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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT**

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**Memo No.70/Elecs.D/2021-6 ,**

**Dated: 17.01.2022**

**Sub:-Elections-Publication of criminal antecedents by contesting candidates and political parties – ‘Know Your candidate’ App - Communicated – Regarding.**

**Ref:- ECI Letter No. 3/4/2021/SDR/Vol.III, dated 15.01.2022.**

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A copy of the reference cited wherein ECI has issued instructions on Publication of criminal antecedents by contesting candidates and political parties in “Know Your candidate App”, is sent herewith to the Commissioner GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad, all the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State and Returning Officers of 119 ACs and 17 PCs in the state for taking necessary action in the matter.

**Dr. SHASHANK GOEL  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &  
E.O.SPL.CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To,**

The Commissioner GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad. (w.e.)

All the Collectors & District Election Officers in the State (w.e.)

All the Returning Officers of 119 ACs and 17 PCs (w.e.) (through the Collectors & District Election Officers Concerned )

**Copy to:**

Shri Shri. Narendra N. Butolia, Sr. Principal Secretary, ECI, New Delhi -110001.

Shri D Chiranjivi, PMIT., O/o the C.E.O. for information

The S.L.A., O/o the C.E.O. (w.e.) for uploading in the CEO's website.

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**SECTION OFFICER**

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI -110001

No. 3/4/2021/SDR/Vol-III

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

To

The Chief Electoral Officers  
of all sates and UTs

**Subject:-** Publication of criminal antecedents by contesting candidates and political parties – 'Know Your Candidate' App- regarding.

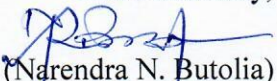
Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that in the matter of publication of criminal antecedent of candidates, Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 10.08.2021, in contempt petition(C) No. 656 of 2020 in contempt petition (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in writ petition (civil) no. 536 of 2011, under para 73(ii) has directed as under-

*"The ECI is to create a dedicated mobile application containing information published by candidates regarding their criminal antecedents, so that at one stroke, each voter gets such information on his/her mobile phone;"*

2. In pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Courts above said directions and with a view to provide wide publicity and greater awareness regarding criminal antecedents of contesting candidates, the Commission has developed an application named '**Know Your Candidate**' which contains the information related to criminal antecedents of the candidates.
3. The link for application is available on the Commission's website and can also be downloaded from Google play store and Apple App store.
4. The SOP for Encore backend activity by Returning Officers for digitization and verification of offline nominations and online nominations of the candidates is enclosed at Annexure-I. The SOP shall be brought to the notice of all District Election Officers/Returning Officers and all the concerned election authorities of your State for information and necessary action.
5. For any technical support, mail/message can be sent at [direct@eci.gov.in](mailto:direct@eci.gov.in)/mobile no. 9871124359/WhatsApp Group "Election 2022 (IT Apps)" for IT.
6. Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Narendra N. Butolia)

Sr. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



**Criminal Antecedent- SOP for KYC App**

**Encore Backend activity by RO for KYC app**

1. **Action in case of offline nomination-** Returning officer need to ensure following action for candidate having criminal antecedents during digitization of offline nominations in Encore.
  - (i). Returning Officer needs to select the checkbox "Yes" or "No" for Candidate Criminal Antecedent and upload the scanned document submitted by candidate in Encore offline nomination process.
  - (ii) Returning Officer is required to ensure that the right document is uploaded for the candidate's criminal antecedents as the same gets public visibility through KYC (Know Your Candidate) App.
  - (iii) Returning Officer also needs to re-verify and ensure that the checkbox is marked appropriately as "Yes" or "No" as per the details submitted by candidate.
  
2. **Action in case of online nomination-** Returning officer need to ensure following action for candidate having criminal antecedents during verification of online nomination in Encore
  - (i) Returning Officer needs to select the checkbox "Yes" or "No" for Candidate Criminal Antecedent and upload the scanned document submitted by the candidate.
  - (ii) Returning Officer is required to ensure that the right document is uploaded for the candidate's criminal antecedents as the same gets public visibility through KYC (Know Your Candidate) App.
  - (iii) Returning Officer also needs to re-verify and ensure that the checkbox is marked appropriately as "Yes" or "No" as per the details submitted by candidate
  
3. CEO/DEO needs to ensure that all Returning Officers follow above instructions for all contesting candidates without exception.