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Date : 16.3.2020

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Election Commission, Odisha issued Notification No 352, 367, 378 and 360/SEC all dated 05.02.2020 and Notification No.725/SEC dated 28.02.2020 to hold by- elections to the offices of Zilla Parishad Members, Panchayat Samiti Members, Sarpanches and Ward Members and the date of poll was fixed to 24.03.2020;

Whereas, the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha in Notification No.7662/H dated 13.3.2020 have issued a set of guidelines for prevention and containment of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

Whereas, several District Administrations have already imposed restrictions on public gatherings under Section 144 of IPC;

Whereas, public gatherings in the meetings of the political parties as well as during dispersal of the polling parties and on the dates of poll and counting are part of the election process, which cannot be avoided;

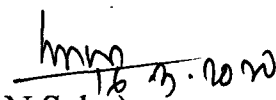
Whereas, the State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh vide Notification dated 15.3.2020 have postponed elections to the local bodies in a similar situation;

Whereas, the State Election Commission takes into consideration the emerging challenges posed by COVID-19 and is of the view that continuing with the election schedule may be detrimental and harmful to public health at large due to movement of large numbers of Polling Personnel as well as voters in the ensuing by-elections;

Now, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K of the Constitution of India and with due consideration of the present gravity of the situation and the ground realities directs that the ensuing by-elections process shall be postponed with immediate effect until further orders.

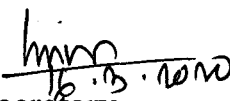
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By order and in the name of
State Election Commission, Odisha


(R.N.Sahu)
Secretary

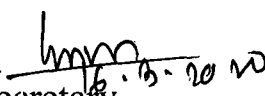
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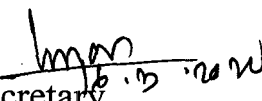
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Copy forwarded to concerned Collectors /Superintendent of Police/D.P.O, Sub-Collector, / Block Development Officers for information and necessary action. **Collectors/ Election Officers are requested to ensure the postponement of the poll to be put in the notice board of District Office/ Concerned Panchayat Samiti Office/ Concerned Gram Panchayat Office/Wards for information of the public.**

The Contesting candidates shall also be intimated in writing with immediate effect regarding the postponement of the poll.


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