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/XXV-56/2020

देहरादून

दिनांक **23** जनवरी, 2022

सेवा में.

समस्त जिलाधिकारी एवं जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी. उत्तराखण्ड।

विषय:

विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन, 2022, प्रचार—प्रसार के संबंध में आयोग के दिशा—निर्देशों का प्रेषण।

महोदय.

उपरोक्त विषयक भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के पत्र संख्या 437/6/INST/ECI/LET/ FUNCT/MCC/2022 दिनांक 22 जनवरी, 2022 (प्रति संलग्न) का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसमें आयोग द्वारा विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन के दौरान राजनैतिक दलों / निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले अभ्यर्थियों के द्वारा किये जाने वाले प्रचार-प्रसार के माध्यमों के अन्तर्गत वीडियो वैन के प्रयोग आदि के संबंध में विस्तृत दिशा-निर्देश निर्गत किये गये हैं।

अतः उक्त के क्रम में मुझे निवेदन सहित यह कहने के निदेश हुए है, कि आयोग के उक्त दिशा-निर्देशों का कड़ाई से अनुपालन सुनिश्चित किए जाने हेतु सभी संबंधितों को निर्देशित करते हुए आयोग के निर्देशों की प्रति समस्त रिटर्निंग / सहायक रिटर्निंग आफिसरों, राजनैतिक दलों, निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले अभ्यर्थियों को उपलब्ध कराने के साथ-साथ इसका सभी आवश्यक माध्यमों से व्यापक प्रचार-प्रसार भी सुनिश्चिचत कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक : यथोपरि।

(प्रताप सिंह शाह) संयुक्त मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी उत्तराखण्ड।

संख्या-त्र 19 /XXV - 56/ 2021, तद दिनांकित।

निम्नलिखित को भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के उक्त सन्दर्भित पत्र की प्रति सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक प्रतिलिपि:-कार्यवाही हेत् प्रेषित :-

1. पुलिस महानिदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड, देहरादून।

2. पुलिस महानिरीक्षक, अपराध एवं कानून व्यवस्था (नोडल अधिकारी), उत्तराखण्ड।

3. मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी, उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण, देहरादून।

4. उप निदेशक, सूचना (नोडल अधिकारी) को आयोग के उक्त संदर्भित पत्र की प्रति सहित इस आशय से प्रेषित कि उक्त निर्देशों का सर्व साधारण की जानकारी प्रेस नोट के रूप में निःशुल्क प्रकाशन करवाने का कष्ट करें।

> (प्रताप सिंह शाह) संयुक्त मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी उत्तराखण्ड।

प्रेषक.

मुख्य सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी, उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण।

सेवा में,

- 1. समस्त अपर मुख्य सचिव / प्रमुख सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 2. पुलिस महानिदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड।
- 3. समस्त सचिव / प्रभारी सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 4. आयुक्त, कुमाऊँ एवं गढ़वाल मण्डल।
- 5. समस्त जिलाधिकारी, उत्तराखण्ड।

यू.एस.डी.एम.ए.

देहरादून, 24 जनवरी, 2022

विषयः कोविड—19 के New Variant 'Omicron' के नियत्रंण हेतु दिशा—निर्देश के सम्बन्ध में। महोदया / महोदय,

मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तराखण्ड द्वारा जारी आदेश संख्या—819/XXV-56/2021 दिनांक 23 जनवरी, 2022 द्वारा विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन, 2022 हेतु राजनैतिक दलों / निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले अभ्यर्थियों के द्वारा किये जाने वाले प्रचार—प्रसार के माध्यमों के अन्तर्गत वीडियो वैन के प्रयोग आदि के सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत दिशा—निर्देश निर्गत किये गये है (संलग्नक—1)।

उक्त दिशा-निर्देशों के तहत प्रचार-प्रसार हेतु वीडियो वैन के प्रयोग की अनुमित होगी। यह आदेश तत्काल प्रभाव से अग्रिम आदेशों तक प्रभावी रहेंगे।

संलग्नक:- यथोक्त।

भवदीय,

(डॉ0 सुखबीर सिंह सन्धु)

मुख्य सचिव / मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी

संख्या एवं दिनांक उपरोक्तानुसार।

निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित-

- 1. सचिव, श्री राज्यपाल, उत्तराखण्ड।
- 2. सचिव, मा. मुख्यमंत्री, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 3. निजी सचिव, मा. आपदा प्रबंधन एवं पुनर्वास मंत्री, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 4. सचिव, विधानसभा, उत्तराखण्ड।
- 5. महाधिवक्ता, उत्तराखण्ड उच्च न्यायालय, नैनीताल।
- 6. सचिव, गोपन (मंत्रिपरिषद), विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 7. समस्त निजी सचिव, मा. मंत्रीगण को मा. मत्रीगणों के संज्ञानार्थ प्रेषित।
- 8. स्टॉफ आफिसर, मुख्य सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 9. सम्बन्धित पत्रावली।

आज्ञा से, (शैलेश बर्गीली) सचिव

संख्याः 934/USDMA/792(2020)TC-2

कोविड—19 के New Variant 'Omicron' के नियत्रंण हेतु दिशा—निर्देश के सम्बन्ध में। दिनांक 24/01/2022

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दिनांक

सेवा में.

