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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE

Dated: 20th March, 2014

To

- 1) The Cabinet Secretary
Cabinet Secretariat,
Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 2) The Chief Secretaries of
All States and Union Territories
- 3) The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories

Subject: General Elections - Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct - Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Commission has been receiving references seeking clarification of the applicability of Model Code of Conduct from various Ministries/Departments/PSUs etc. The Commission vides its letter No. 437/6/2009-CC&BE, dated 5th March, 2009 issued guidelines regarding implementation/processing of the various projects, schemes, rural development programmes etc. by the Central/State Governments. In item No. 14 of the said guidelines, it was clearly mentioned that "All Government of India references to the Election Commission of India shall be made preferably through the Cabinet Secretariat. In so far as reference from State Governments is concerned, the same shall be made to the Election Commission of India through the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the state concerned.

In spite of the above guidelines, the references from Central Governments are being directly received in the Commission without routing through the Cabinet Secretariat. Further, Departments, Sub-Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies of the Ministry/Department are also forwarding references to the Election Commission directly. As a result innumerable references are pouring in, including those cases which have no urgency and which can wait till elections are over.

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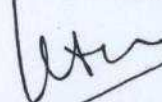
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Department and Government Organization highlighting their achievements but eulogizing the same as personal achievements of Politicians/Ministers.

The Commission has decided that during the period when Model Code of Conduct is in force in connection with General Election to the Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assemblies currently going on, all references of Ministers, Politicians or Political Parties available on such Central/State Government's official website, shall be removed.

The above instruction of the Commission may kindly be communicated to all concerned for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,



(K. AJAY KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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