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No.Ele(ML)-16/18 15/7/SEC., Date: 26.3.2018

ORDER

Whereas Rule-57E of the Odisha Municipal (Delimitation of Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 1994 and Rule 61(1) of the Odisha Municipal Corporation (Division of City into Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 2003 provide for recording of votes by blind or infirm electors. The Rules further says that if the Presiding Officer is satisfied that owing to blindness or other physical infirmities an elector is unable to recognize the symbol on the balloting unit of the voting machine or unable to record his vote by pressing the appropriate button without assistance, the Presiding Officer shall permit the elector to take with him a companion of not less than 18 years of age to the voting compartment for recording the vote on his behalf which shall be in accordance with his wishes.

Whereas the aforesaid Rules further provide that before any person is permitted to act as the companion of an elector on any day under these Rules, the companion shall be required to **declare** that he will keep secret the vote recorded him on behalf of the elector and that he has not already acted as the companion of any other elector at any other polling station on that day.

Whereas no form has been prescribed under these Rules in the declaration to be submitted by the person who acts as a companion to the elector.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243-ZA of the Constitution of India read with relevant provisions of the Odisha

Municipal (Delimitation of Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 1994 and Odisha Municipal Corporation (Division of City into Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 2003 with regard to the declaration to be submitted by the companion, the State Election Commission prescribes a Form annexed to this order be submitted by the companion before being allowed to vote on behalf of the elector.

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

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(R. N. Sahu) *26.3.2018*
Secretary

Memo No. 1518

26.3.18

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