

**ELECTION URGENT**



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**No.5-12-2016/ELEC/3540**

**Dated: 11/02/2022**

To,  
The President,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Political party,

**Sub: Regarding conduct of Polling Agents on the day of Poll.**

Sir,

The undersigned would like to bring to your kind notice that section 130 of Representation of People Act, 1951 prohibits canvassing in or near polling station i.e. no person shall, on the date or dates on which a poll is taken at any polling station, commit any of the following acts within the polling station or in any public or private place within a distance of one hundred meters of the polling station, namely:— (a) canvassing for votes; or (b) soliciting the vote of any elector; or (c) persuading any elector not to vote for any particular candidate; or (d) persuading any elector not to vote at the election; or (e) exhibiting any notice or sign (other than an official notice) relating to the election. However, the polling agent may wear a small badge showing the name of the candidate for whom they are acting as a polling agent.

Also, polling agents are not allowed to either carry or use cellular phones, cordless phones, wireless sets, etc. in the 100 meter perimeter of the polling stations.

It is further clarified that under no circumstances, the polling agents can be allowed to carry the electoral roll copy available with him or her outside the polling station during the course of the polling and till the polling is closed either by himself/herself or through the relieving agent. It is also clarified that, under no circumstances, the agents can be allowed to send slips outside indicating the Serial Numbers of the voters who have voted or not voted.

It is also brought to your notice that no polling agent shall be allowed to enter the Polling Station without doubly vaccination of Covid-19. However, if a polling agent is not double vaccinated then report of RTPCR / RAT tests done within the 48 hours from authorized Medical Officer shall be allowed.

The polling agents shall report at the Polling Station at 5:30 a.m.

Yours faithfully,

**(Narayan Sawant, IAS)**

Additional Chief Electoral Officer

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No.5-12-2016/ELEC/3541

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To,  
The President,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Political party,

**Sub: Regarding prohibition of campaign during period of 48 hours ending  
with hour fixed for conclusion of poll.**

Sir,

The undersigned would like to bring to your kind notice that the section 126 of Representation of People Act, 1951 prohibits public meeting during period of 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll i.e. no person shall convene, hold or attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election; or display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus; or propagate any election matter to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, in any polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in the polling area.

Further, all Political Parties and candidates are directed that after closure of campaign period, no campaign shall take place within the constituency. Political functionaries and party workers who have been brought from outside the constituency and who are not the voters of the constituency **shall not remain** present in the constituency as their presence after the end of campaign period may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll. However, the office bearer of Political party who is in-charge of the State may remain present in the constituency and such office bearer of the political party shall declare his place of stay in the State Headquarters and his movement during the period in question shall be confined normally between his party office and place of his stay.

In view of the above, the attention is drawn of all the Contesting Candidates that campaigning period ends on 12th February 2022 at 6.00 p.m. No Loudspeaker fitted on vehicles of any kind or in any other manner whatsoever should be used during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll in any polling area.

Yours faithfully,

**(Narayan Sawant, IAS)**  
Additional Chief Electoral Officer

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