## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ODISHA, TOSHALI BHAWAN, B-2, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, SATYA NAGAR, BHUBANESWAR-751007

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No. 2062 /SEC.

Date: 07 | 02 | 2022

## **ORDER**

Whereas, the Commission vide L.No.225/SEC, Dtd.10.01.2022 has prescribed Covid-19 guidelines to be strictly followed by all concerned during ensuing General Elections to Panchyati Raj Institutions, 2022;

Whereas, Paragraph 8 of the said guidelines prescribes that no physical rally of Political Parties or probable candidates or any other groups related to election is allowed;

Whereas, as per the said guidelines the Commission reserved the right to modify the above guidelines as and when required taking the prevailing situation in to considerations;

Whereas, Commission has reviewed the present situation and trends relating to Covid-19;

Whereas, the Commission has decided to partially relax the restrictions imposed vide letter dtd.10.01.2022 so far as physical rally/meetings are concerned. Now, therefore, the Commission directs that:

- 1. Door to door campaign with 20(twenty) persons, including the candidate, is allowed instead of 5(five).
- 2. Public meetings can be organized by the Political Parties/Contesting Candidates with prior permission of the appropriate authority with maximum 300 persons in open ground subject to strict observance of Covid-19 protocols i.e. compulsory use of face mask and social distancing.

The above orders will be given effect from today i.e. 07.02.2022.

The guidelines issued on 10.01.2022 is modified to the above extent.

By Order and in the name of the State Election Commissioner, Odisha

Secretary 92.2022

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Memo No. 2065 /S.E.C., Date: 07 02 2022
Copy to all Political Parties for kind information.