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No CEO/COE/102(2)/2017/ 18542-66 Dated: 29.05.2017

To,

The District Election Officer (North West), Office of the DC(NW), Kanjhawala, Delhi.	The District Election Officer (South), Office of the Dy. Commissioner, BDO Office, MB Road, Saket, New Delhi
The District Election Officer (North East), DSIIDC Complex, Nand Nagri, Delhi	The District Election Officer (Central), Old Employment Exchange Building, 14, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002
The District Election Officer (South West), Old Terminal Tax Building, Kapashera, Delhi-110037	The District Election Officer (East), I&F Department Complex, A Block, LM Bandh, Shastri Nagar, Delhi
The District Election Officer (West), Old Middle School Building Complex, Rampura, Delhi	The District Election Officer (New Delhi), 12/1, Jam Nagar House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi
The District Election Officer (North), Office of the District Magistrate (North), Near Shardhanand College, GT Karnal Road, Alipur, New Delhi-110010	The District Election Officer (Shahdara), O/o The DEO/DC (Shahdara), DSIIDC Complex, Nand Nagri, Delhi
The District Election Officer (South East), O/o The DEO/DM(South East), Old Gargi College, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024	

Sub:- Restriction on presence of Political functionary in a Constituency after the campaign period is over

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith ECI letter No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS dated 24-05-2017 on the subject cited above wherein Commission has issued instructions regarding restriction on presence of Political functionary in a Constituency after the campaign period is over.

This is for information and strict compliance of the ECI instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:As above

(CHARANJIT SINGH)  
ELECTION OFFICER (COE)

Copy to:

1. All 11 SDM(E), Delhi with the request to circulate the instructions to all ROs of ACs.
2. PS to CEO/PA to Addl.CEO.
3. Sr. System Analyst, O/o CEO, Delhi for uploading the same on website in instruction link.

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Kindly upload  
the instructions & ECI  
on website

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F. No. 437/6/INST/2016-CCS

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: - Restriction on presence of political functionary in a constituency after the campaign period is over - regarding.

Ref.: ECI's letters No.464/INST/2007-PLN-I, dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007, No. No.464/INST/2007-PLN-I, dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and No.464/INST/2008-EPS, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 (Instruction No.63, 64 & 65 of the Compendium on MCC, respectively)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letters referred above which, inter alia, provides all political functionaries who are not the elector of the constituency going for poll should leave the constituency as soon as the campaign period is over, (section 126 of R. P. Act 1951 also refers). It has been brought to our notice during recently held bye-elections that a prominent political leader didn't leave the constituency after campaign period was over, citing some medical reasons.

The Commission, having considered the matter has issued following guidelines-

- *The DEO concerned, in consultation with CEO, would constitute a Medical Board for health check-up of the political functionary seeking exemption. The Medical Board shall, after medical examination of the patient and his/her medical history, will give report whether the condition of the patient( political leader) is such that he can't move or be shifted under medical attendance out of the constituency in an ambulance or vehicle.*
- *The exemption would only be considered by the ECI after consideration of report of the Medical Board received through CEO concerned.*
- *Such political functionary to whom exemption has been granted may be allowed to stay in the constituency subject to the condition that this is in no manner be used for any political/election related activities in any way. To ensure this, a video surveillance team shall be deployed at all the entrances of place of stay headed by a magistrate with suitable police personnel to be deployed, till completion of poll. Expenditure incurred for such stay should be*

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*duly accounted for in Election Expenditure accounts of the contesting candidates for that constituency.*

Please inform all concerned for full compliance. It should also be included in training module for training of election related officers.

Yours faithfully,

  
(R.K. SRIVASTAVA)

SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

## INSTRUCTION Sl. No. 63

Election Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2007-PLN-I Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 addressed to the Chief Secretaries and the Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.

**Sub: Restrictions on presence of political functionaries in a Constituency after the campaign period is over.**

Under Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, in the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of poll, the campaign will come to an end.

2. During the course of campaign in bye-election, the political parties mobilize their supporters, including from outside the constituency of poll, in order to bolster that campaign. In view of the fact that after the closure of campaign period no campaign can take place within the constituency, presence of political functionaries / party workers / procession functionaries / campaign functionaries etc., who have been brought from outside the constituency and who are not voters of the constituency, should not continue to remain present in the constituency as their continued presence after campaign ends may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll.

3. Hence the Commission has directed that after the campaign period is over, the district election administration / police administration shall ensure that all such functionaries leave the constituency immediately after the campaign period is over. This shall be brought to the notice of all political parties, candidates and their agents in order to enable them to comply.

4. The Commission further directs that in order to ensure that the above instruction is carried out, the election administration / police administration may take all necessary measures which may include:

- (i) Checking of kalyan mandapams / community halls etc., where such people are kept housed and find out whether the outsiders have been accommodated in these premises.
- (ii) Verification of lodges and guesthouses to keep a track of the list of occupants.
- (iii) Set up check-posts in the constituency borders and track the vehicular movement from outside the constituency.
- (iv) Verify the identity of the people / group of people in order to find out whether they are voters or not and establish their identity.

5. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned and ensure strict compliance. Action taken in the matter may be informed to the Commission.

