

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.76/2009/SDR

Dated : 31st March, 2009

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of
All States/Union Territories.

Sub: Expenditure incurred by leaders of the party in election campaign- use of aircrafts/helicopters- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to the Commission's letter No.437/6/INST/2008-CC&BE, dated 31st October, 2008 reproduced at Section 43 in Vol.III of the Compendium of Instructions. In the said letter, it has been clarified that in the vehicle in which a leader of a political party (Star Campaigner) covered under Explanation-2 to Section-77(1) of Representation of the People Act, 1951, is travelling, the candidate or other workers of the party/candidate also travel, 50% of the expenditure on the vehicle will be booked to the election expenditure account of the candidate(s) concerned [i.e. the candidate(s) for furthering the prospect of whose election the leader is travelling]. In order to remove doubts raised by some Parties in this regard, it is clarified that 'vehicle' referred to in the abovementioned letter dated 31st October, 2008, **includes aircraft/helicopter or any other means of transport used by the leader**(Star Campaigner).

This clarification may be brought to the notice of all political parties based in your State/UT.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K.SRIVASTAVA)
SECRETARY

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