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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ODISHA
TOSHALI BHAWAN, 1st FLOOR, BLOCK-B-2, SATYANAGAR
BHUBANESWAR-751 007

NOTIFICATION

The 21st January 2017

S.R.O. No.66/2017—Whereas, State Election Commission, Odisha has issued Notifications to elect Ward Members, Sarpanches, Panchayat Samiti Member and Zilla Parishad Member of the State vide Notification Nos. 5150, 5164 and 5178 all, dated the 27th December 2016 ;

Whereas, Collector and Superintendent of Police, Malkangiri in their joint report in Letter No. 117, dated the 21st January 2017 have reported that adequate security staff cannot be deployed in the nine Gram Panchayats of cut-off area and remaining nine Gram Panchayats of Chittrakonda Block to ensure smooth polling taking into account the safety of the polling personnel, voters and candidates and requested to postpone elections of Ward Members, Sarpanches, Panchayat Samiti Members and Zilla Parishad Members where valid nominations have been filed in Chittrakonda Block and cancel elections where zero nominations have been filed for post of Ward Members, Sarpanches, Panchayat Samiti Members and Zilla Parishad Members in Chittrakonda Block.

Now, the State Election Commission, Odisha, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Article 243-K of the Constitution of India, read with Rule 92-E of the Odisha Gram Panchayat Election Rules, 1965, Rule 46-E of Odisha Panchayat Samiti Election Rules, 1991 and Rule 59 of Odisha Zilla Parishad Election Rules, 1994 and other enabling powers in that behalf and after considering the joint report of Collector and Superintendent of Police, Malkangiri to the effect that the process of election was vitiated as the Election Officers could not perform their duties in some Gram Panchayats due to law and order situation and conduct of free and fair election is likely to be affected in the present scenario in Chittrakonda Block hereby orders as follows :—

A. Zilla Parishad Member

Election to the Zilla Parishad Constituency of Chittrakonda-1 and Chittrakonda-2 is hereby postponed.

B. Panchayat Samiti Member in Chittrakonda Block

- (i) The Panchayat Samiti Constituencies, where after scrutiny and withdrawal of candidature there is only one candidate duly nominated for the post of Panchayat Samiti Member he shall be declared elected uncontested but publication of name(s) shall not be done until further orders.
- (ii) The Constituency (ies) where there is/are more than one nomination, after withdrawal of candidature the election of the concerned Constituency(ies) is /are postponed.
- (iii) The Constituency (ies) where No-Nomination has been filed, the election of the concerned Constituency(ies) is/are cancelled.

C. Ward Members and Sarpanches in Chittrakonda Block

- (i) The Gram Panchayat/Ward where after scrutiny and withdrawal of candidature there is only one candidate duly nominated for the election of Ward Member/Sarpanch he shall be declared elected uncontested but publication of name(s) shall not be done until further orders.
- (ii) The Gram Panchayat (s)/Ward (s) where there is/are more than one candidate, after withdrawal of candidature the election of the concerned Gram Panchayat (s)/Ward (s) is/are postponed.
- (iii) The Gram Panchayat(s) /Ward(s) where No-Nomination has been filed, the election of the concerned Gram Panchayat (s)/Ward (s) is/are cancelled.

This Notification is available in Commission's Website: **www.secodisha.nic.in**.

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

R. N. SAHU
Secretary