

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. RD 95 TNR 2021

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
M.S Building,
Bengaluru, Dated: 18-11-2021

ORDER

Whereas, the Election Commission of India (ECI) vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/93/2021, dated 9th November, 2021, has announced schedule for conducting Biennial Election to Karnataka Legislative Council for 20 Local Authorities' Constituencies of 25 seats. As per the schedule, the date of poll is on 10th December, 2021.

Whereas, the State Executive Committee on time to time has been issuing guidelines for COVID 19 containment and management, based on the prevailing test positivity rate and case load, to combat spread of COVID 19 in the State. The State Executive Committee (SEC) vide order of even number dated 03-07-2021 has issued guidelines for COVID 19 surveillance, containment and caution. The said guidelines have been modified time to time based on COVID 19 situation in the State and has been extended upto 24-10-2021.

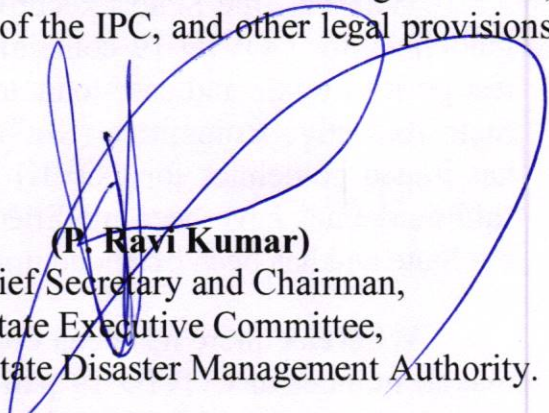
Whereas, there has been consistent decline in new cases of COVID 19 and overall number of COVID 19 patients in the State. However, there is a need for strict enforcement of COVID 19 appropriate behaviour and guidelines issued by ECI during the conduct of Biennial Election to prevent any surge during the elections and to sustain the substantial gains that have been achieved due to containment measures.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State, hereby directs that the measures as listed below be strictly implemented by Chief Commissioner BBMP, Police Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, and other Heads of Departments and Authorities during the entire election process as scheduled by ECI.

1. There will be strict enforcement of COVID-19 appropriate behavior and SOPs/Guidelines pertaining to COVID-19, issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department during the entire process of the election. The Broad guidelines for COVID-19 as well as recent guidelines issued by ECI

- (<https://eci.gov.in/candidate-political-parties/instructions-on-covid-19/>) shall be strictly adhered to during the election process.
2. Gathering upto 500 people shall be permitted for public meeting, rallies, etc, again strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour and guidelines of ECI. Only fully vaccinated people with COVID 19 vaccine will be allowed to participate in such meetings/rallies.
 3. The District Health Officer of the concerned district will be District Nodal Officer to enforce COVID appropriate behaviour during the entire election process.
 4. Dr. Vishal R, IAS, Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, Bengaluru, is appointed as the State Nodal Officer for implementation of COVID appropriate behaviour and ECI guidelines pertaining to COVID during the entire election process.

Above directions will be applicable till the completion of entire election process. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.


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Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority.

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