

सा०/No. : 5-1(638)/2019-PD

Dated 29.03.2022

प्रेषक / From : संयुक्त सचिव (प्रशासन)
Joint Secretary (Admn.)

सेवा में / To : सी.एस.आई.आर. की सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं/संस्थानों/मुख्यालय/एककों के निदेशक/प्रधान
The Directors/Heads of all CSIR National Labs./Instts./Hqrs./Units

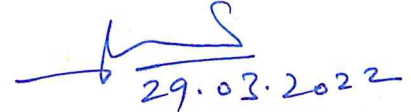
विषय/ Sub : Bye-elections in Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituencies of various States
– Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct - reg.

महोदया/Madam / महोदय/Sir,

मुझे, उपरोक्त विषय पर भारत सरकार, मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय, राष्ट्रपति भवन के दिनांक 15.03.2022 के कार्यालय ज्ञापन सं 1/41/1/2022-Cab. को आपकी जानकारी, मार्गदर्शन और अनुपालन के लिए अग्रेषित करने का निदेश हुआ है।

I am directed to forward herewith the Government of India, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan Office Memorandum No. 1/41/1/2022-Cab. dated 15.03.2022 on the subject mentioned above for your information, guidance and compliance.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,



(उपेन्द्र उपाध्याय/ Upendra Upadhyay)
अनु.अधि.(नीति प्रभाग)/ Section Officer (PD)

संलग्न/Encl. : यथोपरि/As above

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to:

- आई.टी. प्रभाग प्रमुख वेबसाइट और पॉलिसी रिपॉजिटरी पर इस परिपत्र को उपलब्ध कराने के अनुरोध के साथ/
Head, IT Division - with the request to make this circular letter available on the website & Policy Repository.
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No.1/41/1/2022-Cab.
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CABINET SECRETARIAT (MANTRIMANDAL SACHIVALAYA)
RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN

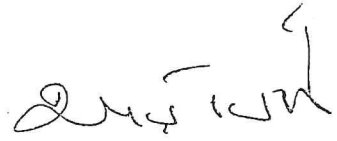
New Delhi, the 15th March, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Bye-elections in Parliamentary/ Assembly Constituencies of various States - Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct - reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of Election Commission of India's Letter No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2022/4680 dated 12.03.2022 on the above mentioned subject, for information and further necessary action.

Encl: As Above



(S.G.P. Verghese)
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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2022 /4680

Dated: 12th March, 2022

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

2. The Chief Secretaries to the Government of:-
a) Bihar, Patna;
b) Chhattisgarh, Raipur;

c) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
d) West Bengal, Kolkata.

3. The Chief Electoral Officers of:-
a) Bihar, Patna;
b) Chhattisgarh, Raipur;

c) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
d) West Bengal, Kolkata.

Subject:- Bye-elections in Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies of various States -
Instructions on enforcement of Model Code of Conduct- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has announced, vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/32/2022 dated 12th March, 2022, schedule for Bye-elections in Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies of following States/UT :-

Name of the State	Name & No. of Constituency
Bihar	91 - Bochahan (SC) Assembly Constituency
Chhattisgarh	73 - Khairagarh Assembly Constituency
Maharashtra	276 - Kolhapur North Assembly Constituency
West Bengal	40 - Asansol Parliamentary Constituency 161 - Ballygunge Assembly Constituency

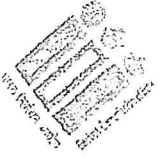
2. The provisions of the Model Code of Conduct have come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency going for bye-election is comprised, subject to partial modification as issued by Commission vide its letters No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS dated 29th June, 2017, No. 437/6/MISC/ECI/LET/FUNCT/MCC/2017 dated 18th January, 2018 and No. 437/6/MISC/ECI/LET/FUNCT/MCC/2019 dated 14th October, 2019 (copies enclosed).

3. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,



AMIT KUMAR
SECRETARY



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग सचिवालय
SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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

No.437/6/MISC/ECI/LET/FUNCT/MCC/2019

Dated: 14th October, 2019

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.

Subject: - Clarification regarding enforcement of MCC during bye-election - regarding.

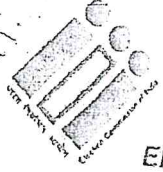
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's Instructions issued vide letter No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS dated 29.06.2017 and to state that the Commission has been receiving various requests seeking clarifications regarding enforcement of MCC during bye-elections where a small number of polling stations of the Constituency fall under jurisdiction of other district(s).

The Commission has considered the matter and directed that the instructions contained in the para-1 of the aforesaid letter shall cover the district in which all or maximum number of polling stations of constituency going to bye-election are located. For the district(s) with number of polling stations less than 10% of the total polling stations of the constituency concerned, the instructions contained in the para-1 of the aforesaid letter would be applicable only in the area under jurisdiction of those polling stations. However, it must be ensured that the other instructions regarding deployment of staff, etc., are strictly observed in all districts irrespective of number of polling stations situated therein.

