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సిపిఐ(యం) రాష్ట్ర కార్యదర్శివర్గ సభ్యులు వై.వెంకటేశ్వరరావు, రాష్ట్ర కమిటీ సభ్యులు జె.ప్రభాకర్ ఈరోజు కేంద్ర ఎన్నికల కమిషన్ అధికారి గారిని కలిసి అందజేసిన మొమెరాండం ప్రచురణార్థం పంపుతున్నాము.

To
Sri Sunil Arora,
Cheif Election Commission of India,
New Delhi
Camp at Amaravathi, Capital Andhra Pradesh

Sub: Urging to ensure free and fair polls in forthcoming Elections-and ensuring democratic right of Citizens.

We, the leader ship of Communist Party of India (Marxist), Andhra Pradesh Committee, hereby place before you the following points

Respected sir,

On Missing of Votes and Preparation of Pucca Voter Lists

1. In recently concluded elections for Telangana State Assembly, a big uproar erupted from thousands of people that their votes were missed from electoral rolls. This missing of votes was done in almost all constituencies in Telangana. The chief electoral officer there had to say apology to the voters for the missings of the names from Voter lists. The fact is that the apology cannot repair the damage caused to the democracy. It is true that the Citizens whose names were missed from the Voter Lists lost their right to vote to the candidate or party of their choice. They lost freedom of expression by casting vote in favour of their own choice. We feel that such worst situation should not repeat in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
2. In the Month of October 2018, your office released electoral rolls and called for the new enrolments and changes etc. Then many people found that their votes had missed from the lists published.
3. Many of those, who found that their names were missed from voter lists, applied again for enrolments. But some people do not know about this missing of the names. Some people posses voter ID cards granted by your office but their votes were found missed from the Voter lists. Those who found missing of their names applied again for enrolment. Some people who posses Voter ID Cards granted by your office kept quite believing that, as they posses voter ID cards, their votes invariably exist in the voter lists. Such people did not apply for enrolments again. Such people will find, on the day of Election, that their votes are missed from the Voter lists even though they

possessed ID cards. As a result, they will become unable to cast their votes. At that time, It will become futile if such citizens erupt in uproar against the missing of votes and if CEO says apology.

4. Another problem we find, on perusal of the voter lists recently published, that the votes of the Citizens living in the same Door Number or the votes of the members of a family living in the same Door Number are scattered to different booths. So it has become difficult to them to know whether their votes exist in the rolls or got missed. Such instances are in a considerable number. It should be rectified.

In the Coming MLC Graduates Elections draft voters list this type of anomalies are found in large number which we brought to the notice of Honl'ble CEO of Andhra Pradesh with concrete examples. So it should be rectified.

5. Sir, in a democratic country, no eligible citizen should be left without vote. If any vote is missed, such voter is deprived of his right to choose their representative in the Assembly/ Parliament/ Local body. It shall be against the basic spirit of universal suffrage and Constitutional rights. It will become a mockery of the Democracy. So it is the ultimate Responsibility of the Election Commission to see every eligible citizen must have a name in the voter list in order to facilitate him to cast his vote. We urge your good selves to field your machinery to visit each house in each constituency in our state to verify the voter lists and to enrol the voters if their names are missed from the lists. Transfers and deletions due to deaths can be effected by verifying door to door.

Doubts on functioning of EVMs

6. Sir, Many political parties as well as people are expressing the doubts about the functioning of EVMs. It is also responsibility of Election Commission of India to allay such doubts in order to make the people to believe that the elections are fair. It is true that Election Commission is attaching VVPATs to EVMs. We urge the Election Commission, in order to elevate the confidence in the Election Commission and Voting system, to count at least 10% of the ballot papers from VVPATs tallying the figure to the EVM shows.
7. Regarding draft voters list for MLC Graduates Elections in the Election commission website reasons are not mentioned for rejecting the voters application. At the same time while uploading the voter's list application and qualifying certificate is not displayed. We request this applications and qualifying should be displayed so that will be transparent to identify fake Voters. During 2017 Elections this was done. So that thousands of fake voters are deleted.
8. Necessary steps should be taken to curb luring of voters with welfare schemes. Recently media also focussed some of the ruling party leaders taking oaths from the voters in temples/ Churches/ Mosques raising their hands promising to cast the votes after distributing cheques for pensions etc.
9. Strict vigilance and checkups should be done in the Ambulances, Government, Police and Media vehicles to carry money for distribution to the voters.

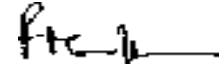
10. Separate queues and other necessary facilities should be provided to Senior citizens, disabled persons and patients.
11. Holiday with wage should be declared to the unorganised workers and employs.
12. Mobilizing the public with Government money and political speeches should be curtailed in the Government and official meetings.
13. Deleted voters should be informed through individual notices and through media.
14. Fist aid centres should be arranged in the important places.
15. “No note for vote” campaign should be conducted through All India Radio, DD, Electronic and Print Media should be taken up by ECI.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



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