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ORDER

- Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing personation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Electors Photo Identity Card for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and
- Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing personation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, issue of Electors Photo Identity Card to electors bearing their photographs at State cost; and
- Whereas, Rules 49H (3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors' Photo Identity Card under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Elector Photo Identity Card at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Elector Photo Identity Card may result in the denial of permission to vote; and
- Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules, makes it clear that although the right to vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Elector Photo Identity Card, where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling and that both are to be used together; and
- Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28th August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors' Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to all electors, according to a time bound programme; and
- Whereas, Electors' Photo Identity Card have been issued to approximate 100% electors in the country, and
- Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that for the **current General Election to the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim, 2024 and Bye-elections to 26 Assembly Constituencies in 13 States (as per**

Annexure-I) to be notified on 20.03.2024, 28.03.2024, 12.04.2024, 18.04.2024, 26.04.2024, 29.04.2024, 07.05.2024 all electors who have been issued EPIC are expected to produce the EPIC for their identification at the polling stations before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity: -

- (i) Aadhaar Card,
- (ii) MNREGA Job Card,
- (iii) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- (iv) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- (v) Driving License,
- (vi) PAN Card,
- (vii) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- (viii) Indian Passport,
- (ix) Pension document with photograph,
- (x) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies,
- (xi) Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and
- (xii) Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

8. In the case of EPIC, clerical errors, spelling mistakes, etc. should be ignored provided the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC. If an elector produces an EPIC which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such EPIC shall also be accepted for identification provided that the name of that elector finds place in the electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting. If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents mentioned in Para 7 above.

9. Notwithstanding anything in Para 7 above, overseas electors who are registered in the electoral roll under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the particulars in their Indian Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) at the polling station.

By Order,



(S.B.JOSHI)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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दिनांक: 19 मार्च, 2024

आदेश

1. यतः लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की धारा 61 में यह उपबंधित है कि निर्वाचकों के प्रतिरूपण का निवारण करने की दृष्टि से, ताकि उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 62 के अधीन वास्तविक निर्वाचकों का उनके मत देने के अधिकार को और अधिक प्रभावी बनाया जा सके, मतदान के समय निर्वाचकों की पहचान सुनिश्चित करने के साधन के रूप में निर्वाचकों के लिए निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र के उपयोग हेतु नियमों के द्वारा उपबंध किए जा सकते हैं, तथा
2. यतः निर्वाचकों का रजिस्ट्रिकरण नियम, 1960 का नियम 28 निर्वाचन आयोग को, इस दृष्टि से कि निर्वाचकों के प्रतिरूपण का निवारण हो सके तथा मतदान के समय उनकी पहचान को सरल बनाया जा सके, निर्वाचकों को राज्य की लागत पर फोटोयुक्त निर्वाचक फोटो-पहचान पत्र जारी करने के लिए निदेश देने की शक्ति प्रदान करता है; तथा
3. यतः, निर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के नियम 49 ज(3) और 49 ट(2) (ख) में यह उपबंधित है कि जहाँ किसी निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के निर्वाचकों को निर्वाचक रजिस्ट्रिकरण नियम, 1960, के नियम 28 के उक्त उपबंधों के अधीन निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान-पत्र दिए गए हैं, वहाँ निर्वाचकों को मतदान केन्द्र में अपना निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान-पत्र दिखाना होगा तथा उनकी ओर से उन निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्रों को नहीं दिखाए जाने या दिखाने में असमर्थ होने पर उन्हें मत डालने की अनुमति देने से इन्कार किया जा सकता है; तथा
4. यतः, उक्त अधिनियम, और नियमों के उपर्युक्त उपबंधों को मिलाकर एवं सामंजस्यपूर्ण ढंग से उनके अध्ययन से यह स्पष्ट होता है कि यद्यपि मत देने का अधिकार निर्वाचक नामावली में नाम के होने से ही होता है, यह निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा राज्य की लागत पर, मतदान के समय उनकी पहचान सुनिश्चित करने के साधन के रूप में प्रदान करवाए गए निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र के प्रयोग पर भी निर्भर करता है, तथा दोनों का एक साथ प्रयोग करना होता है; तथा
5. यतः, निर्वाचन आयोग ने एक समयबद्ध कार्यक्रम के अनुसार सभी निर्वाचकों को निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान-पत्र ई0पी0आई0सी0 जारी करने का निदेश देते हुए 28 अगस्त, 1993 को एक आदेश जारी किया है; तथा
6. यतः, देश में लगभग 100% निर्वाचकों को निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र जारी किए जा चुके हैं, तथा
7. अतः अब, सभी संबद्ध कारकों तथा विधिक एवं तथ्यात्मक स्थितियों को, ध्यान में रखते हुए, निर्वाचन आयोग, एतद्वारा, यह निदेश देता है कि दिनांक 20.03.2024, 28.03.2024, 12.04.2024, 18.04.2024, 26.04.2024, 29.04.2024, 07.05.2024 को अधिसूचित होने वाले वर्तमान लोक सभा

तथा आंध्र प्रदेश, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, ओडिशा और सिक्किम विधान सभाओं के साधारण निर्वाचन, 2024 एवं 13 राज्यों में 26 विधान सभाओं (अनुलग्नक-1) के उप निर्वाचनों के लिए सभी निर्वाचकों जिन्हें निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र जारी किए गए हैं, से अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वे मतदान स्थल पर अपना मत डालने से पहले अपनी पहचान सुनिश्चित करने हेतु अपना निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र दिखाएं। ऐसे निर्वाचक जो अपना निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र प्रस्तुत नहीं कर पाते हैं, उन्हें अपनी पहचान स्थापित करने के लिए निम्नलिखित वैकल्पिक फोटो पहचान दस्तावेजों में से कोई एक प्रस्तुत करना होगा:-

- i. आधार कार्ड।
- ii. मनरेगा जॉब कार्ड,
- iii. बैंको / डाकघरों द्वारा जारी किए गए फोटोयुक्त पासबुक,
- iv. श्रम मंत्रालय की योजना के अन्तर्गत जारी स्वास्थ्य बीमा स्मार्ट कार्ड,
- v. डाइविंग लाइसेन्स,
- vi. पैन कार्ड,
- vii. एनपीआर के अंतर्गत आरजीआई द्वारा जारी किए गए स्मार्ट कार्ड,
- viii. भारतीय पासपोर्ट;
- ix. फोटोयुक्त पेंशन दस्तावेज,
- x. केन्द्र/ राज्य सरकार/ लोक उपक्रम/पब्लिक लिमिटेड कंपनियों द्वारा अपने कर्मचारियों को जारी किए गए फोटोयुक्त सेवा पहचान पत्र,
- xi. सांसदों/ विधायकों / विधान परिषद् सदस्यों को जारी किए गए सरकारी पहचान पत्र, और
- xii. यूनिक डिसएबिलिटी आईडी (यूडीआईडी) कार्ड, सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार।

8. एपिक के संबंध में, लेखन अशुद्धि, वर्तनी की अशुद्धि इत्यादि को नजरअंदाज कर देना चाहिए बशर्ते निर्वाचक की पहचान एपिक से सुनिश्चित की जा सके। यदि कोई निर्वाचक फोटो पहचान पत्र प्रदर्शित करता है, जो कि किसी अन्य सभा निर्वाचन-क्षेत्र के निर्वाचक रजिस्ट्रीकरण अधिकारी द्वारा जारी किया गया है, ऐसे एपिक भी पहचान स्थापित करने हेतु स्वीकृत किए जाएंगे बशर्ते उस निर्वाचक का नाम जहां वह मतदान करने आया है उस मतदान केंद्र से संबंधित निर्वाचक नामावली में उपलब्ध हो। यदि फोटोग्राफ इत्यादि के बेमेल होने के कारण निर्वाचक की पहचान सुनिश्चित करना संभव न हो तब निर्वाचक को उपर्युक्त पैरा 7 में वर्णित किसी एक वैकल्पिक फोटो दस्तावेज को प्रस्तुत करना होगा।

9. उक्त पैरा 7 में किसी बात के होते हुए भी, प्रवासी निर्वाचकों को जो अपने पासपोर्ट में विवरणों के आधार पर लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1950 की धारा 20क के अधीन निर्वाचक नामावलियों में पंजीकृत हैं, मतदान केन्द्र में केवल उनके मूल पासपोर्ट (तथा कोई अन्य पहचान दस्तावेज नहीं) के आधार पर ही पहचाना जाएगा।

आदेश से,



(एस.बी.जोशी)
प्रधान सचिव

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (c) of Section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and on due consideration of the matter in consultation with the Government Administration of all States and Union Territories, the Election Commission hereby notifies the persons employed in the essential services as per Annexure-I (copy enclosed) as a class of persons to give vote by postal ballot on being on duty on the day of poll in the current General Elections to the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim, 2024 and bye-elections in 26 Assembly Constituencies in 13 States(as per Annexure-II), programme of the said elections scheduled to be notified on 20.03.2024, 28.03.2024, 12.04.2024, 18.04.2024, 26.04.2024, 29.04.2024 and 07.05.2024, as per the relevant provisions of existing the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the Commission's directions and guidelines.

By Order,



(S.B.JOSHI)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

1. ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Metro
2. Railway Transport (Passenger and Freight) Services
3. Media persons to whom authorization letters have been issued with the approval of the Commission to cover polling day activities
4. Electricity Department
5. BSNL
6. Postal & Telegram
7. Doordharshan
8. All India Radio
9. State Milk Union and Milk Cooperative Societies
10. Health department
11. Food Corporation Department
12. Aviation
13. Road Transport Corporation
14. Fire Services
15. Traffic Police
16. Ambulance Services
17. Shipping
18. Fire Force
19. Jail
20. Excise
21. Water Authority
22. Treasury Service
23. Forest
24. Information and Public Relation Department
25. Police
26. Civil Defence and Home Guards
27. Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
28. Power
29. Airport Authority of India
30. Press Information Bureau
31. Department of PWD
32. National Informatics Centres
33. Disaster Management

2. ARUNACHAL PRADESH

1. Officers/ officials connected with supply of drinking water of Public Health Engineering Department
2. Line man & other staffs in Power House of Electric/ Power Department
3. Health Department
4. Hospitals
5. Dispensaries
6. Media persons




ANNEXURE-I**3. ASSAM**

1. Field level engineers and employees of PHED.
2. Health workers who are engaged in medical related election duties, health workers engaged in emergency duty on the day of poll, person associated with ambulance services.
3. Fire & Emergency Services, traffic police, employees of jail, Civil defence and home guards.
4. Employees of District Emergency Operation Centre, Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) Staff of State Emergency Operation Centre, Information Assistants of SEO.
5. Officers of Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) and media persons authorised by Election Commission of India.
6. Employees of APDCL, APGCL, AEGCL.
7. Officials under long distance services of ASTC.
8. BSNL
9. Railways
10. Aviation
11. Shipping

4. BIHAR

1. Electricity Department,
2. BSNL
3. Railways
4. Post & Telegram
5. Doordarshan
6. All India Radio
7. COMFED and related Milk Cooperatives & Units
8. Health Department, Bihar
9. Food Corporation of India
10. State Food Corporation
11. Aviation
12. Long distance Govt. Road Transport Corporation
13. Fire Services
14. Traffic
15. Ambulance Services and
16. Media Persons authorized by ECI for poll day coverage.

5. CHHATTISGARH

1. Railway transport (passenger and freight) services
 2. Media persons to whom authorization letters have been issued with the approval of the Commission to cover polling day activities
 3. Electricity Department
 4. BSNL
 5. Post & Telegram
 6. Doordharshan
 7. All India Radio
- 

8. State Milk Union and Milk Cooperative Societies
9. Health Department
10. Food Corporation of India


6. GOA

1. Medical Services Viz. Public Health Department, Goa Medical College, Directorate of Health Services
2. Police
3. Civil Defence and Home Guards
4. Fire and Emergency services
5. Prisons
6. Excise
7. Electricity Department
8. Water Authority
9. Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited /KTCL (SRTC of Goa)
10. Treasury Service
11. Forest
12. Central Govt. Institution (All India Radio, Doordarshan, BSNL, Railways, Posts & Telegraph and Aviation)
13. Ambulance
14. Media persons authorized by ECI for poll coverage
15. Aviation and
16. Shipping/River Navigation/Transport

7. GUJARAT

1. Electricity Department
2. BSNL
3. Railways
4. Doordarshan
5. All India Radio
6. Health Department, Gujarat
7. Aviation
8. Long Distance Bus Services of Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation
9. Fire Services
10. Media Persons authorized by ECI for poll day coverage.
11. Traffic Police, and
12. Ambulance Service

8. HARYANA

1. Metro
 2. Railway transport (passenger and freight) services
 3. Media persons to whom authorization letters have been issued with the approval of the Commission to cover polling day activities.
 4. Electricity Department
 5. BSNL
 6. Post & Telegram
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7. Doordharshan
8. All India Radio
9. State Milk Union and Milk Cooperative Societies
10. Health Department
11. Food Corporation of India
12. Aviation
13. Road Transport Corporation
14. Fire Services
15. Traffic police
16. Ambulance Services
17. Fire Force
18. Jail
19. Excise
20. Water Authority
21. Treasury Service
22. Forest
23. Information and Public Relation Department
24. Police
25. Civil Defence and Home Guards
26. Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
27. Power
28. Press Information Bureau
29. Department of PWD

9. HIMACHAL PRADESH

1. Health Department(Doctors, Para Medical Staff and Ambulance service)
2. Fire Services
3. Himachal Road Transport Corporations (Drivers and Conductors excluding local route bus services within city)
4. H.P State Milk Federation and Milk Cooperative Societies (Staff on Milk supply service)
5. Local Media Persons authorised by the Election Commission of India
6. Irrigation and Public Health (Pump Operator and Turner)
7. Himachal Pradesh State electricity Board (Electrician and Line-man)
8. Jail staff

10. JHARKHAND

1. Railway transport (passenger and freight) Services
2. Media persons to whom authorization letters have been issued with the approval of the Commission to cover polling day activities
3. Electricity Department
4. BSNL
5. Post & Telegram
6. Doordarshan.
7. All India Radio
8. State Milk Union and Milk Cooperative Societies
9. Health Department



10. Aviation
11. Fire Services
12. Traffic Police
13. Ambulance Services
14. Jail
15. Airport Authority of India
16. Press Information Bureau

11. KARNATAKA

1. Electricity Department
2. BSNL
3. Railways
4. Doordarshan
5. All India Radio
6. Health Department
7. Aviation
8. Bus Service (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC & NEKRTC)
9. Fire Services
10. Media Persons authorized by ECI for poll day coverage
11. Traffic Police
12. Ambulance Services
13. BMRCL
14. Prisons
15. Police personnel working in control room
16. Engineer of Rural and Urban drinking water supply Departments

12. KERALA

1. Police
2. Fire Force
3. Jail
4. Excise
5. Milma
6. Electricity
7. Water Authority
8. KSRTC
9. Treasury Services
10. Health Services
11. Forest Personnel
12. Central Govt. institutions like All India Radio, Doordarshan, BSNL, Railways, Post & Telegraph
13. Media Persons
14. Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL)

13. MADHYA PRADESH

1. Public Health and Health Education Department
2. Home Department (Fire Forces)



ANNEXURE-I

3. Department of Energy
4. Media persons to whom authorization letters have been issued with the approval of the Commission to cover polling day activities

14. MAHARASHTRA

1. Metro
2. Railway transport (passenger and freight) services
3. Media persons to whom authorization letters have been issued with the approval of the Commission to cover polling day activities
4. Electricity Department
5. BSNL
6. Post & Telegram
7. Doordharshan
8. All India Radio
9. State Milk Union and Milk Cooperative Societies
10. Health Department
11. Food Corporation of India
12. Aviation
13. Road Transport Corporation
14. Fire Services
15. Traffic police
16. Ambulance Services
17. Shipping
18. Fire Force
19. Jail
20. Excise
21. Water Authority
22. Treasury Service
23. Forest
24. Information and Public Relation Department
25. Police
26. Civil Defence and Home Guards
27. Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
28. Power
29. Airport Authority of India
30. Press Information Bureau
31. Department of PWD
32. MTNL

15. MANIPUR

1. Electricity Department
2. Railways
3. Health Department in connection with COVID-19
4. Aviation
5. Fire Services
6. Media Persons authorised by ECI for poll day coverage



16. MEGHALAYA

1. Health and Medical Emergency Services including Ambulance Services
2. Police including Traffic
3. Fire and Emergency Services
4. Jail
5. Central Government Institutions of All India Radio, Doordarshan, PIB, BSNL, Railways and AAI
6. Media Persons authorized by ECI for poll coverage
7. Information and Public Relations Department
8. Electricity Power Distribution (MePDCL)
9. Forest (National Parks & Sanctuaries)
10. Civil Defence and Home Guard
11. Establishments of State Govt. outside of the State

17. MIZORAM

1. Airport Authority of India
2. Food Corporation of India
3. Press Information Bureau
4. Doordarshan
5. All India Radio
6. Power & Electricity Department
7. Health & Family Welfare Department
8. Transport Department
9. Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department
10. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
11. Media persons authorized by ECI for poll day coverage
12. Fire & Emergency Services
13. Security duty at Lengpui Airport.
14. Officials working in Mizoram House in other State
15. Officials deployed for duty in various jails within the State

18. NAGALAND

1. Power Department
2. Health/Medical Department
3. Fire & Emergency Service Department
4. Traffic Police
5. Ambulance Service
6. Jail
7. Police
8. Civil Defence/Home Guard
9. Media persons

19. ODISHA

1. Police
2. Fire Service



ANNEXURE-I

3. Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists & other Paramedics of Government Hospitals
4. Employees of Odisha State Road Transport Corporation
5. Employees of Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs)
6. Media persons authorized by ECI for Poll day coverage

20. PUNJAB

1. Department of Local Government (Fire Service)
2. Department of Transport (Drivers, Conductors, Work shop Staff, Operations Staff and Officers posted at Headquarter and Depots at District Level)
3. Department of Jails (Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Guarding Staff posted in Jails)
4. Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Police Officers, Police Personnel, Civil Defence and Home Guards)
5. Department of Power (Staff of State Power Corporation and State Transmission Corporation deputed at Generations Units, Thermal Plants, Hydel Units (within or outside the State), Staff on deputation to BBMB and field Staff posted in Grid Sub Stations)
6. Department of Health and Family Welfare (a) Drug Control Officers working under the Commissionerate of Food and Drug Administration (b) Medical and Para-Medical Staff working/ on duty on the Day of Poll
7. Media persons/ journalists authorized by ECI for Poll day coverage

21. RAJASTHAN

1. Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation (Drivers, Conductors except local route bus services within the city)
2. Medical and Health Department (Doctors, Para Medical staff and Ambulance service)
3. Medical Education Department (Doctors, Para Medical staff and Ambulance service)
4. Fire Services
5. Jaipur Metro
6. Energy Department and its Subordinate Corporations (Electrician, Line Man)
7. Public Health Engineering and Irrigation Services (Pump Operator, Turner)
8. Media Persons authorized by ECI
9. Rajasthan State Milk Union and Milk Cooperative Societies (Personnel engaged in milk supply service)
10. All RAC Battalions including 3 RAC battalions posted in Delhi under Rajasthan Police (8th, 11th, 12th battalions)
11. Drivers and Conductors working in Jaipur City Transport Services Limited

22. SIKKIM

1. Health Department
2. Electricity Department
3. Fire Services
4. Traffic Police
5. State Milk Union
6. Media Person to whom authorization letter will be issued with the approval of the Commission.



ANNEXURE-I

7. Jail Department
8. Police Department (other than those who are involved in Election duties)
9. State Control Room Officials
10. Public Health and Engineering Department

23. TAMIL NADU

1. Mercantile Marine
2. BSNL
3. Chennai Metro Rail Limited
4. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
5. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
6. State Government
7. Media persons

24. TELANGANA

1. Airport Authority of India
2. Food Corporation of India
3. Indian Railways
4. Press information Bureau
5. Doordarshan
6. All India Radio
7. Electricity Department
8. Health and Family Welfare
9. State Transport Corporation
10. Food and Civil Supplies
11. BSNL
12. Media Persons authorized by ECI for poll day coverage
13. Fire Services

25. TRIPURA

1. Department of Power
2. Jail
3. Department of Health Services
4. Department of Fire Services
5. BSNL
6. Railways
7. Postal Department
8. Doordarshan
9. All India Radio
10. Media Persons to whom authorization letters have been issued with the approval of the Commission to cover poll day activities

26. UTTAR PRADESH

1. Information and Public Relation Department.
2. Health and Family Welfare (Emergency/Ambulance Services)
3. Post Department



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4. Traffic Department
5. Railways
6. Electricity Department
7. Civil Aviation Department
8. Metro Rail Corporation of Uttar Pradesh
9. Doordharshan.
10. All India Radio
11. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
12. Media persons authorized by ECI for poll day coverage

27. UTTARA KHAND

1. Airport Authority of India
2. Food Corporation of India
3. Indian Railway
4. Doordarshan / All India Radio
5. Electricity Department
6. Health and Family Welfare
7. Uttarakhand Transport Corporation
8. Food and Civil Supplies
9. BSNL.
10. Media Persons authorized by ECI for Poll day Coverage.

28. WEST BENGAL

1. Metro
2. Railway transport (passenger and freight) services
3. State Milk Union and Milk Cooperative Societies
4. Health Department
5. Road Transport Corporation
6. Fire services
7. Traffic Police
8. Jail
9. Excise
10. Treasury Services
11. Information and Public relation Department
12. Ambulance Services
13. Police
14. Civil Defence and Home Guards
15. Food Civil Supplies
16. Power
17. Department of PWD
18. Media

29. ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

1. Media persons to whom authorization letter have been issued with the approval of the commission to cover polling day activities.
2. Electricity Department



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3. BSNL
4. Post and Telegram
5. Doordarshan
6. All India Radio
7. Health Department
8. Food Corporation of India
9. Aviation
10. Transport Department
11. Fire and Emergency Services
12. Ambulance Services
13. Traffic Police
14. Shipping
15. Jail
16. Excise
17. Forest
18. Police
19. Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
20. Airport Authority of India.

30. CHANDIGARH

1. Railway Transport (P&F)
2. Media Persons
3. Electricity Department
4. BSNL
5. Post & Telegram
6. Health Department
7. Fire Services
8. Traffic Police
9. Ambulance Services
10. Jail
11. Forest
12. Police
13. Civil Defence and Home Guards
14. Power

31. DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU

1. Fire Services
2. Police
3. Traffic Police
4. Ambulance Services
5. Media Persons

32. DELHI

1. Hospitals under GNCT of Delhi.
2. Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)
3. Delhi Fire Services



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4. Delhi Jal Board
5. Delhi Police
6. Centralized Accident and Trauma services (CATS), GNCTD
7. Media persons of Delhi to whom authorization letter have been issued with the approval of the Election commission of India to cover polling day activities

33. LAKSHADWEEP

1. Medical & Health Services
2. Port, Shipping & Aviation
3. Post Office
4. Electricity Department
5. Fire Service
6. Police
7. India Reserve Battalion
8. Environment & Forest
9. Information & Public Relation
10. Airport Authority of India
11. Media persons authorized by ECI for poll coverage

34. JAMMU & KASHMIR

1. Police Department
2. Health Department (All Medical and Para medical Staff)
3. P H E Department (All field staff below the rank of JE)
4. Municipality (All field staff)
5. Transport Department (Driver and Cleaner)
6. Fire and Emergency (All field staff)
7. Media persons

35. PUDUCHERRY

1. Health & Family Welfare Department, Puducherry
2. Media persons authorised by ECI for poll day coverage
3. Government Ambulance Service
4. Aviation
5. Shipping
6. Railways
7. Postal & Telegram
8. Doordarshan
9. All India Radio
10. Airport Authority of India
11. Press information Bureau
12. BSNL

36. LADAKH

1. Power Development Department(PDD)
2. Health& Medical Education Department including Ambulance Services
3. Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department



ANNEXURE-I

4. Forest Department
5. PHE & IFC Department
6. Public Works Department (PWD)
7. Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR)
8. Police Department
9. Fire & Rescue Services
10. Traffic Police
11. Prisons Department
12. Treasury Service
13. Forest Department
14. BSNL
15. Post & Telegram
16. Doordarshan
17. All India Radio
18. Food Corporation of India
19. Aviation
20. Excise Department
21. Civil Defence & Home Guards
22. Road Transport Corporation (buses being operated by SIDCO)
23. Airport Authority of India
24. Press Information Bureau
25. Ladakh Milk Unions and Milk Corporation Societies
26. Media personals



