

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P.NAVEEN RAO

WRIT PETITION No.15778 OF 2019

ORDER:

Petitioners contested as Ward Members to Ward Nos.45, 30 and 25 respectively of Ramagundam Municipal Corporation, in the elections held in the year 2014. Alleging that petitioners did not file election expenditure, orders were passed on 23.06.2017 by the State Election Commission declaring the petitioners as ineligible for three years from the date of issue of those order to contest any election to be held for any Office under the provisions of Telangana Municipalities Act, 1965.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel representing the State Election Commission. Learned counsel appearing for State Election Commission agrees that subject matter of the writ petition is covered by the decision of learned single Judge of this Court rendered in W.P.No.2630 of 2018 and batch.

3. From the reading of the orders impugned, it is apparent that no prior notice was issued before passing such order and notice was not issued within reasonable time from the date of conclusion of election process.

4. In W.P.No.2630 of 2018 and batch, learned single Judge of this Court considered the issue in detail and held such action of the State Election Commission in disqualifying the candidates on the ground that they did not file election expenditure in the elections held in the year 2014 after long lapse of time as illegal

and amounts to arbitrary exercise of power, and set aside the similar orders passed against the petitioners therein.

5. Following the earlier orders of this Court, this Writ Petition is also allowed by setting aside the orders impugned.

Miscellaneous petitions, pending if any, shall stand closed.

No order as to costs.

P. NAVEEN RAO, J

26th July, 2019
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