

Election Matter

Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy

No 5/60/Elect/2014

मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी कार्यालय

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीपसमूह

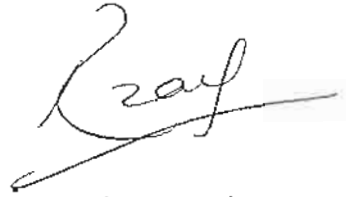
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, dated the 14th March, 2014

ORDER

Following the announcement of the General Elections 2014, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force from 5th March, 2014. The office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Andaman and Nicobar Islands is receiving requests from Government Departments regarding the Model Code of Conduct directly from officials at all levels and in different formats. It is therefore felt necessary to frame guidelines for such proposals. Since comprehensive and detailed training has been given to all the Heads of Departments in this regard, the following procedure shall be followed by all Departments of this Administration while submitting any proposal regarding the Model Code of Conduct:

- 1) The proposal shall be prepared by the HOD, based on the training received, and shall clearly state the issues where clarification is being sought and why the proposal needs to be undertaken while the Code is in force.
- 2) The proposal shall be submitted by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary/Secretary, on file, to the CEO with his/her specific recommendations. In case of the Environment and Forests Department it shall be submitted through the PCCF and in case of the Police Department through the Home Department.



(Rina Ray)

Chief Electoral Officer

Dt.14.3.2014

To

1. PCCF
2. DGP
3. All Commissioner-cum-Secretaries.
4. All Secretaries.
5. All HODs





ELECTION IMMEDIATE

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F. No. 1-35/E-Cell/LS/RO/ANIPC/2014/68

निर्वाचन अधिकारी का कार्यालय

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

अंडमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप समूह संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS, PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

(उपायुक्त, दक्षिण अंडमान)

(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SOUTH ANDAMAN)

पोर्टब्लेयर

PORT BLAIR

Port Blair, dated the 09th March, 2014

To

The District Election Officer,
Middle and North Andaman/Car Nicobar District

✓ All Heads of Department State Informatics Officer, NIC

Sub: Application of Model Code of Conduct- General Election to Lok Sabha-2014- regarding

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the copies of letters issued by the Election Commission of India vide No. 437/6/1/2014-CC&BE, dated 5th March, 2014 on the captioned subject. The Commission has directed to strictly follow the decisions of the Commission with the true letter and spirit.

Suitable instructions on the content of the above letter may be issued to all the concerned for strict adherence during the general election.

This issues with the approval of the Returning Officer, A & N Islands Parliamentary Constituency.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

(M. Sanjay)

Nodal Officer (MCC)

For Returning Officer

A & N Islands Parliamentary Constituency

Copy to:

1. The PS to Chief Electoral Officer, A & N Island Parliamentary Constituency for kind information of Chief Electoral Officer.
2. The PS to Returning Officer, A & N Island Parliamentary Constituency for kind information of Returning Officer.
3. The Joint Chief Electoral Officer, A & N Island Parliamentary Constituency for kind information.

Nodal Officer (MCC)

For Returning Officer

A & N Islands Parliamentary Constituency

By Spl. Messenger/Speed Post

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 437/6/1/2014-CC&BE

Dated: 5th March 2014

To

1. **The Cabinet Secretary,**
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
2. **The Chief Secretaries to the Governments of**
all States and Union Territories
3. **The Chief Electoral Officers of :-**
all States and Union Territories

Sub: Application of Model Code of Conduct – General Election to Lok Sabha – 2014 and simultaneous elections to State Legislative Assemblies in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and certain bye-elections– reg.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has announced the schedule for holding General Elections to Lok Sabha and to the Legislative Assemblies of the States of **Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Sikkim** including certain bye-elections to the Legislative Assemblies of some States (Press Note No. ECI/PN/10/2014, dated 5th March 2014 available at Commission's web-site – www.eci.gov.in).

2. With this announcement, the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates have come into force with immediate effect and will be in force till the completion of the General Elections. This may be brought to the notice of the Central / State Governments, all Ministries/Departments and all other offices of the Union Government and the State Government of the State.

3. Your particular attention is drawn to the provisions of Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of Political Parties and Candidates and various instructions issued by the Commission, which, inter-alia, state that the party in power whether at the Centre or in the State or States concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that it has used its official position for the purposes of its election campaign and in particular:-

- (i) (a) The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work;
- (b) Government transport including official air-crafts, vehicles, machinery and personnel shall not be used for furtherance of the interest of the party in power;
- (ii) Public places such as maidans etc., for holding election meetings, and use of helipads for air-flights in connection with elections shall not be monopolised by itself. Other parties and candidates shall be allowed the use of such places and facilities on the same terms and conditions on which they are used by the party in power;
- (iii) Rest houses, dak bungalows or other Government accommodation where elections have been announced or are taking place can be given to the political functionaries who are provided security by the State in Z scale or above or equivalent by various State Governments or the Central Government under provisions of their laws, on equitable basis. This shall be subject to condition that such accommodation is not already allotted or occupied by election related officials or Observers. Such political functionaries shall not carry out any political activity while staying in the Government Guest Houses/Rest Houses or other Government accommodation etc.;
- (iv) Issue of advertisement 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;
- (v) Ministers and other authorities shall not sanction grants/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced by the Commission; and
- (vi) From the time elections are announced by Commission, Ministers and other authorities shall not –
- (a) announce any financial grants in any form or promises thereof; or
- (b) (except civil servants) lay foundation stones etc. of projects or schemes of any kind; or
- (c) make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities etc.; or
- (d) make any ad-hoc appointments in Government, Public Undertakings etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.

4. As will be observed from Para 3{Clause IV} above, 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 today itself and it should be immediately withdrawn.

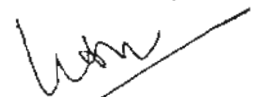
5. The instruction of the Commission contained in its letter No.437/6/2009-CCBE dated 5th March, 2009 is available on the Commission's web-site "<http://eci.nic.in/> under the heading 'Election Laws and ECI - instructions' for your information and necessary action.

6. The Commission directs that there shall be a total ban on the transfer of all officers/officials connected with the conduct of the election. These include but are not restricted to: -

- i) The Chief Electoral Officer and Additional/Joint/Deputy Chief Electoral Officers;
- ii) Divisional Commissioners;
- iii) The District Election Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and other Revenue Officers connected with the Conduct of Election;
- iv) Officers of the Police Department connected with the management of election like range IGs and DIGs, Senior Superintendents of Police and Superintendents of Police, Sub-Divisional Police Officers like Deputy Superintendents of Police and other Police officers who are deputed to the Commission under section 28A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951;
- v) The transfer orders issued in respect of the above categories of officers prior to the date of announcement but not implemented till date should not be given effect to without obtaining specific permission from the Commission in this regard;
- vi) This ban shall be effective till the completion of the election. The Commission further directs that the State Governments should refrain from making transfers of senior officers who have a role in the management of election in the State;
- vii) In those cases where transfer of an officer is necessary on account of administrative exigencies, the concerned State Government may with full justification approach the Commission for prior clearance..

7. The receipt of the letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,



(K. AJAY KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY