

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/22/2015

Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

## PRESS NOTE

**Subject: Biennial Election to elect 5 Members to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council by the members of the Legislative Assembly.**

The term of office of 4 members of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council, elected by the members of the Legislative Assembly is expiring on their retirement on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. Details of the vacancies are given as under:-

S.No.	Name of the Member	Date of Retirement
1.	R. Padma Raju	29.03.2015
2.	Singam Basava Punnaiah	29.03.2015
3.	Gundumala Thippe Swamy	29.03.2015
4.	Nannapaneni Rajakumari	29.03.2015

Section 23 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014, the number of seats in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council to be filled through election by the Members of the Legislative Assembly has been being fixed as 17, but under Fourth Schedule read with Section 22(2) of the said Act, the number of Members in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council elected by the members of Legislative Assembly have been allocated as 16, i.e. one short. In terms of Section 108 of the said Act, this inconsistency was referred to the Central Government (Ministry of Home Affairs) for removing the said inconsistency. The Ministry of Home Affairs has advised that the said vacant seat may be filled up now. That is to say, election may be held to fill five (5) vacancies instead of the aforesaid four (4) vacancies.

2. The Commission has decided to hold Biennial Election to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council by the Members of Legislative Assembly to fill up the above mentioned 5 vacancies so arising, in accordance with the following programme:-

S.No.	Event	Schedule
1.	Issue of Notification	10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Tuesday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Tuesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Wednesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Friday)
5.	Date of poll	27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Friday)
6.	Hours of Poll	9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.
7.	Counting of Votes	27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Friday), At 5.00 P.M.
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (Sunday)

