

**GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE HOP/APLA
TOP PRIORITY**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
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Memo No.4798/Elecs.D2/2024

Dated:05.05.2024.

Sub:- Elections – General Elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly in Andhra Pradesh, 2024 – Postal Ballots – Further instructions - Reg.

Ref:- 1. From the ECI instructions No.52/2023/SDR. Vol.IV,
dt:31.10.2023.
2. This Office, Memo.No.3587/Elecs.D2/A2/2024,
Dt:20.04.2024.
3. This Office, Memo No.4197/Elecs.D2/A2/2024
dated:25.04.2024.
4.This Office Memo, No.3587/Elecs.D2/A2/2024,
Dt:26.04.2024.

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The attention of the Collectors & DEOs of the State are invited to the references cited. It has been brought to the notice of this office that certain voters on Election duty were unable to exercise their vote because of their inability to submit the Form-12 on time.

2. In this regard, it is reiterated that no employee/voter on Election duty shall be denied his/her right to vote.

3. If a Voter on election duty was unable to submit his/her Form-12 before 1st May 2024, due to unavoidable circumstances the voter on election duty shall be allowed to submit the Form-12 and cast his/her postal ballot at the facilitation center set up at the RO's Office, where he/she is enrolled as voter. The facilitation center will be functioning from 10.00 A.M. – 5.00 P.M. on 7th & 8th May, 2024.

4. The employees can avail special casual leave for casting their vote at the Postal Ballot Facilitation Center.

5. To facilitate the voting for all such cases, the RO's of 175 ACs, shall –

- i) receive the Form-12 from those Voters on Election duty who are electors of their respective constituency only on the date and time mentioned at para (3) above.
- ii) After due verification of elector details, appointment order and ensuring that the postal ballot is not issued already, shall permit the Voter on Election Duty to cast their vote

at the Facilitation Centre setup at his/her office, between 10.00 A.M. - 5.00 P.M. on 7th & 8th May 2024.

- iii) Follow the ECI instructions No.52/2023/SDR.Vol. IV, dt:31.10.2023 and make necessary arrangements, including intimation to the Political Parties.
- iv) Maintain record containing Sl.No., Part No. and AC No. of all such voters on election duty to whom Postal Ballot papers have been issued in Annexure-4. This record/list of electors can be shared with candidates, if any request is received from them. However, the list should not contain Sl.No. of the postal ballot issued. The Annexure-5 and Annexure-6 shall be duly prepared.
- v) As far as those left over voters on election duty who has vote in other district and could not submit Form -12, before the central exchange, such voters can also go to Facilitation Centre set up at the Office of the RO-A.C., where they are enrolled as voter along with their appointment letters, at the specified dates and time mentioned in the para (3) above and cast their vote through postal ballot. They can avail the special casual leave facility extended to all such employees on election duty for this purpose.


6. All RO's are hereby directed to honour the right to vote of all eligible voters on election duty without fail, if they approach within the scheduled time as per ECI guidelines.

7. The above instructions shall be followed by all RO's scrupulously and any deviation will lead to immediate disciplinary action against such officers by ECI.

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O. PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the Collectors & DEOs of the State.
All RO's of AC through their respective DEOs'of the State.
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