प्रदेश अध्यक्ष / मंत्री / सचिव मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय राजनैतिक दल. उत्तराखण्ड।

विषय:

विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन, 2022, प्रचार-प्रसार के संबंध में आयोग के दिशा-निर्देशों का प्रेषण।

महोदय

उपरोक्त विषयक भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के पत्र संख्या 437/6/INST/ECI/LET/ FUNCT/MCC/2022 दिनांक 22 जनवरी. 2022 (प्रति संलग्न) का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसमें आयोग द्वारा विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन के दौरान राजनैतिक दलों / निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले अभ्यर्थियों के द्वारा किये जाने वाले प्रचार-प्रसार के माध्यमों के अन्तर्गत वीडियो वैन के प्रयोग आदि के संबंध में विस्तृत दिशा-निर्देश निर्गत किये गये हैं।

अतः उक्त के क्रम में मुझे निवेदन सहित यह कहने के निदेश हुए है, कि आयोग के उक्त दिशा-निर्देशों का कड़ाई से अनुपालन सुनिश्चित किए जाने हेतु दल के सभी पदाधिकारियों तथा दल से निर्वाचन लड़ने वाले अभ्यर्थियों को निर्देशित करने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक : यथोपरि।

भवदीय (प्रताप रितंह शाह) संयुक्त मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी उत्तराखण्ड।

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भारत निर्वाचन आयोग सचिवालय SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001 NirvachanSadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No.437/6/INST/ECI/LET/FUNCT/MCC/2022

Dated: 22nd January, 2022

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories

Sub: Model Code of Conduct - Instructions for publicity through Video/Digital Van in view of COVID restrictions- reg.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation to the Commission's letter No. 437/6/Campaign/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC-2016 dated 4th January, 2017, in view of the COVID restrictions, Commission has modified the instructions as detailed below:

- (i) The permission to use Video-Vans for publicity purpose can be granted by Chief Electoral Officer for entire State and by DEO at the district/ AC level. Concerned Transport Nodal Officer must submit certificate to the Chief Electoral Officer/DEO concerned that the video van is in conformity with the Motor Vehicle Act.
- (ii) The contents of material for election publicity on the video-van shall be precertified from MCMCs. The video van of the political party should be used to propagate its programme and policies to seek votes. Votes or support for of any particular candidate should not be solicited. However, if it is used for seeking votes/support for a candidate/candidates then expenditure of video van shall be accounted for by such candidate/candidates appropriately. Expenditure observers to closely monitor this.
- (iii) Any party/candidate seeking permission to use video vans from Chief Electoral Office/DEO concerned should first obtain necessary permission/no objection certificate from the Competent Authority under the Motor Vehicle Act. This certification is required to ensure the conformity with the Motor vehicle Act/relevant provisions of law and Court orders, if any on this subject for plying of video-vans on the road.

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- (iv) Though there is no restriction on the number of video vans which can be used publicity, but the expenditure for it shall be duly included in the Election Expenditure Account of the party, to be submitted to ECI after election.
- (v) Route of video vans to be used for publicity should be informed to local administration/District Election Officer in advance. In case of violation, the permissions for video van may be withdrawn, after due notice, by CEO / DEO concerned.
- (vi) The Video Van can be operated between 8AM and 8PM only.
- (vii) These Video Vans shall not be used for rallies and road shows.
- (viii) The District Election Officer shall identify designated open spaces as viewing points for the stoppage of the Video Vans. DEO should allocate route, space and time for video vans permitted to operate in the jurisdiction.
- (ix) It shall not be displayed at market/crowded places.
- (x) It shall be the responsibility of the political party/candidates who have taken permission of the Video Van to ensure that the decibels of the sound generated does not exceed the limit prescribed under the relevant laws.
- (xi) It shall be the responsibility of the political party/candidate to ensure that all restrictions and instructions as per Model Code of Conduct and relevant laws and rules relating to Motor Vehicles etc. are strictly adhered to.
- (xii) It shall be the responsibility of the political party/candidate to ensure that COVID appropriate behaviors as in force in the State issued by State Disaster Management Authority and Election Commission of India shall be strictly adhered
- (xiii) Not more than 500 viewers or 50% of the capacity of the designated open space (viewing point) or the prescribed limit set by SDMA, whichever is least, are allowed to gather around the Video Vans.
- (xiv) It shall be the responsibility of the political party/candidate that all present at the viewing points shall follow appropriate COVID 19 behavior and SOP including wearing of mask and maintaining of social distancing, falling which the permission may be withdrawn.

