

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
all States and Union Territories.

**Subject: Model Code of Conduct – Compliance in letter and spirit– regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

A copy of a letter sent to all recognized National and State political parties, regarding adherence to the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct, Election Law, IPC etc. in connection with electioneering, which is self-explanatory, is enclosed.

2. In this context, the Commission has directed that the following actions are required to be taken on the part of the Chief Electoral Officers/District Election Officers/Returning Officers/Observers:-

(i) The campaign by the leaders specified under Section 77(1) [star campaigners] should be meticulously tracked. Any violation committed by candidate set up by recognized parties or by the star campaigners during campaign should invariably be reported to the Commission for immediate follow up action at the level of the Commission so that the action receives required visibility.

(ii) The Chief Electoral Officers and District Election Officers shall maintain a party-wise register to track the instances of violations being committed by various candidates and campaigners of various political parties. This should be a sort of daily register indicating names of the candidate, campaigner and political party. Brief description of violation, date of violation, follow up action taken and the order passed by any election official/the Commission, if any.

(iii) The above document (violation index) should also to be put in public domain so that interested parties including the media can pick up the input and this may work as a deterrence for the candidates and political parties against indulging in any violation.

3. These instructions may be brought to the notice of the District Election Officers and Returning Officers in the State. A copy of the enclosed letter addressed to the political parties may be handed over to each of the political parties based in your State/Union Territory, including registered unrecognized parties.

Yours faithfully,

**(K. AJAY KUMAR)**  
**SECRETARY**