



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, DELHI  
Old St. Stephen's College Building, Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006

No. CEO/COE/102(97)/2017/

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Dated: 17/12/18

To,

1. The President/ General Secretary/ Convener of All Recognized National Political Parties
2. The President/ General Secretary/ Convener of State Political Party (AAP) in Delhi.

**Sub: Instructions regarding Election Manifestos-reg.**

**Ref: (i) ECI letter No. 437/6/Manifesto/2015/CCS dated 24-04-2015**

**(ii) ECI letter No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS dated 27-12-2016**

Sir/Madam

I am directed to forward herewith a ECI letter No. 437/6/INST/2018-CCS dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 received from Sh. Ashwani Kumar Mohal, Under Secretary, Election Commission of India on the subject noted above wherein Commission has directed that all the recognized/registered National and State Political parties to send three copies of their Manifesto along with its Hindi/English version to the concerned Chief Electoral Officer within three days of its release along with a declaration that the program/policies and promises made therein are in consonance with Para -VIII of MCC.

You are requested to ensure the compliance of ECI instructions as stated in letters referred above.

Yours faithfully,

(CHARANJIT SINGH)  
ELECTION OFFICER (COE)

Encl: As above.

Copy to:

1. PA to CEO
2. PA to Spl. CEO/ PA to Dy. CEO (AK)
3. The District Election Officers of all the 11 Districts in NCT of Delhi
4. Copy to All SDMs for information and compliance.
5. SSA with the request to upload the same on the link 'latest instructions'.

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

F. No. 437/6/INST/2018-CCS

Dated: 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: - Instruction regarding Election Manifestos - regarding.

Ref:- (i) ECI Letter No. 437/6/Manifesto/2015/CCS dated 24.04.2015  
(ii) ECI letter No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS dated 27.12.2016.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to draw your attention to the Commission's letters cited in the reference whereby the Commission had requested all the recognized/registered National and State political parties to send three copies of their Manifesto along with its Hindi/English version to the concerned Chief Electoral Officer within three days of its release along with a declaration that the program/policies and promises made therein are in consonance with Para-VIII of MCC.

2. In pursuance of the Commission's decision on the discussion with political parties in meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, the Chief Electoral Officers are requested to reiterate to all recognized political parties above instruction, while clarifying to them the guiding principles on framing of manifesto.

Yours faithfully,

(ASHWANI KUMAR MOHAL)  
UNDER SECRETARY

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# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.437/6/Manifesto/2015/CC/628-698

Dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

To

The President/General Secretary/Chairperson/Convener of

All recognized National and State political Parties.

(List attached)

Subject:-Model Code of Conduct- Guidelines on manifestos-instructions-reg

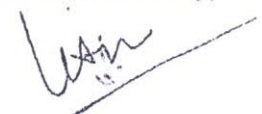
Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that on the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Commission had after consultation with you, framed guidelines for election manifestos and incorporated the same in the "Model Code of Conduct for the Guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates". A copy of the said Guidelines is enclosed herewith for your ready reference.

2. The Commission has desired that, whenever a political party releases its manifesto for whichever election conducted by the Commission, a (hard) copy of the same along with a soft copy may be sent to the Commission for its record. This may be done for the elections conducted henceforth.

3. I am to request that you may give suitable instructions to your Party functionaries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



(K.AJAYA KUMAR)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

वर्तमान/ISSUED ON  
25 APR 2015  
निर्वाचन आयोग  
Election Commission of India  
New Delhi / New Delhi

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facilities etc.; or

(d) make any ad-hoc appointments in Government, Public Undertakings etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favor of the party in power.

**Note :** The Commission shall announce the date of any election which shall be a date ordinarily not more than three weeks prior to the date on which the notification is likely to be issued in respect of such elections.

(vii) Ministers of Central or State Government shall not enter any polling station or place of counting except in their capacity as a candidate or voter or authorized agent.

#### VIII Guidelines on Election Manifestos

1. The Supreme Court in its judgment dated 5th July 2013 in SLP(C) No. 21455 of 2008 ( S. Subramaniam Balaji Vs Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Others) has directed the Election Commission to frame guidelines with regard to the contents of election manifestos in consultation with all the recognized political parties. The guiding principles which will lead to framing of such guidelines are quoted below from the judgment:-

- (i) "Although, the law is obvious that the promises in the election manifesto cannot be construed as 'corrupt practice' under Section 123 of RP Act, the reality cannot be ruled out that distribution of freebies of any kind, undoubtedly, influences all people. It shakes the root of free and fair elections to a large degree".
- (ii) "The Election Commission, in order to ensure level playing field between the contesting parties and candidates in elections and also in order to see that the purity of the election process does not get vitiated, as in past been issuing instructions under the Model Code of Conduct. The fountainhead of the powers under which the Commission issues these orders is Article 324 of the Constitution which mandates the Commission to hold free and fair elections."
- (iii) "We are mindful of the fact that generally political parties release their election manifesto before the announcement of election date, in that scenario, strictly speaking, the Election Commission will not have the authority to regulate any act which is done before the announcement of the date. Nevertheless, an exception can be made in this regard as the purpose of election manifesto is directly associated with the election process".

