**Election Department**, Government of Himachal Pradesh 38-SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9

## No: 3-7/2014-ELN-1694

From:

Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh.

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- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
- The Addl. Chief Secretaries, Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171002.
- The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
- All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
- All Heads of Departments, Stationed at Shimla.
- 6 The Director (IT) Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9
- Divisional Commissioner, Shimla/Kangra/Mandi.
- 8. All Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.

The State Information Officercum-Technical Director, National Informatic Centre(NIC)

H.P. Secretariat, Shimla-2.

Subject:-

Instructions relating to deletion of all references on politicians/Ministers on the official websites during election period of General/Bye-elections to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies-req.

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Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this department's letter of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 vide which Commission's letters No. 437/6/2007(INST)-PLN-III, dated 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2007 was sent to you for information and necessary action. In this regard, the Election Commission has apprised vide its letters No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE, dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 (copy enclosed) that the aforesaid instructions of the Commission are not being followed by Central and State Governments during election

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This is most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

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(Narihaer Chauhan) Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh./

Endst.No.3-7/2014-ELN,-1694 Dated:Shimla-171009,3 April, 2014

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1. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.

2. Private Secretaries to the Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Himachal Pradesh Government, Shimla.

 The Secretary, Vidhan Sabha for information of Hon'ble Speaker & Deputy Speaker, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha.

4. The Chairman/Managing Director of all Boards/Corporation/Undertaking, Himachal Pradesh.

The Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla-5/ Dr. Y.S. Parmar Horticulture and Forestry University, Nauni, Solan/Chaudhary Sarvan Kumar Agriculture University, Palampur.

6. All Hon'ble Members of Parliament/MLAs Himachal Pradesh.

7. All Chairmen, Zila Parishad, Himachal Pradesh.

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All the Statutory Officers, CSKHPKV, Palampur.

2. All Heads of Departments/Units/Offices, CSKHPKV, Palampur.

- All the Programme Coordinators/Scientist Incharges, RRECs/ ARECs/ RRSs/ RSSs/ KVKs., CSKHPKV.
- 4. The Joint Controller (Local Audit), CSKHPKV, Palampur.

5. The Joint Director (I&PR), CSKHPKV, Palampur.

- All Deputy/Assistant Registrars/Section Officers, (Head Quarter), CSKHPKV, Palampur.
- 7. PA to the Vice-Chancellor/PS to Registrar, CSKHPKV, Palampur.

Asstt. Registrar (Admh.) JW// CSKHPKV,Palampur

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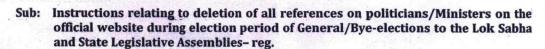
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No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE

Dated: 20th March 2014

To

- 1. The Cabinet Secretary to the Goyt, of India. Rashtrapati Bhawan. New Delhi.
- 2. The Chief Secretaries to the Governments of all States and Union Territories
- The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories



Sir.

I am directed to state that the Commission vide its letter No. 437/6/2007 (INST)-PLN-III, dated 21st November, 2007, issued instructions to deletion of all references on politicians/Ministers on the official website during election period of General/Bye-elections to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.

It has come to the notice of the Commission that the aforesaid instructions of the Commission are not being followed by Central and State Governments during election period. It is clearly mentioned in clause VIL (iv) of Model Code of Conduct for guidance of Political parties and candidate:-

"VII. Party in Power

The party in power whether at the Centre or in the State or States concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that it has used its official position for the purpose of its election campaign and in particular

(iv) Issues of advertisement at the cost of public exchaquer 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."

The Commission has considered the question of various references currently available in the Ministerial office website and in the State Government websites pertaining to several

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Department and Government Organization highlighting their achievements but eulogizing the same as personal achievements of Politicians/Ministers.

The Commission has decided that during the period when Model Code of Conduct is in force in connection with General Election to the Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assemblies currently going on, all references of Ministers, Politicians or Political Parties available on such Central/State Government's official website, shall be removed.

The above instruction of the Commission may kindly be communicated to all concerned for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(K. AJAY KUMAR) PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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