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**NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION
OF PANCHAYAT RAJ**

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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

TENDER VOTE WAS CAST IN POLLING STATION No. 101 OF WARD No. 41 OF KAMAREDDY MUNICIPALITY IN KAMAREDDY DISTRICT - ELECTION VOID IN THE SAID POLLING STATION - CONDUCT OF FRESH ELECTION.

No. 168/TSEC-ULBs/2020:— Whereas, in reference No. 3038/TSEC-ULBs/2019, dated 7.01.2020 the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Municipalities and Municipal Corporations indicated in the Annexure-I appended thereto.

And whereas, as per the election schedule notified in the Notification No. 3038/TSEC-ULBs/2019, dated 7.01.2020, the date of poll of Municipalities and Municipal Corporations notified is from 7.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M on 22.01.2020.

And whereas, the General Observer, Kamareddy District vide his letter (through E-Mail, dated 22.1.2020) reported that, one tendered vote had been cast in Polling Station No. 101 of Ward No. 41 of Kamareddy Municipality.

And Whereas, in Lr.No. 168/TSEC-ULBs/2020, dated 22.1.2020, the State Election Commission called for the report of the Collector and District Election Authority, kamareddy District on the Tender vote cast as reported by the General Observer.

And Whereas, in letter (through E-Mail), dated 22.01.2020, the Collector and District Election Authority, Kamareddy District reported that, “a lady voter wearing burkha with voter slip no. 440 arrived at the polling station no. 101 at around 7.45 A.M. The lady submitted the voter slip no. 440 with her voter id to the 1st polling officer. After announcing the voters name as Raz Bee by the 1st polling officer, the lady was identified by the polling agent. Then indelible ink was applied and ballot paper was issued to her. Smt. Pravallika polling agent of independent candidate verified her identity. After all the polling agents gave approval, the lady was allowed to cast her vote. At around 4.00 PM another lady with same voter slip no. 440 came to the same polling station no. 101. On verification of her identity by comparing her voter slip, Aadhar card, voter list, it came to the knowledge that, somebody else had cast vote on her name. On verification on her identity she was allowed to cast tendered vote by the Presiding Officer”.

Whereas, the report of the Collector and District Election Authority, Kamareddy District reveals the following grave irregularities in the conduct of poll process in the polling station of 101 of Ward No. 41:

1. There was impersonation in the polling station no. 101 of Ward No. 41 facilitated by laxity in the identification of the voter with photo electoral rolls and voter ID cards/identification documents contrary to the clear instructions of the SEC issued in Order No. 2872/TSEC-ULBs/2019, dated 16.01.2019.
2. The polling agents did not object to the impersonation indicates either collusion among them or appointment of ineligible persons as polling agents.

And whereas, the State Election Commission, after careful examination of the matter and taking all material circumstances into account, concluded that grave irregularities took place in the poll process of polling station No. 101 of Ward No. 41 of Kamareddy Municipality and it comes under the scope of Sections 228(1)(c) and hence, declare the poll at the polling station number 101 of Ward no. 41 of Kamareddy Municipality as void under section 228(2)(a) of Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019. Consequently a fresh poll is to be taken at the polling station No. 101 of Ward No. 41 of Kamareddy Municipality.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India and Sections 228(1)(c) and 228(2)(a) of Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019, the State Election Commission, hereby, declares the poll conducted in the polling station No. 101 of Ward No. 41 of Kamareddy Municipality in Kamareddy District on 22.01.2020 as void and directs that a fresh poll shall be conducted for the polling station No. 101 of Ward No. 41 of Kamareddy Municipality on 24.01.2020 from 7.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M duly following the procedure prescribed under Telangana Municipalities (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2019.

In this election, indelible mark shall be applied on the middle finger of voter's left hand.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Hyderabad,
23-01-2020.

M. ASHOK KUMAR,
Secretary.

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