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# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN ASHOKA ROAD NEW DELHI-110001

No. 434/AP/SOU3/2024

Dated:10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

To

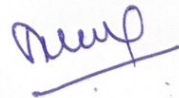
The Chief Secretary  
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh  
Amaravati.

**Subject: Simultaneous Elections to the Legislative Assembly of the Andhra Pradesh and House of the People, 2024 – Disbursements of money under various schemes by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh – Regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no 12/CS/GE-2024 dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 and letter no. 13/CS/GE-2024 on the subject cited above. The Commission has carefully gone through the clarification given and has found that: -

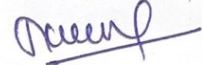
- (i) The fiscal position of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh was in good position during Jan – March, 2024 and it has enough budget to meet out the requirement of disbursal under these schemes. The contention of the State Govt. that the actual release of the funds may stretch up for a longer period of the time based on the availability of funds is not substantiated by the given position of the fund availability
  - (ii) The dates and periods of the DBT Money Transfer in the past reflects that there is no trend to release the assistance during the month of May, 2024.
  - (iii) There is no emergent situation arising out of these schemes which mandates the disbursal of assistance before 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 or even today on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.
2. The ECI vide its letter dated 9.05.2024 has already conveyed its NO Objection from MCC point of view for the proposed transfers to be done after



13.05.2024. However, the ECI letter dated 3.05.2024 and 9.05.2024 was kept in abeyance on 10.5.2024 by the order dated 9.05.2024 of the Hon'ble Single Judge of High Court of Andhra Pradesh. Further, the order dated 9.05.2024 was heard in appeal by a Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh on 10.05.2024. The Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court has recorded the submission of ECI that ECI will not insist on further MCC approval for disbursement of money after 13.05.2024.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission will have no objections from MCC angle for DBT/ Money Transfer to the eligible beneficiaries under the six schemes immediately after the poll day i.e, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

Yours faithfully,



**(Sanjay Kumar)**  
**Under Secretary**

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The Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh for information and to ensure compliance of the above order of the Commission.