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- (xv) It shall be the responsibility of the political party/candidate that the stoppage for viewing shall not be at any unauthorized location and in no case, it shall cause hindrance to smooth flow of traffic or thoroughfare.
- (xvi) It shall be the responsibility of the political party/candidate to ensure that at any viewing point, the maximum stoppage shall not be for more than 30 minutes.
- 2. A format of application for seeking permission by political party/candidate for Video-Van from CEO/DEO concerned is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

(ASHWANI KUMAR MOHAL)
SECRETARY

FORMAT FOR SEEKING PERMISSION OF VIDEO/DIGITAL VAN

Name of PC/AC:
1. Name of Applicant:
2. Are you a contesting candidate: Yes/No
3. Name of Political Party:Designation in the Party:
4. Details of Vehicle:
(i) Type: (ii) Registration No
(iii) Make(iv) Year
5. Details of changes done in thevehicle
(Attach photo of Video Van to be used)
6. Permission details of concerned transport authority (under the Motor VehicleAct):
(Enclose the copy)
7. Area of operation: (a) (i) Entire State (ii) District (Enclose list) (iii) ACs:
(b) Route Plan:
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UNDERTAKING

I/We hereby certify that I/We have read the terms and conditions mentioned above and undertake to adhere to them in letter and spirit and in the event of any violation the permission given to me/us for the Video Van(s) can be withdrawn.

	Name 1
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	, 3
	Name of Party (if any)
Date	
Place	

प्रेषक,

अपर मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (प्रशासन), उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण, सचिवालय परिसर, देहरादून।

सेवा में,

सचिव, विद्यालयी शिक्षा, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।

यू.एस.डी.एम.ए.

देहरादूनः दिनाँकः 25 जनवरी, 2022

विषय- गणतंत्र दिवस के अवसर पर मानक प्रचालन विधि (SOP) के अनुपालन के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक कृपया गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के संलग्न पत्र संख्या—2/3/2022-Public दिनाँक 18 जनवरी, 2022 का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके माध्यम से भारत सरकार द्वारा आगामी गणतंत्र दिवस को मनाये जाने हेतु विकसित की गयी मानक प्रचालन विधि उपलब्ध करायी गयी है।

उक्त के क्रम में अनुरोध है कि कृपया संलग्न SOP के अनुसार गणतंत्र दिवस मनाये जाने हेतु सम्बन्धितों को निर्देशित करने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्न-उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय

(जितेन्द्र कुमार सोनकर)

अपर मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (प्रशासन)

संख्या एवं दिनाँक उपरोक्तानुसार। प्रतिलिपि— निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ प्रेषितः—

- 1. सचिव, आपदा प्रबन्धन एवं पुनर्वास, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 2. महानिदेशक, विद्यालयी शिक्षा, ननूरखेड़ा, देहरादून।

(जितेन्द्र कुमार सोनकर) अपर मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (प्रशासन) प्रेषक,

अपर मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (प्रशासन), उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण, सचिवालय परिसर, देहरादून।

सेवा में,

सचिव, विद्यालयी शिक्षा, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।

यू.एस.डी.एम.ए.

देहरादूनः दिनाँकः 25 जनवरी, 2022

विषय— गणतंत्र दिवस के अवसर पर मानक प्रचालन विधि (SOP) के अनुपालन के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदय.

उपर्युक्त विषयक कृपया गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के संलग्न पत्र संख्या—2/3/2022-Public दिनाँक 18 जनवरी, 2022 का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके माध्यम से भारत सरकार द्वारा आगामी गणतंत्र दिवस को मनाये जाने हेतु विकसित की गयी मानक प्रचालन विधि उपलब्ध करायी गयी है।

उक्त के क्रम में अनुरोध है कि कृपया संलग्न SOP के अनुसार गणतंत्र दिवस मनाये जाने हेतु सम्बन्धितों को निर्देशित करने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्न-उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय

(जितेन्द्रं कुमार सोनकर) अपर मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (प्रशासन)

संख्या एवं दिनाँक उपरोक्तानुसार। प्रतिलिपि— निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ प्रेषितः—

- 1. सचिव, आपदा प्रबन्धन एवं पुनर्वास, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
- 2. महानिदेशक, विद्यालयी शिक्षा, ननूरखेड़ा, देहरादून।

