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THE ADMINISTRATION OF
UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH

लोक निर्माण (आर एंड बी) विभाग

PUBLIC WORKS (R&B)
DEPARTMENT

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यूटी सचिवालय, लेह /UT Secretariat, Leh,
Dated:17.03.2024.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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), 2024 ... List of works to be submitted to CEO / DEO ... reg.

Reference: Election Commission of India (ECI) directions *vide* No. 437/6/1/INST/ECI /FUNCT/MCC/2024 dated 16.03.2024.

In terms of *point (5)* of the ECI directions dated 16.03.2024, referred above, and in order to ensure effective enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), the list of works is required to be provided to the Chief Electoral Officer / District Election Officer(s), within 72 hours of the announcement of elections, for the purpose of validating any complaint on violation of MCC; viz.:

- i) *List of work which has already been started on ground, and*
- ii) *List of fresh work which has not started on ground.*

The Chief Engineer, PW (R&B)/PMGSY and the Chief Engineer, PHE/I&FC are accordingly required to ensure that a consolidated following District wise list of works are provided to the District Election Officers (DEOs) and O/o Chief Electoral Officer, UT Ladakh, by **18th March, 2024 (15:00 hrs.)** positively:

- i) *list of works which are ongoing / started on ground, and*
- ii) *list of works for which work order has been issued but not started on ground / works which are approved for execution in State Sector / SDP / District Plan for the FY 2023-24 (but not started on ground) and for FY 2024-25 / works which are approved under any Central Scheme (like CRIF, PMGSY, JJM etc.) but have not started work on ground;*

A copy of these lists shall also be endorsed to the Administrative Department and the Office of Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

(जाकिर हुसैन / Zakir Hussain) JKAS,
प्रशासन के उप सचिव / Deputy Secretary to the Administration.

Copy to the:

1. All Administrative Secretaries.
2. Additional Director General of Police.
3. Chief Electoral Officer, UT of Ladakh.
4. District Election Officers/Deputy Commissioners/CEOs, LAHDC, Leh /Kargil.
5. All Heads of the Departments.
6. Registrar, University of Ladakh.
7. Joint Director, Information.
8. Chief Engineer, PW(R&B)/PMGSY.
9. Chief Engineer, PHE/I&FC.
10. State Informatics Officers, NIC, Ladakh.
11. OSD to Lieutenant Governor for information of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
12. Pvt. Secretary to Advisor, Ladakh for information of the Advisor.
13. Superintendent, Archives, Archaeology & Museums.
14. Pvt. Secretaries to Chief Executive Councilors, LAHDC, Leh/Kargil *for information of the Hon'ble CECs.*
15. Pvt. Secretary to Administrative Secretary, PW(R&B) Department for information of the Secretary.
16. Office file/e-file No.125.

By Spl. Messenger/mail

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024

Dated: 16th March, 2024

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), 2024 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), 2024 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 elections, the Commission has given following directions for effective enforcement of provisions of MCC:-

1. **Defacement of Property-** ECI instructions contained in letter No. 3/7/2023-SDR, dated 12th October, 2023, provide for prevention of defacement of property. The Commission has directed to ensure strict compliance of its instruction 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, compound and establishment are situated. All wall- writing, posters/papers or defacement in any

other form, including cutout/hoardings, banners, flags etc, on Government property shall be removed **within 24 hours** from the announcement of elections by the Election Commission.

(b) **Defacement of public property and misuse of public space-** All unauthorized political advertisement, in the form of wall writing/posters/papers or 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, government. buses, Electric/Telephone poles , municipal/local bodies' buildings etc., shall be removed **within 48 hours** from the announcement of elections.

(c) **Defacement of private property-** Subject to any local law and Court's direction, all unauthorized political advertisement displayed at private property shall be removed **within 72 hours** from the announcement of elections by the Election Commission.

2. **Misuse of official vehicle-** The ECI's Consolidated instructions contained in letter No. 464/L&O/2023/EPS(Use of Veh.), dated 26th June, 2023, 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, Joint 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 letter No. 437/6/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024(ADVERTISEMENTS), dated 2nd January, 2024 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 have 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/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024(MCC ENFORCEMENT) dated 2nd January, 2024 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 website. 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 complaints should be dealt 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 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 Institutions and Civil Societies-** Cooperation can be sought from educational institutions and civil societies for giving wide publicity to the election related information to the general public and other stakeholders.
11. **Media Centre-** Efforts 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/5/2023/Communication dated 24th August, 2023 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)
SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY