Election Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh 38-SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9

No: 3-7/2014-ELN - 468

Dated:

13th March, 2014.

From:

Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh.

To

- 1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
- 2. The Addl. Chief Secretaries, Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171002.
- 3. The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
- 4. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
- 5. All Heads of Departments, Stationed at Shimla.
- 6. Divisional Commissioner, Shimla/Kangra/Mandi.
- 7. All Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
- 8. The State Information Officercum-Technical Director, National Informatic Centre(NIC) H.P. Secretariat, Shimla-2.

Subject:-

General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2014 – (1) Instructions relating to deletion of all references on politicians/Ministers on the official websites.

(2) Display the photographs/calendars, etc. of national leaders and prominent personalities in the government offices/premises-clarifications.

Sir/Madam,

The Election Commission of India has announced the election schedule for General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2014, on 5th March, 2014. As such, Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the entire State. In this connection, I am to send herewith copies of Commission's letters No. 437/6/2007(INST)-PLN-III, dated 21st November, 2007 and No. 437/6/ INST/2008-CC&BE, dated 1st April, 2009 for information and necessary action. The Commission has directed that during the period of Model Code of Conduct in connection with general election to the Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assemblies, all references to Ministers, Politicians or Political Parties available on such State Govt./Central Govt. official websites, shall be taken off/purged of.

The Commission has also clarified that photographs of Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Ministers and other political functionaries should not be displayed in the Govt. buildings and premises during the currency of Model Code of Conduct.

You are, therefore, requested to adhere to the Commission's aforesaid instructions strictly and ensure to take off/purged of all such references on politicians/Ministers on the official websites of your Departments/Corporations/Boards/Institutions and remove/cover all photographs/calendars of Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Ministers and other political functionaries which are displayed in the Govt. buildings and premises immediately till the completion of election process.

This is most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above.

(Narinder Chauhan) Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh.

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Copy alongwith a copies of Commission's aforesaid letters are forwarded to:-

The Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.

- 2. Private Secretaries to the Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Himachal Pradesh Government, Shimla.
- 3. The Secretary, Vidhan Sabha for information of Hon'ble Speaker & Deputy Speaker, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha.
- 4. The Chairman/Managing Director of all Boards/Corporation/Undertaking, Himachal Pradesh.
- 5. The Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla-5/ Dr. Y.S. Parmar Horticulture and Forestry University, Nauni, Solan/Chaudhary Sarvan Kumar Agriculture University, Palampur.
- 6. All Hon'ble Members of Parliament/MLAs Himachal Pradesh.
- 7. All Chairmen, Zila Parishad, Himachal Pradesh.
- 8. The Mayor/Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla.
- 9. The Director, Information and Public Relations, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
- 10. All Returning/ Assistant Returning Officers in Himachal Pradesh.
- 11. All recognized and unrecognized Political Parties, Himachal Pradesh.
- 12. All Heads of Departments/Offices of Central Government, Himachal Pradesh.

Encls: As above.

Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh.

Copy to Section-I/Complaint/Clarification & Permission/L & O Seats and Private Secretary to CEO and Nodal Officer for Media for information and necessary action.

Endst. No. EDN-H(1)-21/2002-(Website)Vol-II Dated, Shimla March, 2014 Copy forwarded for information and further necessary action to:

- 1. All the Principals Govt. Colleges of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2. All the Dy. Directors of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh.
- 3. All the Principals Govt. Sen. Sec. Schools of Himachal Pradesh.
- 4. Guard File

Addl. Director of Higher Education (A)
Himachal Pradesh