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Dated: 9th October, 2020

464/SOP/2020/EPS

To The Chief Electoral Officers of,
All States/Union Territories.

Subject: General/Bye Elections – Permission for political gatherings in the
poll going States – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the order No.40-3/2020-DM-I
(A) dated 8th October, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster
Management Division regarding permission for political gatherings outside the
Containment Zones in States where General/Bye Election are to be held. You are
requested to take necessary action for compliance of the said guidelines.
This may be brought to notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,



(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)
UNDER SECRETARY

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110 001

Dated: 8th October, 2020

ORDER

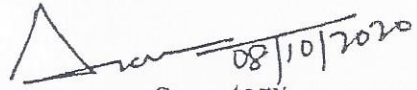
Whereas, an Order of even number dated 30.09.2020 was issued with Guidelines for re-opening, inter alia allowing the State/UT Governments to permit Social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions and other congregations, outside the Containment Zones, beyond the existing limit of 100 persons after 15th October 2020, subject to certain conditions;

And whereas, Election Commission of India has announced holding of General Elections in the State of Bihar Legislative Assembly and By-Elections in eleven States for assembly and parliamentary constituencies;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, it is decided that the State Governments concerned may permit political gatherings, outside the Containment Zones, beyond the existing limit of 100 persons on any date before 15th October 2020 in those assembly/ parliamentary constituencies only, where elections are to be held, subject to the following conditions:

- a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 200 persons. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
- b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ space in view, and with strict observance of social distancing, mandatory wearing of face masks, provision for thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer.

State/ UT Governments will issue detailed SOPs, to regulate such political gatherings and strictly enforce the same.


08/10/2020
Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To:

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of States/ Union Territories

(As per list attached)

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