

SEC orders thorough enquiry

ITANAGAR, Apr 29: The Arunachal Pradesh State Election Commissioner (SEC) in an order to Kurung Kumey DC cum DEO (Panchayati Raj election) has urged him to conduct thorough independent and impartial enquiry into the veracity of the complaint that a election candidate Tadar Yarang (Tarak Yarang) is a government employee. The findings of the enquiry shall be communicated to the Commission by the District Election Officer within a week, the SEC said in its order dated April 28 last.

"Vide powers vested in the Commission by Article 243(K), it is also directed in the interest of the purity of the election, the Return Certificate for the 6-Nyapin Zilla Parishad constituency shall be withheld till 20th May 2013, 21st May 2013 being the date for declaration of results in all constituencies after counting of votes," the order read.

While responding to a complaint lodged by one Gyamar Deriang that candidate Tadar Yarang (Tarak Yarang) is a government employee, the State Election Commission earlier had sought a report in this regard from Kurung Kumey DEO. Accordingly the DEO vide his letter No KK/PR/COMP-NYP/2013 Dated 27th April revealed that the only candidate from the 6- Nyapin Zilla Parishad constituency, Tadar Yarang alias Tarak Yarang is a government servant as her name appears on the acquittance roll of the Kurung Kumey Electrical Division, Sangram, Department of Power.

The Section 57 (d) of the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1997 stated that a government servant is disqualified for being chosen as, and for being a member of the Gram Panchayat, Anchal Samiti and Zilla Parishad and if the candidate Tadar Yarang alias Tarak Yarang is the same person and actually a government servant, who is the only candidate for the 6- Nyapin Zilla Parishad constituency for Panchayati Raj Institutions, she will be returned uncontested after the time for withdrawal of nominations, thus completely vitiating the election process, the SEC observed.

Therefore, it is directed in the interest of the purity of the election, the Return Certificate for the 6- Nyapin Zilla Parishad Constituency shall be withheld till 20th May 2013, 21st May 2013 being the date for declaration of results in all constituencies after counting of votes.
