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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.437/6/INST/2008-CC&BE

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Model Code of Conduct – Compliance of the Commission's Instructions – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that when a Minister of State was asked by the Commission to explain his position with regards to the alleged violation of provisions of Model Code of Conduct and Commission's instructions on the subject of holding a public meeting in a government school building by the Minister.

From the reply of the Minister it was observed that the concerned authorities has given the permission for holding the above meeting, including the permission to use loud speakers, etc. in violation of the Commission's instructions and Model Code of Conduct.

The aforesaid event has been taken up by the Commission seriously, which shows that the Commission's instructions are not being followed up and implemented seriously by the concerned authorities.

In view of the above, the Commission directs that all the instructions issued by the Commission from time to time and during the current General Elections should be carefully read and strictly enforced by all the concerned authorities, so that the incidents of the above nature are not repeated in future.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and a copy of the instructions issued in this behalf should be endorsed to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(K. N. BHAR) UNDER SECRETARY