Yours faithfully,


(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
Election Commission of India

No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS

निर्वाचन सदन

NIRVACHAN SADAN

अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली - 110 001

ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110 001

Dated: 29th June, 2017

To,

1. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.
2. The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.
3. Recognized political parties of all States/UTs

Subject:- Model Code of Conduct- instructions- bye-election of Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency -regarding.

Sir,

On the above cited subject, I am directed to state that the Commission has reviewed the issue and has issued the following modifications of its earlier instructions:-

1. Enforcement of MCC

The Commission's instructions, contained in letters No. 437/6/INST/2012/CC&BE dated 26.04.2012 and No. 437/6/INST/2012/CC&BE dated 21.10.2013, list various provisions of applicability of MCC to the concerned district or the AC/PC concerned. These instructions are modified to the extent that in case the constituency is comprised in State Capital/Metropolitan Cities/Municipal Corporations, then aforesaid instructions would be applicable in the area of concerned Constituency only. In all other cases the MCC would be enforced in the entire district(s) covering the Constituency going for bye-election(s).

2. Publishing of Advertisements

The Commission on 25th June, 2013, directed that the release /publishing of advertisements during the period of operation of Model Code of Conduct in connection with bye-elections would be regulated as follows:-

- (i) Advertisement of general nature in connection with specific occasions of importance may be published. However, such publishing shall be restricted to the dates coinciding with the special occasion only, and it shall not be published on other days. The advertisement shall not bear photographs of any Minister and other political functionaries.
- (ii) No advertisement having any specific/pointed reference or connotation to the areas covered by the bye-election constituencies shall be released/published on any date during the period.

Further, it is clarified that no new schemes should be advertised in the districts where the bye-election is being conducted. [Subpara (ii) above] stands modified).

3. Tours of Ministers

During bye elections from any constituencies, either Parliamentary or Assemblies, the following restrictions are applicable as per instruction issued by the Commission on 23rd November, 2007 with regard to the tours of Ministers which inter alia provides that:-

- (i) All Ministers, whether Central or State, shall not combine in any manner their official tours with election work after the announcement of the bye elections. All and any visits to the district(s) where bye-election is being held and where Model Code of Conduct is, therefore, in force, have to be completely private in nature.
- (ii) In case where a Minister travelling on official work transits through the district(s) where the bye-election is being held en route to any other district on official visit, he shall not attend to any political work.

Further, it is clarified that the Ministers or persons holding equivalent rank/status cannot combine their official visit with campaign by en routing their journey for official purposes to a place where MCC is not in force and then proceeding from that place to the area where MCC is in force for election campaign. In case it is done, the entire journey expense shall be treated as election expense. [subpara (ii) above stands modified].

4. Regarding Transfer/Posting of Officers

For all officers, who are connected with the conduct of bye-election in the State, the existing ECI's instructions on implementation of transfer policy be applied within the area falling under the concerned AC/PC. While implementing this policy the DEO/RO should take care that in case of deployment of any officer from outside the constituency for any election related duty, shall also conform to the transfer policy of the Commission.

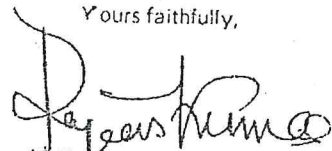
5. Regarding Announcement of D.A.

There is no ECI's instruction in the context of bye-election prohibiting State Governments to take decisions which have State wide effect and consequently in the Constituency concerned.

The Commission, after taking into consideration all relevant factors in this regards, has decided that announcement of D.A. by the state government may be done as a routine affair but it should not be publicized as the Government's achievement.

Kindly inform all concerned and give due publicity and ensure compliance in letter and spirit.

Yours faithfully,


(R.K. SRIVASTAVA)
SR. PR. SECRETARY

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.437/6/MISC/ECI/LET/FUNCT/MCC/2017

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Dated: 18 January 2018

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories.

Subject: -Clarification regarding enforcement of MCC during bye-election - regarding.

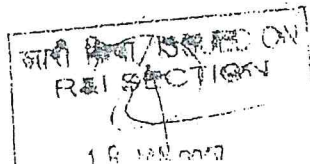
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS dated 29th June, 2017 regarding application of Model Code of Conduct wherein it has been stated that in case the constituency is comprised in State Capital/Metropolitan Cities/Municipal Corporations, then MCC instructions would be applicable in the area of concerned Constituency only. In all other cases aforesaid instructions would be enforced in the entire district(s) covering the Constituency going for bye-election(s). (Copy enclosed for ready reference)

In this connection, a clarification was sought for by Returning Officer, Ajmer Parliamentary Constituency in Rajasthan, whether the MCC was to be enforced in the entire district of Jaipur or only in the Dudu Assembly segment of Jaipur District during the ensuing bye-election to Ajmer Parliamentary Constituency since Jaipur district has in it state capital, municipal corporation, metropolitan city as well as rural area. The Commission considered the matter and clarified that in order to avoid dislocation/disturbance of normal administrative work in Jaipur District, MCC would be enforced only in Dudu Assembly segment of Jaipur district.