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दिनांक 19 मार्च, 2024

अधिसूचना

लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की धारा 60 के खंड (ग) के उपबंधों के अनुसरण में और सभी राज्यों और संघ राज्य-क्षेत्रों के शासकीय प्रशासन के साथ परामर्श से मामले पर सम्यक्चिचार करने पर, निर्वाचन आयोग, एतद्वारानिर्वाचनों का संचालन नियम, 1961 के मौजूदा उपबंधों तथा आयोग के निदेशों और दिशानिर्देशों के अनुसार, लोक सभा तथा आंध्र प्रदेश, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, ओडिशा और सिक्किम के वर्तमान साधारण निर्वाचन, 2024 और 13 राज्यों में 26 विधानसभा उपनिर्वाचन क्षेत्रों (अनुलग्नक- II के अनुसार) में अनुबंध- I (प्रति संलग्न) के अनुसार अनिर्वाय सेवाओं में नियोजित व्यक्तियों को मतदान के दिन झूटी पर होने पर डाक मतपत्र द्वारा मत देने के लिए व्यक्तियों के एक वर्ग के रूप में अधिसूचित करता है, उक्त निर्वाचनों का कार्यक्रम 20.03.2024, 28.03.2024, 12.04.2024, 18.04.2024, 26.04.2024, 29.04.2024 और 07.05.2024 को अधिसूचित किए जाने के लिए निर्धारित है।

आदेश से,



(एस.बी.जोशी)
प्रधान सचिव

F.No.F.13/5/2022-Coll / 338
Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration
Department of Revenue
Collectorate
Kavaratti – 682 555

Dated 19.03.2024

Proclamation under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of India has announced on 16.03.2024 that the General Elections to the Lok Sabha-2024 for the Lakshadweep Parliamentary Constituency will be held on 19.04.2024 and with the announcement of the Election Schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect.

AND WHEREAS, the Election Commission of India in its instructions vide letter No.3/08/2000 J.S.II, dtd. 26.12.2000, has observed that all the political parties, candidates and their workers, supporters and sympathizers would be using loudspeakers in their electioneering campaigns. These loud speakers are not only used from fixed rostrums but are also mounted/fitted on vehicles like trucks, tractor, tempos, cars, vans, auto rickshaws cycle rickshaws, etc. The use of loud speakers results in noise pollution i.e. beyond the prescribed decibels and cause great inconvenience and disturbance to the public peace and tranquility:

AND WHEREAS, the Commission has further observed that the student community, in particular, gets seriously disturbed due to unrestricted use of loud speakers. The aged, the infirm and the sick whether in institutions, hospitals, etc. or at home are also put to severe discomfort. The indiscriminate and unrestricted use of loud speakers during the odd hours and at odd places at very high volumes causes great annoyance and disturbance to general public and infringes their right to peaceful living.

Such disturbance to public in general and to sick, old and students in particular cannot be allowed beyond permissible limits;

AND WHEREAS, the Commission has directed to strictly regulate the use of Loudspeakers during the election period and to be permit its use only between 6:00AM to 10:00 PM as follows:

(a) The use of loudspeakers, whether fitted on vehicles of any kind whatsoever, or in static position used for public meetings for electioneering purposes during the entire election period starting from the date of announcement of election and

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ending with the date of declaration of results are to be permitted only between 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

All loudspeaker being used beyond the hours as prescribed above, shall be confiscated along with all the apparatus connected with the use of these loudspeakers

AND WHEREAS, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 as mentioned in pre-para which may be detrimental to public peace and tranquility and for peaceful conduct of election;

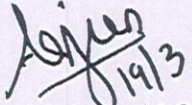
NOW THEREFORE, I, Arjun Mohan, IAS, District Magistrate, Union Territory of Lakshadweep do hereby prohibit the use of loudspeakers for election purpose during night time between 10:00PM to 06:00 A.M in the morning.

Any violation of this order is punishable by legal action under section 188 of IPC and other relevant provisions by law.

Further this order will be in force till the completion of the Lok Sabha Elections-2024 for the entire Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

The emergent nature of case and circumstances do not permit serving of notice to the concerned in due time and hence this order is passed ex parte under section 144(2) of Criminal Procedure Code. 1973.

//By Order//


(Arjun Mohan, IAS)
District Magistrate