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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers
Andhra Pradesh,
Bihar, Maharashtra,
Uttar Pradesh,
Karnataka and Telengana

Subject: Issuing of Election Duty Certificate in Council Elections-regarding.

Sir,

Attention is invited to the Commission's letter No. 322/AP-LC/2013-CC&BE dated 13th February 2013. The Commission has reviewed the instructions contained in the said letter dated 13th February 2013 and it is pointed out that Rule 20 of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 confines facility of Election Duty Certificate only for elections from Parliamentary Constituency and Assembly Constituency. In view of this legal position, it is clarified that in elections from Council Constituencies, EDC **will not be** applicable and if an elector is not able to vote in person in his polling station on account of being on election duty, he/she would be entitled to vote by postal ballot.

This may be brought to the notice of all the ROs for elections to Legislative Council for compliance in all future election. The political parties based in the States may also be informed.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,



N.T. Bhutia
Under Secretary