

## KARNATAKA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

No. SEC.91.EUB.2015

KSCMF Building (annex), No. 8, 1st Floor. Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052 Dated: 17-08-2015

## ORDER

BBMP General Elections, 2015 - Publication and Dissemination of Results of Pre-poll survey/Opinion Poll and Exit Poll by Print or Electronic media – reg.

The Karnataka State Election Commission has announced the dates for conduct of General Elections to 198 wards of BBMP. The Polling will be held on 22-08-2015 from 7.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

As per Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers to issue directions on conduct of elections in free and fair manner. As the Pre-poll survey / opinion poll and Exit poll would have the effect of influencing the electorate, the Commission has decided to restrict the Publication and Dissemination of results of Pre-poll survey/Opinion poll and exit poll by print or electronic or any other media in the following manner:

> No person shall conduct any opinion/exit poll and publish or publicize by any means of the print or electronic media or disseminate in any other manner, whatsoever the result of any opinion poll during the period 48 hours before the commencement of the poll (from 7.00 AM) on 20th August 2015) and exit poll till half an hour after the closing of poll (i.e. till 5-30 PM on 22nd August 2015).

Explanation: In this Order: - (a) 'Electronic media' includes Radio and Television - both Government owned and Private and covers Satellite/DTH, Terrestrial and Cable Channels.

(b) 'Dissemination' includes publication in any newspaper, magazine or periodical, or display on electronic media, or circulation by means of any pamphlet, poster, placard, handbill, SMS/WhatsApp messages etc or any other document.

By Order

Copy to:

1. Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike,

2. District Election officer (Central/South/North)

3. Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore urban district

4. Director, Department of Information and Public Relations

Otharams, / Under Secretary