

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
ARUNACHAL PRADESH, ITANAGAR

No AP/SEC-329/2013/1197

Dated Itanagar, the 13th April, 2013

ORDER

WHEREAS some teachers are claiming that they cannot be engaged for election duty because of their "service status" (sic),

AND WHEREAS the State Election Commission has examined such claim of the teachers in light of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's verdict of December 6, 2007 stating that "holding of an election is no doubt of paramount importance but for that purpose, the education of children cannot be neglected",

AND WHEREAS the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment has further stated that "Right to education being a fundamental right is equally important as right to exercise franchise" and hence, balance between the two must be maintained,

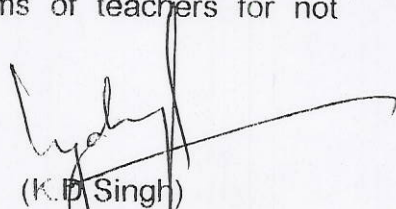
AND WHEREAS the Apex Court in its judgment has further clarified and directed "All teaching staff must only be put on duties of electoral revisions and Election works on holidays and non-teaching days. They should not ordinarily be put on said duty on teaching days and within teaching hours",

AND WHEREAS the State Election Commission being aware of the verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in order not to hamper or cause any hindrance to the academic interests of the students, has fixed the election dates coinciding with vacation period of schools in the State,

AND WHEREAS the State Government has declared vacation in schools during the period from 16th April 2013 to 31st May 2013 and the General Elections for Panchayati Raj Institutions and Municipality shall be completed during the period 16th April to 21st May 2013,

AND WHEREAS the conduct of General Elections throughout the State being a mammoth exercise, cannot be managed without the services of school teachers,

AND THEREFORE, the undersigned rejects the claims of teachers for not engaging them for election duty.

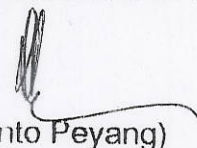


(K. D. Singh)

State Election Commissioner
Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar

To

All Deputy Commissioner cum District Election Officers, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.



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Secretary

State Election Commission
Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar

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