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Government of India  
Ministry of Jal Shakti  
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation  
Central Water Commission

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3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (S), Sewa Bhawan,  
R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066  
Dated the , 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Subject: **By election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Yavatmal Local Authorities Constituency-Applicability of Model Code of Conduct-reg.**

The undersigned is to forward herewith a copy of email dated 30.01.2020 and a copy of letter No. E-11017/1/2020-Coordination Section-MoWR dated 30.01.2020 received from Coordination Section, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti along with a copy of ECI's letter No.100/LET/ECI/FUNC/MT-LC-LAC/18/BIEN/2019/443 dated 03.01.2020 and No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016 dated 26.12.2016 on the subject cited above for information and necessary action.

Enclosures: **As above**

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----- Original Message -----

From: **SO Coord MoWR** <coord-mowr@nic.in>

Date: Jan 30, 2020 3:13:08 PM

Subject: [Mowr-orgnheads] By election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Yavatmal Local Authorities Constituency  
Applicability of Model Code of Conduct-reg

To: Wings Heads <mowr-wingheads@lsmgr.nic.in>, DIvisional Heads <mowr-divisionheads@lsmgr.nic.in>, mowr-orgnheads <mowr-orgnheads@lsmgr.nic.in>

Dear Sir/Madam,

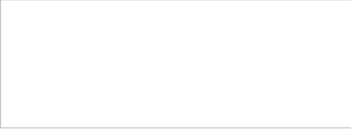
Please find the attachment subject for further necessary action,

Thanking you,

with regards,

समन्वय अनुभाग

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Ministry of Jal Shakti  
D/o Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation  
(Coord. Section)

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Shastri Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.01

Dated 34<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

Subject: By election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Yavatmal Local Authorities' Constituency- Applicability of Model Code of Conduct- reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. 100//LET/EC/FUNC/MT-LAC/18/BIEN/2019/44 dated 03.01.2020 received from Election Commission of India for the information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

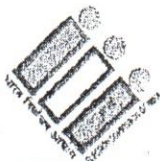


(Rajan Bhasin)

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All Wing Heads/Division Head/ Organization Head  
Ministry of Jal Shakti, D/o WR, RD & GR.



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Election Commission of India

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No. 100/LET/ECI/FUNC/MT-LC-LAC/18/BIEN/2019

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Dated: 03<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020

To

- ✓ 1. The Cabinet Secretary,  
Government of India,  
Rashtrapati Bhawan,  
New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretary to the Government of  
Maharashtra, Mumbai
3. The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Maharashtra, Mumbai

Subject: Bye election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Yavatmal Local Authorities' Constituency - Applicability of Model Code of Conduct - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has announced bye election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Yavatmal Local Authorities' Constituency vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/03/2020 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020.

2. With this announcement, the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct contained in Commission's instruction No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016 dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates have come into force with immediate effect in the above mentioned poll bound Constituency.

3. A copy of instruction No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016 dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 is enclosed. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned Departments of State/Central Government.

4. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully

(VARINDER KUMAR)  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC /2016

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

To

The Chief Electoral Officers

1. Maharashtra, Mumbai,
2. Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow,
3. Bihar, Patna,
4. Karnataka, Bangalore,
5. Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
6. Telangana, Hyderabad.

Subject: Biennial/Bye-Elections to the Legislative Councils from Council Constituencies - by Graduates' and Teachers' and Local Authorities' Constituencies- MCC-instructions - regarding,

Sir,

I am directed to state that some experience during conduct of elections to Legislative Councils shows that there is lack of clarity with regard to applicability of provisions of Model Code of Conduct in such elections.

2 The Commission constituted a Working Group to examine the matter. The Commission, having considered the report of the Working Group and the matter in its entirety, has directed that all provisions of Model Code of Conduct for the political parties and candidates shall apply mutatis mutandis in Biennial including Bye Elections to the State Legislative Councils from Graduates' & Teachers' Constituencies as well as Local Authorities' Constituencies. Consequently, various instructions issued by the Commission from time to time in clarification of the MCC provisions would also apply for such elections.

3. I am further to say that the following instructions of the Commission which have been issued from time to time to ensure level playing field and also to ensure that a party in power doesn't misuse its position for electoral gains, shall also be applicable in connection with Biennial/Bye Elections to the State Legislative Councils from Graduates' & Teachers' Constituencies as well as Local Authorities' Constituencies (from the date of announcement of election till the date of completion of election).

