time and it is not possible for them to open new bank account for election expenditure purpose by the time of filing nomination.

The Commission examined the matter and issues the following instructions in partial modification of the orders issued in the reference 2nd cited, with regard to opening of bank account for election expenditure purpose in the ensuing Gram Panchayat Elections, 2019.

"The candidate may use their existing bank account for the purpose of election expenditure in the ensuing Gram Panchayat Elections, 2019 and communicate the account number to the Returning Officer at the time of filing of nomination paper by giving an undertaking to the Returning Officer stating that, he/she will use his/her existing bank account only for the purpose of election expenditure and not for any other purpose from the date of nomination to till completion of entire Gram Panchayat Election process".

The Returning Officer shall bring the above instructions to the notice of the contesting candidates.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

**Sd/- M. Ashok Kumar
SECRETARY**

To
All the Returning Officer of the Gram Panchayats through the C&DEAs.
All the Collectors and District Election Authorities.
All the District Panchayat Officers.
All the Observers through the C&DEAs.

Copy to
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment and Election Authority for follow up action.

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N. Jayachandran
JOINT SECRETARY
05/01/19