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सेवा में,

सचिव, विद्यालयी शिक्षा, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।

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संलग्न-उपरोक्तानुसार।

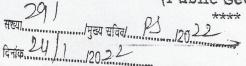
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संख्या एवं दिनाँक उपरोक्तानुसार। प्रतिलिपि— निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित:—

1. सचिव, आपदा प्रबन्धन एवं पुनर्वास, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।

2. महानिदेशक, विद्यालयी शिक्षा, ननूरखेड़ा, देहरादून।

(जितेन्द्र कुमार सोनकर) अपर मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (प्रशासन) No.2/3/2022-Public Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (Public Section)



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North Block, New Delhi Dated 18th January, 2022

To,

All Chief Secretaries of the States/Union Territories

Subject:-Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Republic Day Celebrations in the States and Union Territories of India-reg.

Sir/Madam

The nation is celebrating "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" to commemorate 75 glorious years of progressive India and its rich history, diverse population, magnificent culture and great achievement.

- 2. In this regard, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been formulated by the Ministry of Defence in order to celebrate the forthcoming Republic Day in the States and Union Territories. A copy of the same is attached for ready reference.
- 3. All State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are requested to follow the enclosed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), while celebrating the forthcoming Republic Day and thereafter.

Yours faithfully. Medical. Health Dreaster manageent Encl As above (Vijay Kumar) Deputy Secretary (Public) Tele: 011 - 2309 3101 ASI DM/ 24-1-20 (आर० एस० सनियाल) वरिष्ठ निजी सचिव-मुख्य संशित (भीमसेन गुप्ता) उत्तराखण्ड शासन वरिष्ठ निजी संचिव DS (DM) जतराखण्ड भीतन श्रीवास्तव) 208 | Sic | 22



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES OF INDIA

- 1. The Republic Day parade is held in the capital, New Delhi and is organized by the Ministry of Defence. The parade begins from the Rashtrapati Bhawan, Raisina Hills on the Rajpath past the India Gate and ends at the Red Fort. The parade showcases India's Defence capabilities, cultural and social heritage.
- 2. The celebration of Republic Day in all States & UTs should be completed before the commencement of celebration at Rajpath in New Delhi. A broad Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in the run up to the Republic Day events by all States & UTs is elaborated in the Succeeding paragraphs.

3. Run Up to 26th January.

- A. Ministry of Defence organizes events related to Republic Day which evoke participation by people across the country. Two events which have been initiated in the 75th year of Independence Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav and are proposed to be continued in following years. These are mentioned below. State Governments/UT Governments are requested to ensure that eligible categories are encouraged to participate in these events to the maximum extent.
 - a) <u>Veer Gatha Programme</u>:- This is a joint initiative of Gallantry Awards Portal of Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education to celebrate gallantry of our Armed Forces and other police forces and to create greater awareness amongst children about our brave martyrs and other gallant soldiers. All States/UTs should encourage their students upto Class XII to participate in Veer Gatha Programme. Necessary instructions should be issued to schools under State/UT Government control. The States should make an active effort to

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maximize the participation of young school children in this initiative so as to create awareness and thereby inspire the young school children of our country with the stories of war heroes and inculcate the spirit of nationalism, bravery and perseverance.

b) <u>Vande Bharatam Programme:</u> The objective of the programme is to select the top dancing talent from across the country and provide them the opportunity to perform at a during the cultural programme at the Republic Day Parade.

The Vande Bharatam group dance competition is proposed to be held at the district, state, zonal and finally culminating at national level and will provide the participants with an opportunity to perform in front of an august audience.

State Governments/UT Administrations should encourage maximum participation of cultural artists/ professional groups in the programme

B. Swachh Bharat campaign in prominent location:-

- a. Identify most prominent location of each district in the State/
 UT and carry out a fortnight/month long campaign to keep it
 Swachh through voluntary civil action. School students, NSS,
 NCC, youth organizations and social groups may be associated
 with this effort.
- b. Plantation of Trees campaign be held by Government
 Departments and Educational Institutions to spread awareness
 for conservation of environment, thereby making a contribution
 to mitigate climate changes on Earth and preserve natural
 environment.

Bharat Parv:-

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Ministry of Tourism organizes Bharat Parv every year to generate patriotic fervour and showcase the rich and varied cultural diversity of the country. States/UTs are encouraged to take an active part with respect to their tourism, handicrafts, folk performances, cultural heritage, wildlife etc.

On 26 January

- (a) <u>26 January (Morning)</u> Republic Day parade to be held. The Celebrations should be completed before the commencement of national event at Rajpath in New Delhi.
- (b) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme: The State should invite participation from one or more other States for their Republic Day parade. These Guest States may send their contingent for Parade as well as for food/cultural events to promote engagement among people of different states and UTs so as to enhance mutual understanding and bonding between people of these States/UTs.
