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No. 3527 /SEC.,

Date: 22/02/2022

ORDER

Whereas Rule 57-A of the Odisha Municipal (Delimitation of Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 1994 and Rule 57 of Odisha Municipal Corporation (Division of City into Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 2003 provides for voting by Electronic Voting Machines in the election to the Urban Local Bodies;

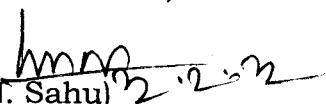
Whereas Rule 57-C(2) of the Odisha Municipal (Delimitation of Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 1994 and Rule 59 (2) of Odisha Municipal Corporation (Division of City into Wards, Reservation of Seats and Conduct of Election) Rules, 2003 provides that immediately before the commencement of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall demonstrate to the Polling Agents and other persons present that no vote has been already recorded in the voting machine;

Whereas in order to comply with the above provision, it is necessary to hold a Mock Poll in presence of the candidates or Polling Agents present;

Now therefore in exercise of powers conferred under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with relevant provisions of Odisha Municipal Act and Rules, the State Election Commission, Odisha hereby directs that

- i) The Presiding Officer is to conduct Mock Poll at least 30 minutes before the time fixed for actual poll.
- ii) Equal no. of votes should be cast in favour of each candidate including NOTA irrespective of the presence of the candidate/ Agent.
- iii) After conducting Mock poll on the EVM of Chairperson/ Mayor, the presiding Officer will conduct Mock Poll on the EVM for Councillor/ Corporator.
- iv) After completion of the Mock Poll, the Presiding Officer has to submit a declaration in respect of both EVMs separately in the form prescribed by the Commission.

By order of the
State Election Commission, Odisha


(R.N. Sahu) 2.2.22
Secretary

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Secretary 22-2-22

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Secretary 22-2-22

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Secretary 22-2-22

ANNEXURE-3
DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

(See Rule 57(C)(2) OM (DW, RS&CE) Rules, 1994 & Rule 59(2) of OMC (DCW, RS&CE) Rules, 2003)

Declaration by the Presiding Officer before the commencement of the poll
Election from Ward No..... of..... N.A.C/Municipal Corporation
Serial No. and name of polling station

Date of Poll

I hereby declare:

- (1) that I have demonstrated to the candidates / polling agents present –
 - (a) by holding a mock poll that the voting machine is in perfect working order and that no vote is already recorded therein;
 - (b) that the marked copy of the electoral roll to be used during the poll does not contain any marks other than election duty certificates; if any
 - (c) that the Register of Voters to be used during the poll does not contain any entry in respect of any elector;
- (2) that I have affixed my own signature on the Paper Seal(s) used for securing the result section of control unit and obtained thereon the signatures of the polling agents present.
- (3) that I have written the serial number of the Control Unit on the Special Tag, and I have affixed my signature on the back side of the Special Tag and also obtained thereon the signatures of candidates/polling agents present.
- (4) that I have affixed my signature on the Strip Seal and also obtained thereon the signatures of polling agents present.

of
Signature ^{of} Presiding Officer

Signature of polling agents :

- 1..... (of candidate.....)
- 2..... (of candidate.....)
- 3..... (of candidate.....)
- 4..... (of candidate.....)
- 5..... (of candidate.....)
- 6..... (of candidate.....)
- 7..... (of candidate.....)

N.B. : You can write down the name of the Polling Agent(s) who decline to put their signature on this declaration.

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