Now, the Commission has decided that above direction shall be applied in all future bye-elections in the Country involving State Capital/Metropolitan Cities/Municipal Corporations. Accordingly, any district in which Corporation/ Metro/Municipal Corporation is located, MCC would be enforced in the particular Assembly Constituency Segment only and not in the whole of the district

Yours faithfully,



(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/32/2022

Dated: 12th March, 2022.

PRESS NOTE

Subject: Schedule for Bye-election in 40-Asansol P.C. of West Bengal and 4(Four) Assembly Constituencies of West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Maharashtra— reg.

The Commission has decided to hold the bye-election to fill vacancies in the following Parliamentary Constituency and Assembly Constituencies of West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Maharashtra: -

Sl. No.	Name of State	Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency No. & Name
1	West Bengal	40- Asansol P.C.
2	West Bengal	161-Ballygunge A.C.
3	Chhattisgarh	73-Khairagarh A.C.
4	Bihar	91-Bochahan (SC) A.C.
5	Maharashtra	276-Kolhapur North A.C.

The schedule of bye elections is as follows:

Schedule for Bye Elections	
Poll Events	Schedule
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	17 th March, 2022, (Thursday)
Last Date of Nominations	24 th March, 2022 (Thursday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	25 th March, 2022 (Friday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of candidatures	28 th March, 2022 (Monday)
Date of Poll	12 th April, 2022 (Tuesday)
Date of Counting	16 th April, 2022 (Saturday)
Date before which election shall be completed	18 th April, 2022 (Monday)

1. ELECTORAL ROLLS

The published Electoral Rolls for the aforesaid Assembly Constituency w.r.t 01.01.2022

will be used for these elections.

2. ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs) & VVPATs

The Commission has decided to use EVMs and VVPATs in the bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs and VVPATs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the polls are conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, any of the below mentioned identification documents can also be shown at the polling station:

- i. Aadhar Card,
- ii. MNREGA Job Card,
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- v. Driving License,
- vi. PAN Card,
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- viii. Indian Passport,
- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.
- xii. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

4. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district(s) in which the whole or any part of the Assembly constituency going for election is included, subject to partial modification as issued vide Commission's instruction No. 437/6/1NST/2016-CCS, dated 29th June, 2017 (available on the commission's website).

5. INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS

Candidates with criminal antecedents are required to publish information in this regard in newspapers and through Television channels on three occasions during the campaign period. A political party that sets up candidates with criminal antecedents is also required to publish

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information about criminal background of its candidates, both on its website and also in newspapers and Television channels on three occasions.

Commission vide its letter No. 3/4/2019/SDR/Vol. IV dated 16th September, 2020 has directed that the period specified will be decided with three blocks in the following manner, so that electors have sufficient time to know about the background of such candidates:

- a. Within first 4 days of withdrawal.
- b. Between next 5th 8th days.
- c. From 9th day till the last day of campaign (the second day prior to date of poll)

(Illustration: If the last date for withdrawal is 10th of the month and poll is on 24th of the Month, the first block for publishing of declaration shall be done between 11th and 14th of the Month, second and third blocks shall be between 15th and 18th and 19th and 22nd of that Month, respectively.)

This requirement is in pursuance of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (C) No. 784 of 2015 (Lok Prahari Vs. Union of India & Others) and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.).

This information will also be available on an App titled, 'know your candidates'.

6. REVISED BROAD GUIDELINES, 2022 TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE CONDUCT OF BYE-ELECTION DURING THE PERIOD OF COVID-19

- i. The Commission has issued revised broad guidelines on 8th January, 2022 available on Commission's website <https://eci.gov.in/files/file/13932-revised-broad-guidelines-for-conduct-of-general-electionsbye-elections-during-covid-19/>. Also, the Commission time to time has reviewed the situation of COVID-19 with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India and State Governments and has issued directions in the matter, which is available at Commission's website <https://eci.gov.in/>.
- ii. All stake holders shall abide by these instructions. State Government concerned shall take all appropriate actions/measures in compliance to these instructions as follows.
- iii. All such activities will be strictly complied as per the COVID-19 guidelines issued by competent authorities. Social distancing and use of mask, sanitizers, thermal scanning, face shield, hand gloves, etc., as per COVID-19 protocol, have to be complied with. SDMA is responsible for all preventive and mitigation

measures to ensure adherence to COVID protocol. Chief Secretary and DG and district level authorities will be responsible for monitoring, supervision and compliance of COVID-19 guidelines.

- iv. If a candidate or political party violates any of the above guidelines, no more permission shall be given to the concerned candidate/party for rallies, meetings etc. If any star campaigner violates the COVID protocols, he shall not be allowed to campaign further in that constituency/district.
 - v. In the light of advisory issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India, Commission will keep a close watch on the evolving situation and may further tighten the guidelines for the upcoming elections.
7. All Commission's extant instructions/guidelines relating to conduct of recently held General Elections in Five States shall be applicable for these bye-elections also.



(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY