

General Election Vidhan Sabha
Most Immediate Date Bound

No. 4/13/2019-1 Election
Government of Haryana
Chief Secretary Office
(Election Branch)

Dated, Chandigarh the 25th September, 2019.

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Govt., Haryana.
2. All Heads of Department.
3. All the MD/CA of Boards/Corporations/ Public Sector Undertaking of Haryana.
4. All the Divisional Commissioner in Haryana.
5. All the Deputy Commissioner-cum- District Elections Officer in Haryana.
6. All the Vice Chancellor of the Universities in Haryana State.
7. The Director, NIC Haryana Civil Secretariat.

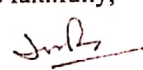
Subject: - Immediate action to be taken for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct after announcement of General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana & Maharashtra, 2019- Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Model Code of Conduct has come into force from the date of announcement of the polls by the Election Commission of India i.e. 21.9.2019. Therefore, I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and forward a copy of Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India letter No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/ 2019, dated 21.9.2019 and CEO Haryana letter No. 141/MCC/HVS Elec-2019/2AE-11279 dated 24.9.2019 for immediate compliance. Copy of this letter along-with enclosures is uploaded on website csharyana.gov.in and the same may be downloaded from there. It is requested to request to remove the political advertisement and photographs of any political functionary from your office, website etc. and a certificate in this regard be sent to CEO Haryana for compliance of ECI Instruction.

2. It may be ensured that directions of the Election Commission of India are complied with strictly.

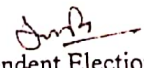
Yours faithfully,


Superintendent Election.

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Dated, Chandigarh the 25th September, 2019.

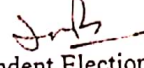
A copy is forwarded to Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi with reference to his letter No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2019, dated 21st September, 2019 for information.


Superintendent Election.

Endst.No.4/13/2019-1Election

Dated, Chandigarh the 25th September, 2019.

A copy is forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, 30-Bays Building Sector-17, Chandigarh w.r.t. his letter No. 141/MCC/HVS Elec-2019/2AE-11279 dated 24.9.2019 for information.


Superintendent Election.



OFFICE OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, HARYANA

कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, हरियाणा

VIDHAN SABHA GENERAL ELECTION, 2019//MOST IMMEDIATE/DATE BOUND

No. 141/MCC/HVSElec-2019/2AE- 11279

Dated: 24-09-19

To

1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.
2. All the Addl. Chief Secretaries to Govt. of Haryana.
3. All the Financial Commissioners and Principal Secretaries to Govt. Haryana.
4. The Director General of Police, Haryana.
5. All the Commissioners and Secretaries to Government, Haryana.
6. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State.
7. The Vice Chancellor of all the Universities in the State.
8. The Director, Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana.

Subject:- Immediate action to be taken for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct after announcement of General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana & Maharashtra, 2019-regarding.

Sir,

In reference to this office letter No. letter No. 141/MCC/HVSELEC-2019/2AE-11181 dated 21.09.2019 vide which three letters bearing same No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2019 dated 21-09-2019 were sent to your office for information and necessary action, wherein the certificate is required to be sent to this office regarding removal of political advertisements from offices and photographs of any political functionary from official websites of state departments immediately after the announcement of Election and in view of compliance of Model Code of Conduct. But the certificate in this regard has not been received in this office till date.

Therefore, you are again requested to send the certificate for removal of political advertisement and removal the photographs of any political functionary from your official website by return E-Mail.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Chief Electoral Officer,
For: Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2019

Dated: 21st September, 2019

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretaries to the
Government of:-
(i) Haryana, Chandigarh; and
(ii) Maharashtra, Mumbai.
3. The Chief Electoral Officer of :-
(i) Haryana, Chandigarh; and
(ii) Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Subject: Immediate action to be taken for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct after announcement of General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Maharashtra, 2019- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Election Commission has announced the schedule for holding General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Maharashtra, operation of 'MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT' comes into effect with the announcement of elections by the Commission. In view of the general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Maharashtra, the Commission has given following directions for effective enforcement of provisions of MCC:-

1. **Defacement of Property-** ECI instructions contained in letters, No. 437/6/INST/2015-CCS, dated 29th December, 2015, No. 437/6/INST/2012- CC&BE dated 18th January, 2012 and No. 3/7/2008 JS-II dated 7th October, 2008 , provide for prevention of defacement of property. The Commission has directed to ensure strict compliance of its instructions and to take time bound action as prescribed below-
 - (a) **Defacement of Government property-** For this purpose a Government premise would include any Government office and the campus wherein the office building is situated. All wall writing, posters/papers or defacement in any other form,

cutout/hoardings, banners, flags etc, on Government property shall be removed within 24 hours from the announcement of elections

(b) **Defacement of public property and misuse of public space-** All unauthorized political advertisement, in the form of wall writing/posters/papers of defacement in any other form, cutout/hoardings, banners flags etc. at public property and in public space like railway station, Bus stands, Airports, railway Bridges, Roadways, Govt. Buses, Electric/Telephone poles , municipal/local bodies' buildings etc., shall be removed within 48 hours from the announcement of elections by the Commission.

(c) **Defacement of private property-** All unauthorized political advertisement displayed at private property and subject to local law and court's directions, if any, shall be removed within 72 hours from the announcement of elections by the Commission.

2. **Misuse of official vehicle-** The ECI's Consolidated instructions contained in letter No. 464/INST/2014/EPS, dated 10th April 2014, among other things, provides that **there shall be a total ban on use of official vehicle by any political party, candidate or any other person connected with election (except officials performing any election related official duty) for campaigning, electioneering or election related travel during elections (subject to certain exception mentioned therein).** The expression official vehicle means and shall include , any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise and will include trucks, lorries, tempos, jeeps, cars, auto rickshaws, e-rickshaws, buses, belonging to Central Government, State Government/UT Administrations, public undertakings of Central/State Government, Join sector undertakings of Central/State Government, local bodies, municipal corporations, marketing boards, cooperative societies or any other body in which public funds , however small a portion of the total, are invested. **The CEOs/DEOs shall take necessary action for compliance of ECI instructions within 24 hrs of the announcement of the elections.**

3. **Advertisement at the cost of public exchequer-** ECI instructions contained in letters, No. 437/6/1/2014-CC&BE, dated 5th March, 2014 provides that at the cost of public exchequer in the newspapers and other media and the misuse of official mass media during the election period for partisan coverage of political news and publicity regarding achievements with a view to furthering the prospects of the party in power shall be scrupulously avoided. No advertisements shall be issued in electronic and print media highlighting the achievements of the Govt. at the cost of public exchequer. If any advertisement has already been released for telecast/broadcast or publication in the print media, it must be ensured that the telecast/broadcast of such ads on electronic

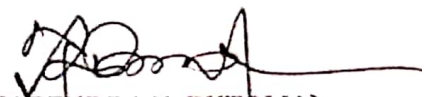
media is stopped forthwith and that no such ad is published in any newspapers, magazines, etc., i.e. in print media, from the date of announcement and it should be immediately withdrawn. The CEOs/DEOs has to take immediate action to remove/stop any advertisement, in the print/electronic media, showing the achievements of the Government soon after the announcement of elections.

4. **Photograph of political functionary at official website-** ECI instruction contained in letter No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE dated 20th March, 2014 provides that all references of Ministers, Politicians or political parties available on central/state Government's official website, shall be removed. The CEOs have to take immediate action to remove/hide the photographs of any political functionary from official websites of state department.
5. **Development/construction related activities- within 72 hours** of announcement of elections, the CEO/DEO shall obtain the following list of works for reference in case of validating any complaint on violation of MCC:
 - (i) List of work which has already been started on ground.
 - (ii) List of fresh work which has not started on ground.
6. **Activities for Expenditure Monitoring and enforcement of MCC-** Flying squad, FST, video team, intensive checking for liquor/Cash/Contra banned drugs, flying squads of excise department to check illicit trafficking of Drug/Narcotics to be immediately activated after announcement.
7. **Complaint Monitoring System-** The poll going states shall have a complaint redressal mechanism based on website and call center. The toll free number of call center is 1950. Complaints can be registered by making calls to the toll free call center numbers or on the web site. Complainants will also be informed of the action taken by SMS and by the call center. Complainants can also see the details of the action taken on their complaints. This system should be operational within 24 hours of the announcement . All complaint should be dealt with promptly and properly. The 24x7 control Room at the district level must be activated and sufficient deployment of manpower and other logistics be ensured in particular, round the clock personnel should be deployed in the control room and their duty roaster must be issued to avoid any evasion or confusion.
8. **IT Application-** All IT applications including official website and social media shall be operational with the announcement.
9. **Dissemination of information for Awareness of Voters and political parties.** Publicity of major election activity would be given through CEO/DEO/RO. For this

purpose, all necessary information shall be disseminated through radio, tv, cinema. Government channel to display voter education material.

10. **Active cooperation from Educational Institution and Civil Societies-** Cooperation can be sought from educational institution and civil societies for giving wide publicity to the election related information to the general public and other stakeholders.
11. **Media Centre-** Effort should be made for awareness among the voters, political parties and other stakeholder through media center about election system including use of EVM/VVPAT.
12. **MCMC/DEMC-** ECI instruction contained in letter no. 491/MCMC/2014/Communication dated 24th March, 2014 provides that all registered political parties will approach the Media Certification and Monitoring Committees (MCMC) at District and State level, as the case may be, for pre-certification of their political advertisements proposed to be issued on electronic media. The Commission has directed to ensure strict compliance of its instructions contained in above said letter.
13. **Control Room-** The 24x7 control room at district level must be activated immediately and sufficient deployment of manpower and other logistics be ensured by the DEO/CEO. A control room with complaint Monitoring Centre would also be set up at ECI Secretariat during the entire election process.

Yours faithfully,


(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY