

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/22/2015

Dated: 5th 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 29th 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 |
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| 1. | Issue of Notification | 10 th March, 2015 (Tuesday) |
| 2. | Last date of making nominations | 17 th March, 2015 (Tuesday) |
| 3. | Scrutiny of nominations | 18 th March, 2015 (Wednesday) |
| 4. | Last date for withdrawal of candidatures | 20 th March, 2015 (Friday) |
| 5. | Date of poll | 27 th March, 2015 (Friday) |
| 6. | Hours of Poll | 9.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. |
| 7. | Counting of Votes | 27 th March, 2015 (Friday), At 5.00 P.M. |
| 8. | Date before which election shall be completed | 29 th March, 2015 (Sunday) |