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- VI. On need basis and in consultation with CEO of the state/ECI Observer, the DEO/RO should put in place for every tehsil a special video team to videograph political meeting at public places and to record visits of the Ministers and other important political functionaries. The ECI observer shall see the video recording in the evening of the same day so that he can report any violation to the Commission in prescribed format.
- VII. In case of elections from Local Authorities' Constituencies, the restrictions on "Official Tours" by Central & State Ministers will also be applicable to the use of any "Official Cars" by "Office Bearers" of Local Authorities, like, Mayors of Municipal Corporations, Presidents of Municipal Councils & Zilla Parishads. The use of official cars by them shall only be allowed for travel to & from Office to Residence.
- VIII. Public places such as maidans etc., for holding election meetings, and use of helipads for air-flights in connection with elections shall not be monopolized by the party in power. Other parties and candidates shall also be allowed to use them on first-cum-first served basis.
- IX. No fresh Sanction of work using the IT Platform to be used depending upon the MP/MLA/MLC schemes for work that would amount to influencing the electorate.
- X. There shall be a total ban on the transfer of Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers appointed for Biennial elections/bye-elections to State Legislative Councils after the announcement of elections and this ban will be in force till the completion of elections. The transfer orders in respect of the above officers issued prior to the date of announcement but not implemented should not be given effect to without obtaining the specific permission of the Commission. In those cases, where transfer of an officer is necessary on account of administrative exigencies, the State Govt. may with full justification approach the Commission for prior clearance.
- XI. In order to conduct free and fair elections to keep a check on adverse role of money power and to check the movement of black money during biennial elections/bye-elections to Legislative Council, the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued on 29.05.2015, excepting deployment of Static Surveillance Teams, should be made applicable.



- XII. State and District Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) shall be appointed, as prescribed in the Compendium of Instructions on Election Expenditure Monitoring, immediately on announcement of biennial/ bye elections for pre-certification of election advertisements as in case of TV Channels / Cable Network, Radio including private FM Channels, Cinema Halls, Audio-Visual displays in public place and social media and also monitoring the general conduct of political functionaries during campaign.
- XIII. The bulk SMSs/Voice messages on phone in election campaigning shall also be in the purview of pre-certification of election advertisements as in case of TV Channels / Cable Network, Radio including private FM Channels, Cinema Halls, Audio-Visual displays in public place and social media. The legal provisions, as applicable to other modes of electronic media shall also be applicable to bulk SMSs/ Voice messages.
- XIV. Under Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 read with Rule 69 of the Conduct of the Election Rules, 1961, a place of poll is fixed for conducting poll in respect of election to the Council of States and the State Legislative Councils by MLAs. As per Section 135C, "dry-day" is to be declared in Polling Areas and polling area is defined in Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which is applicable to elections from Constituencies i.e. for elections to Lok Sabha, Legislative Assemblies and elections to Legislative Councils from Graduates', Teachers' and Local Authorities' Constituencies.
- XV. The provision regarding prevention of misuse of vehicles and regulation of convoys during campaign period as in the case of elections to House of People / Legislative Assemblies shall be made applicable for Council elections also.
- XVI. Restriction on the presence of political functionaries in a constituency after the campaign period is over i.e., 48 hours before the closure of the poll as in the case of elections to House of People / Legislative Assemblies shall be made applicable for Council elections from Council Constituencies also.

4. In the context of certain queries that have been raised in this connection, it is clarified that: -

- (a) The practice of keeping the electors in hotels/resorts and other similar places during election period would amount to bribing of electors. It is clarified that

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such practice shall be construed as violation of sub Para (4) of Para 1-General Conduct of MCC apart from being violation of Section 171 B of IPC.

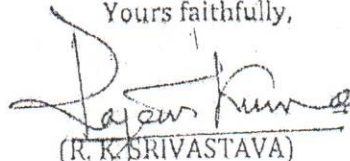
(b) The phrase 'the rest houses/dak bungalows or other Government accommodation' in paragraph (VII- (iii)) of MCC would also include *Guest Houses* of all institutions that are getting Government assistance in any form of grant-in-aid etc.

(c) With regard to paragraph (VII-(v) & (vi)) of MCC, it is clarified that these would be made applicable only with regard to the Graduates'/Teachers'/Local Authorities' Constituencies where the election is being held.

Kindly inform all concerned including all registered and recognized parties based in your state.

Please ensure compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
(R. K. SRIVASTAVA)  
SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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