

No 04/13/2019-1 Election
Haryana Government
Chief Secretary Office
(Election Branch)

Dated, Chandigarh the 21st September, 2019.

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries to Government Haryana.
2. All Head of Departments to Government Haryana
3. All the MD's/CAs of Boards/Corporation in Haryana.
4. Vice Chancellors of all the Universities in the State
5. All the Divisional Commissioners in Haryana.
6. All Deputy Commissioner-cum- District Election Officer's in Haryana.

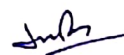
Subject: Immediate action to be taken for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct after announcement of General Elections to Haryana Vidhan Sabha 2019-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer the letter no. 141/MCC-INST/HVS/ELEC-2019/2AE-11136, dated 20.09.2019 received from Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana on the subject noted above and forward the same with the request that the officers/officials connected with the work of Election to take immediate action and therefore is requested to compliance these instructions .

2. Copy of this letter along with enclosures is uploaded on website csharyana.gov.in and the same may be downloaded from there.

Yours faithfully,



Superintendent Election,
for Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana
Dated, Chandigarh the 21st September, 2019.

Endst. No. 04/13/2019-1 Election

A copy is forwarded to Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana w.r.t his letter No. 141/MCC-INST/HVS/ELEC-2019/2AE-11136, dated 20.09.2019 for information.



Superintendent Election,
for Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana

OFFICE OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, HARYANA

कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, हरियाणा

GENERAL ELECTION TO HARYANA VIDHAN SABHA-2019

No. 141/MCC-INST/HVS/ELEC-2019/2AE - 11136

Dated: 20.09.19

To

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana.
2. All the Additional Chief Secretaries to Govt., Haryana.
3. Vice Chancellors of all the Universities in the State.
4. All the Principal Secretaries to Govt., Haryana.
5. All the Commissioner & Secretaries to Govt., Haryana.
6. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State.
7. All the Managing Directors of the Boards & Corporations and Public undertaking in the State.

Subject: Immediate action to be taken for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct after announcement of General Elections to Haryana Vidhan Sabha, 2019 - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

On the subject noted above, I am directed to draw your kind attention towards the Election Commission of India's letter No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/ MCC/2019, dated 10.03.2019 (copy enclosed).

In this regard, it is informed that announcement of General Election to Haryana Vidhan Sabha, 2019 can be made by the Election Commission of India at any time now and the operation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) comes into effect immediately with the announcement of elections by the Commission. The Commission, vide above mentioned letter, has given some directions which are to be complied with, in a time bound manner, for effective enforcement of provisions of MCC.

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary action for compliance of ECI's instructions, within the prescribed time limit, immediately on the announcement of Elections by the Election Commission of India.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Chief Electoral Officer,
for Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana.

Endst No. 141/MCC-INST/HVS/ELEC-2019/2AE - 11137

Dated: 20.09.19

A copy of the above is forwarded to all the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officers in the State for strict compliance.

Deputy Chief Electoral Officer,
for Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana.

Cc:

For information and necessary action:-

1. Director, Information & Public Relations Deptt., Haryana.
2. All ETs/ENTs in the State

By Spl. Messenger/mail

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

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

Dated: 10th March, 2019

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretaries of all States and
Chief Secretaries/Administrators of Union Territories
3. The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Immediate action to be taken for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct after announcement of General Elections to House of the People (Lok Sabha), 2019 and State Legislative Assemblies in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and certain bye-elections - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Election Commission has announced the schedule for holding General Election to House of the People (Lok Sabha), 2019 and State Legislative Assemblies in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and certain bye-elections, operation of 'MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT' comes into effect with the announcement of elections by the Commission. In view of the general elections, 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 hours 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.**

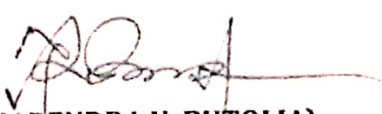
4. **Photograph of political functionary at official website-** ECI instruction contained in letter No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE dated 20th March, 2014 provides that all references of Ministers, Politicians or political parties available on central/state Government's official website, shall be removed. 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

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particular, round the clock personnel should be deployed in the control room and their duty roster 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