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lost deposit in 2016 GHMC polls

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Nearly 1,000 of the total 1,333

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who contested the elections to Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation had lost their deposit in

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. Some of the candidates of the winning TRS had also

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in a few wards. While the highest number of candidates to lose deposit were independents, Congress, BJP, CPI and CPM candidates were not far behind.



This time, 1,122 candidates will contest and try their best to win the hearts of the voters. In all, 415 Independents are in fray and another 76 are from recognised and regional parties.

The TRS is contesting from all 150 wards followed by BJP in 149 wards, Congress 146, TDP 106, MIM 51, CPI 17 and CPM 12.

In the elections, a deposit is the sum of money that a candidate has to pay to the election authority before contesting the [polls](#).

In the

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being held now, the deposit is Rs 5,000 for candidates from other castes and Rs 2,500 for SCs, STs and BCs, said state election commissioner C Partha Sarathi. This deposit collected is repaid to the candidate after the poll if the candidate obtains one-sixth of the total valid polled votes. The purpose of the deposit is to reduce the prevalence of 'fringe' candidates or parties with no realistic chance of winning a seat. If the candidate does not achieve the refund threshold, that is one-sixth of total valid polled votes, the deposit is forfeited.

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