



**INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
KRISHI BHAWAN: NEW DELHI**

**F. No. 21-7/2017-CDN**

**Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2017**

**Endorsement**

Sub: General Election – Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct – regarding.

Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, New Delhi vide its O.M. dated 31.1.2017 has forwarded copy of Election Commission of India (ECI) letter No. 437/6/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2017-MCC&BE/618 dated 27.1.2017 regarding “General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand – Model Code of conduct” enclosing therewith a copy of instructions of the ECI contained in letter NO. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE dated 23.4.2014. Further, Cabinet Secretariat has vide its D.O. No. 1/41/1/2016-Cab dated 3.2.2017 has forwarded copy of Election Commission of India letter no. 437/6/ECI/INST/FUNC/CCS/2017-691 dated 2.2.2017 pertaining to Model Code of Conduct during General Election.

The said communications have been uploaded on the ICAR website [www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in) and e-office for information & compliance.

*B. Rajeswari Nair*

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Section Officer(CDN)**

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No.1/41/1/2016-Cab  
Government of India (Bharat Sarkar)  
Cabinet Secretariat (Mantrimandal Sachivalaya)  
Rashtrapati Bhawan

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Dated January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:- Reference received from Election Commission of India.**

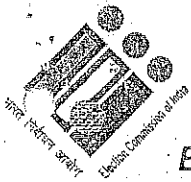
The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of Election Commission of India (ECI) letter No. 437/6/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2017-MCC&BE/618 dated 27.1.2017 regarding "General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand – Model Code of Conduct", enclosing therewith a copy of instructions of the ECI contained in letter No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE dated 23.4.2014.

2. It is requested that the contents of above letters may be disseminated to all concerned for strict compliance.

Encl: as above

*Deepti*  
(Deepti Umashankar)  
Joint Secretary  
Tel: 23019170

All Secretaries to the Government of India



**भारत निर्वाचन आयोग**  
**Election Commission of India**

निर्वाचन सदन  
NIRVACHAN SADAN  
अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली - 110 001  
ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110 001

No.437/6/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2017-MCC&BE

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Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

To

The Cabinet Secretary  
Cabinet Secretariat,  
Rashtrapati Bhawan,  
New Delhi.

Subject:- General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand - Model Code of Conduct - Regarding

Sir,

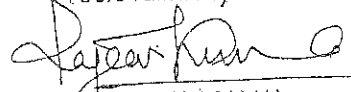
I am directed to state, with the announcement of schedule for elections of above referred five poll bound States on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct have come in force and this was intimated to you vide ECI letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The provisions of MCC and various instructions issued by the Commission, inter alia, provides that the party in power whether at the Central or in the State or States concerned, shall ensure that no cause be given for any complaint that it uses its position to further its prospects in any election.

2. Further, in ECI's letter No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE dated 23-04-2014 (copy enclosed), addressed to you it was directed that all references of cabinet/committee of cabinet should be routed through your good office and the matters of Ministries/Departments are to be referred by the Ministry concerned. The Commission has noted that in certain cases, the Ministries /Departments took decisions, which have effect of disturbing level playing fields of poll bound states, without referring the matter to Commission, particularly by NITI Aayog, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Finance.

3. The Commission has expressed its concerns in this matter and has directed the undersigned to request you to issue necessary instructions to all Ministries/Departments of GOI to strictly adhere to the Commission's guidelines issued vide ECI letter 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 and also to ensure that ECI concurrence is taken well in time wherever it is needed.

A copy of instructions issued to all Ministries/Departments in Government of India may kindly be endorsed to Election Commission of India for information and record.

Yours faithfully

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

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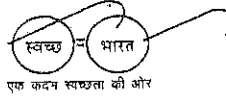
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मंत्रिमंडल सचिव  
भारत सरकार  
CABINET SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

D.O. No. 1/41/1/2016-Cab.

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017

Dear Secretary,

I would like to draw your attention to the Election Commission of India (ECI)'s instructions dated 20.03.2014, 23.04.2014 and 27.01.2017, whereby it has reiterated that all references of Government of India relating to matters which are proposed to be placed before the Cabinet or any Cabinet Committee and in which ECI clearance with reference to Model Code of Conduct is required, should be routed through the Cabinet Secretariat. These instructions were circulated by Cabinet Secretariat to all Ministries/ Departments earlier on 17.01.2017 and 31.01.2017.

2. In this connection, ECI vide their letter no. 437/6/ECI/INST/UNC/CCS/MCC/2017/691 dated 02.02.2017 (copy enclosed) have again drawn attention to non-compliance of these instructions. ECI have also impressed upon the need to strictly adhere to these instructions and to give them at least 48 hours for processing such references.

3. I would, therefore, request that the aforementioned instructions may be complied with strictly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sinha)

Dr. T. Mohapatra  
Secretary,  
Deptt. of Agricultural Research and Education  
New Delhi

By Fax/Speed post/Camp Bag

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014

To

The Cabinet Secretary  
Cabinet Secretariat,  
Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject: General Elections - Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct - Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's instructions of even number, dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. Whereby the Commission has directed that:-

- (i) All the references of Government of India which are proposed to be placed before the Cabinet or any Committee of the Cabinet should be routed through the Cabinet Secretariat i.e. no such references should be made directly to the Election Commission by the Ministries.
- (ii) Departments, Sub-ordinate Offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies of the Ministry/Department will make references to the Election Commission through the concerned Ministry.

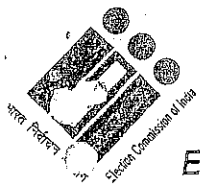
In spite of this many references are still being received in the Commission without following the above guidelines. The Commission has now again directed that

- (i) the above guidelines should be strictly followed while sending the references to the Commission.
- (ii) a Nodal Officer may be designated in the Cabinet Secretariat with whom the Commission may contact for any clarification on such references.
- (iii) atleast 48 hours should be given to the Commission to process the references on MCC matters.

The above instructions of the Commission may kindly be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully

(K. AJAYA KUMAR)  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



**भारत निर्वाचन आयोग**  
**Election Commission of India**

No. 437/6/ECI/INST/FUNC/CCS/MCC/2017 / 691

By e-mail/Special Messenger

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Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017

To,

The Cabinet Secretary,  
Cabinet Secretariat,  
Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Sub: General Elections-Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct-Regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's standing instructions dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017, on the subject cited, whereby it has been reiterated that all the references of Government of India, which are proposed to be placed before the Cabinet or any Committee of the Cabinet, should be routed through the Cabinet Secretariat instead of sending the same directly by the Ministries concerned to the Commission.

Despite the Commission's aforesaid clear standing instructions, issued long back and reiterated recently, which have to be followed scrupulously by all concerned, a tendency is being observed to flout the Commission's aforesaid instructions. Matters relating to Cabinet are sent directly to the Commission and that too in last moment leaving no time to ECI to appropriately consider the issue. It leads to creating undue pressure on the Commission to give priority of such reference over its other urgent time-bound business.

The Commission, expressing its unhappiness in the matter, has directed the undersigned to request you again to impress upon all Ministries/Department of Government of India to strictly adhere to the Commission's above-mentioned existing guidelines. While making a reference to the Commission, it should specifically be ensured that at least 48 hours is available to the Commission for processing of such reference, so as to convey its decision in time, otherwise, it would be very difficult for the Commission to entertain such references.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. SRIVASTAVA)

SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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