

SEC directive on Chenchu tribals

HYDERABAD: The State Election Commission (SEC) has issued directions to all district Collectors to take special steps for inclusion of names of Chenchu tribals in the voter lists of gram panchayats where such names were not included earlier.

These instructions were based on the directions of the A. P. High court to ensure that Collectors play a more proactive role in generating awareness among tribals whose names are not found in the voter lists. They have been asked to utilise the services of staff of various departments and voluntary organisations in enrolling eligible voters.

A press release issued by Mr. D. R. Garg, Secretary of the SEC, here on Tuesday said Collectors had been directed to complete this work before the first fortnight of September ahead of the Commission issuing the statutory election notification for the panchayat polls which would be conducted before October 21.