

MOST IMMEDIATE

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 437/6/2006-PLN-III (Vol. II)

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To

- 1. The Cabinet Secretary**
Government of India
Rashtrapati Bhawan
New Delhi
- 2. The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories**
- 3. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the instructions of the Commission issued as per letter no. 437/6/2006-PLN-III (Vol. II) dated 14th March 2006 stating that no accommodation will be provided to any Minister of the Central or State Government, Members of Parliament or Members of Legislative Assemblies or political functionaries in any Government Guest House / Rest House / Guest House of any Public Sector Undertaking of the Central or State Government in the States where elections have been announced or are taking place as these are required to accommodate election related officials and observers.

The Commission has now received representations from various States Governments and political functionaries requesting that these restrictions may be relaxed keeping in view the security concerns of various political leaders.

The Commission has further considered the issue in the light of the requests received and decided that henceforth accommodation in Government Guest houses / Rest houses or Guest Houses of Public Sector Undertakings of the Centre or State Government in the States (or the districts) where elections have been announced or are taking place can be given to the political functionaries who are provided security by the State in Z scale or above or equivalent by various State Government under provisions of their laws, on equitable basis. This shall be subject to condition that such accommodation is not already allotted or occupied by election related officials or observers. Some political functionaries shall not carry out any political activity while staying in the Government Guest Houses / Rest Houses or Guest Houses of Public Sector Undertakings as mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

(A. K. MAJUMDAR)
SECRETARY