

INSTRUCTION

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No.437/6/INST/2008-CC&BE

Dated : 1st April, 2009.

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat,
Rashtrabhati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretary to the Governments of
all States / Union Territories.
3. The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States / Union Territories.

Subject:- Display the photographs/calendars, etc. of national leaders and prominent personalities in the government offices/ premises – clarification regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the Commission letter of even number dated 28th March, 2009, on the above subject, and to state that the underlying intention of the Commission's instruction was that the photographs and images of the political functionaries, who have deep influence on the minds of electors and many of whom are still active in public life and may even be contesting the current general elections, should not be displayed in the government buildings and premises as that would have the effect of disturbing the level playing field vis-à-vis the political functionaries of other parties and candidates. In view of the inputs received, the Commission had issued the above instructions. In the meanwhile, certain doubts have been raised and clarification has been sought about the removal of the images of some national leaders, poets and prominent historical personalities of the past. In this regard, the Commission would like to state that the abovementioned underlying purpose of the instruction needs to be fully appreciated and being acted upon. It is clarified that while the photographs of Prime Minister, Chief Ministers and other political functionaries should not be displayed, this instruction, however, is not applicable with regard to the images of national leaders, poets, prominent historical personalities of the past, and the President of India and the Commission is further clarified that in case of any doubt in this regard regarding removal of photograph or images, the issue may be referred to the Chief Electoral Officer of the Territory concerned before taking action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(K. AJAY KUMAR) SECRETARY

The Commission has also clarified that photographs of Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Ministers and other political functionaries should not be displayed in the Govt. buildings and premises during the currency of Model Code of Conduct.

You are, therefore, requested to adhere to the Commission's aforesaid instructions strictly and ensure to take off/purged of all such references on politicians/Ministers on the official websites of your Departments/Corporations/Boards/Institutions and remove/cover all photographs/calendars of Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Ministers and other political functionaries which are displayed in the Govt. buildings and premises immediately till the completion of election process.

This is most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Narinder Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Chief Electoral Officer,
Himachal Pradesh.

Encl.: As above.

Endst.No.3-7/2014-ELN, - 763 Dated: Shimla-171009/13th March, 2014.

Copy alongwith a copies of Commission's aforesaid letters are forwarded to:-

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.
3. 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.
5. 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.
8. The Mayor/Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla.
9. The Director, Information and Public Relations, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
10. All Returning/ Assistant Returning Officers in Himachal Pradesh.
11. All recognized and unrecognized Political Parties, Himachal Pradesh.
12. All Heads of Departments/Offices of Central Government, Himachal Pradesh.

Encls: As above.

Narinder Chauhan
Chief Electoral Officer,
Himachal Pradesh.

Copy to Section-I/Complaint/Clarification & Permission/L & O Seats and Private Secretary to CEO and Nodal Officer for Media for information and necessary action.

**CSK HIMACHAL PRADESH KRISHI VISHVAVIDYALAYA
'GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BRANCH'**

Endst No. QSD. 7-3/2013/CSK HPKV (GA)/- 16482-586 Dated, Palampur, the:-

25 MAR 2014

Copy of above alongwith its enclosure is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. All the Statutory Officers, CSKHPKV, Palampur.
2. All Heads of Departments/Units/Offices, CSKHPKV, Palampur.
3. 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.
6. All Deputy/Assistant Registrars/Section Officers, (Head Quarter), CSKHPKV, Palampur.
7. PA to the Vice-Chancellor/PS to Registrar, CSKHPKV, Palampur.

[Signature]
Dy. Registrar (Admn.)
CSKHPKV, Palampur



JAC (Qual.)
25/3/14
by [Signature]
27/3/14

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

No: 3-7/2014-ELN - 168

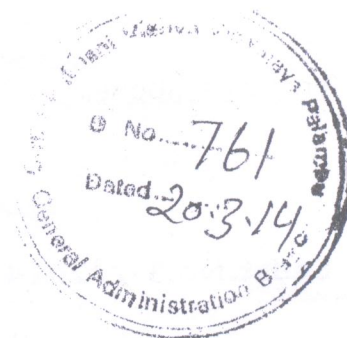
Dated: 13th March, 2014.

From:

Chief Electoral Officer,
Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
2. The Addl. Chief Secretaries, Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171002.
3. The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
4. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
5. All Heads of Departments, Stationed at Shimla.
6. Divisional Commissioner, Shimla/Kangra/Mandi.
7. All Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
8. The State Information Officer-cum-Technical Director, National Informatic Centre(NIC) H.P. Secretariat, Shimla-2.



Subject:- General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2014 - (1) Instructions relating to deletion of all references on politicians/Ministers on the official websites.
(2) Display the photographs/calendars, etc. of national leaders and prominent personalities in the government offices/premises-clarifications.

Sir/Madam,

The Election Commission of India has announced the election schedule for General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2014, on 5th March, 2014. As such, Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the entire State. In this connection, I am to send herewith copies of Commission's letters No. 437/6/2007(INST)-PLN-III, dated 21st November, 2007 and No. 437/6/ INST/2008-CC&BE, dated 1st April, 2009 for information and necessary action. The Commission has directed that during the period of Model Code of Conduct in connection with general election to the Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assemblies, all references to Ministers, Politicians or Political Parties available on such State Govt./Central Govt. official websites, shall be taken off/purged of.

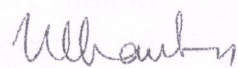
The Commission has also clarified that photographs of Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Ministers and other political functionaries should not be displayed in the Govt. buildings and premises during the currency of Model Code of Conduct.

You are, therefore, requested to adhere to the Commission's aforesaid instructions strictly and ensure to take off/purged of all such references on politicians/Ministers on the official websites of your Departments/Corporations/Boards/Institutions and remove/cover all photographs/calendars of Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Ministers and other political functionaries which are displayed in the Govt. buildings and premises immediately till the completion of election process.

This is most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above.

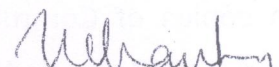

(Narinder Chauhan)
Chief Electoral Officer,
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst.No.3-7/2014-ELN, - 763 Dated: Shimla-171009/13th March, 2014.

Copy alongwith a copies of Commission's aforesaid letters are forwarded to:-

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.
3. 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.
5. 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.
8. The Mayor/Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla.
9. The Director, Information and Public Relations, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
10. All Returning/ Assistant Returning Officers in Himachal Pradesh.
11. All recognized and unrecognized Political Parties, Himachal Pradesh.
12. All Heads of Departments/Offices of Central Government, Himachal Pradesh.

Encls: As above.


Chief Electoral Officer,
Himachal Pradesh.

Copy to Section-I/Complaint/Clarification & Permission/L & O Seats and Private Secretary to CEO and Nodal Officer for Media for information and necessary action.

INSTRUCTION Sl. No. 42

Election Commission's letter No.437/6/2007(INST)-PLN-III Dated : 21st. November, 2007 addressed to The Cabinet Secretary Government of India, the Chief Secretaries and the Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Instructions relating 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 - regarding.

I am directed to state that the Commission has considered the question of various references currently available in the State Government websites/Ministerial official websites pertaining to several Department and Govt. 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, all references to Ministers, Politicians or Political Parties available on such State Government /Central Government 's official websites, shall be taken off/ purged of. During bye-elections, these instructions may be confined to only those Politicians/Ministers, etc. who themselves become candidates at such bye- elections.

This may kindly be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary /Secretaries/Under Secretaries for follow up action.