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No.464/INST/2022/EPS

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of,
All States/UTs

A CEO (CDE)

निर्वाचन सदन,
अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001.

Nirvachan Sadan,

Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

Dated:- 26th April, 2022

330/CEO
28/04/22

Subject:- Preventive Law and Order Action to ensure conduct of peaceful, free and fair poll during the General/bye elections-Deposition of arms -regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Election Commission of India in pursuance of the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay (in criminal Writ Petition No.835/2009-Sh. Govind Vs. Vikram Kumar, the DM & others, vide its order dated 10.07.2009, has issued instruction No.464/INST/2009/EPS dated 01.09.2009 on deposition of arms wherein, it has been inter-alia directed:-

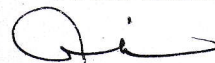
- *"to Constitute a Screening Committee in every district consisting of District Magistrate and the SP. In the Commissionerate area, consisting of Commissioner of Police and Joint/Add. Commissioner of Police.*
- *The screening committee shall commence the work of screening from the day of announcement of election and shall complete it as far as possible before the date of notification".....*

Now, it has been brought to notice of the Commission that the procedure laid by it for deposition of arms is not being followed strictly. In some cases arms licensed holders are made to deposit their arms without any screening/scrutiny of the arms done by Screening Committee.

The Commission has reviewed the matter and has directed that it shall be ensured in future that the procedure contained in **para No. 3.10 and 3.11** under "Deposition of Licensed Arms" laid by the Commission vide its instruction dated 01.09.2009 be followed letter and spirit during the election process.

In view of above, you are requested to kindly ensure strict compliance of Commission's instruction and to bring it in notice of all Concerned authorities.

Yours faithfully,



(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)

SECRETARY