GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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The General Managers
All Indian Railways and
Production Units etc.

Sub: Application of Model Code of Conduct – General Elections to
Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies in Andhra Pradesh,
Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim, 2019.

Please find enclosed the extracts of Press Note No. ECI/PN/23/2019
dated 10th March, 2019 of Election Commission of India regarding the
General Elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies in Andhra
Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim, 2019 for compliance and
necessary action.

2. Besides the above, the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct as
mentioned on the website of the Election commission of India and the
earlier instructions on the subject issued from time to time also be strictly
complied with till the duration of the Election Schedule.

DA: As above.

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electors, especially in the vulnerable areas/ pockets. Mobilization, deployment and disengagement of these forces with minimum criss cross movement and optimal utilization, involved complex planning and detailed analysis, carried out over several rounds of consultations with the senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs/ CAPFs/ Police Nodal Officers of the States/ UTs. The Commission also held discussions with the Union Home Secretary to highlight the areas of coordination for effective deployment of these forces.

8. The Commission also held meeting with Railway and many others in regard to the specific requirements of special trains, including other logistics, for smooth and timely movement of CAPF Companies and other police forces across States/ UTs, including their intra-State shifting during the election period.

9. Keeping in view the interests of the students and also the fact that Polling Stations are mostly located in school buildings and teachers are engaged as polling personnel, the Commission has consciously factored-in the examination schedules of various State Boards, including the Central Board of Secondary Education, in the process of finalizing the poll dates. In addition to this, other relevant factors like various holidays and festivals falling in the months of March, April and May, harvest season in certain parts of the country and the inputs obtained from the Indian Meteorological Department on the pre-monsoon rainfall, onset and spread of monsoon and acute hot weather conditions in certain parts of the country have also been taken into consideration. Thus, while deciding on the number of poll days for each State/ UT and the composition of the PCs that go to polls on a particular poll day, the Commission has, to the extent possible, taken all relevant aspects and information, related thereto, into view.
10. DELIMITATION OF PARLIAMENTARY AND ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES:

The General Election to the House of People, 2019 to constitute the 17th Lok Sabha shall be held on the basis of the extent of Parliamentary Constituencies as contained in the “Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 2008”. Therefore, there is no change in the extent and status of any Parliamentary Constituency after General election to Lok Sabha, 2009. Besides, the total number of Parliamentary Constituencies allotted to various States/UTs including SC/ST seats are also continued to be the same. Similarly, general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim shall be held on the basis of the extent of Assembly Constituencies as contained in the said Delimitation Order, 2008. The total number of ACs allotted to these States including SC/ST seats shall also continue to be the same.


**ANDHRA PRADESH**

*Parliamentary Constituencies:*- Total number of seats as allocated are 25, SC-4 and ST-1.

*Assembly Constituencies:*- Total number of seats as allocated are 175, SC-29 & ST-7.

**TELANGANA**
31. PHOTOGRAPHS OF CANDIDATES ON EVM BALLOT PAPER:

In order to facilitate the electors in identifying the candidates, the Commission has prescribed an additional measure by way of adding provision for printing the photograph of candidate also on the ballot paper to be displayed on the EVM (Ballot Unit) and on Postal Ballot Papers. This will help avoid any confusion, which may arise when candidates with same or similar names contest from the same constituency. For this purpose, the candidates are required to submit to the Returning Officer, their recent Stamp Size photograph as per the specifications laid down by the Commission.

32. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT:

Consequent on the announcement of the Schedule for the General Election through this Press Note, the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for the Guidance of Political Parties and Candidates comes into operation with immediate effect from today itself in the entire country. This will be applicable to all Political Parties and the Union and State Governments and UT Administrations. In pursuance of the judgment of Supreme Court dated 5th July 2013, in SLP (C) no 21455 of 2008 (S.Subramaniam Balaji vs Govt of T.N. & others) the Election Commission has framed Guidelines on Election Manifesto in consultation with recognized Political Parties. These Guidelines have been incorporated as part VIII of “Model Code of Conduct of Guidance of Political Parties & Candidates” and shall be applicable & implemented in Lok Sabha Elections - 2019 as part of MCC. The Commission calls upon all the Political Parties, Candidates and the Union and State Governments and UT Administrations to strictly adhere to the MCC. The Commission has made elaborate arrangements for ensuring the effective implementation of the MCC Guidelines. Any violations of these Guidelines would be strictly dealt with and the Commission re-emphasizes that the instructions issued in this regard from time to time should be read and understood by all Political Parties, contesting candidates and their
agents/ representatives, to avoid any misgivings or lack of information or understanding/ interpretation. The government of the poll-bound States has also been directed to ensure that no misuse of official machinery/position is done during the MCC period.

The Commission has also issued instructions for swift, effective and stringent action for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct during the first 72 hours of announcement of election schedule and also for maintaining extra vigilance and strict enforcement action in the last 72 hours prior to the close of polls. These Instructions have been issued in the form of Standard Operating.

33. AFFIDAVITS BY CANDIDATES:

All the candidates are required to file an affidavit (in Form 26) along with their nomination papers. This affidavit will include information on the criminal antecedents of the candidate, if any, assets (including the movable, immovable properties and investments even in foreign countries, of the candidate, his/ her spouse and dependents), liabilities of the candidate, his/ her spouse and dependents and his/ her educational qualifications. The filing of the affidavit with all columns duly filled in is mandatory and its non-filing may result in rejection of the nomination paper by the Returning Officer, who has a duty to inform about such omissions to the candidate. The format of Form 26 has been amended vide Ministry of Law & Justice Notification dated 26th February, 2019. The Commission has circulated the revised format of Form 26 to all the States/UTs and Political Parties. With the amendment, it has been expressly provided that declaration on assets shall include full information about offshore assets. The candidates are also required to declare the total income shown in the Income Tax return filed for the last five years for the candidates, spouse, HUF (if candidate is Karta or Coparcener in HUF), and for dependents. Facility for e-filing of the affidavit by the candidates is available. After e-filing, the hardcopy of the affidavit is required to be got notarized by the candidate and submitted to the Returning Officer within the prescribed format. The e-filing system will help candidates in filling up the information in the affidavit in correct manner, without any omission.

In pursuance of the judgment of the Supreme Court dated 13th
stakeholders in the country, all National and State level elections will attain greater heights in all benchmarks recording highest turnout ever in the country.

68. On the occasion of the 17th Lok Sabha Elections, the Commission:

Reassures the nation of its solemn resolve and deep commitment to fulfill its constitutional mandate to conduct free, fair, credible elections;
Exhorts the eleven million plus election machinery to re-dedicate themselves to the tasks associated with the conduct of elections as a sacred duty;
Appeals to all the stakeholders and in particular, the political parties and the candidates, to uphold the peerless democratic traditions of the nation by maintaining high standards of political discourse and fair play in course of their election campaigns; and
Calls upon all voters to reinforce the democratic ethos of the nation by turning up at the polling stations and exercise their right to vote in an informed and ethical manner.

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