

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

No. : 437/6/2007/PLN.III

Dated: 24th October, 2007

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary to the
Govt. of India,
New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretaries of
all States and Union Territories.
3. The Chief Electoral Officer of,
all States and Union Territories.

Subject: General Election to Gujarat Legislative Assembly, 2007–
Security Covered to Ministers/Candidates – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to para 2.5 of the Commission's standing directions/instructions as contained in its letter No. 437/6/96-PLN-III, dated 09.04.1996 which *inter-alia* provide that in respect of persons covered by security, the use of State owned one bullet proof vehicle for the particular person (PP) will be permitted in all cases where the security agencies, including the intelligence authorities, have prescribed such use. The use of multiple cars in the name of stand-by should not be permitted unless so specifically prescribed by security authorities. The cost of propulsion of such bullet proof vehicles where such use of bullet proof vehicles is specified will be borne by the particular person whether he is in office or out, and whether he is a candidate or not.

2. The Commission has further examined the matter and has decided to modify its existing instructions in para 2.5 of the its letter referred to above to the extent, as follows:-

“2.5 Under the directives of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs, the persons provided with 'Z+' (Z plus) security cover are permitted the use of State owned one bullet proof vehicle for the particular person (PP). Such particular person, whether he is in office or out of it, and whether he is a

candidate or not, shall be permitted the use of the said 'one' State owned bullet proof vehicle during the election period covered by the Model Code of Conduct. The use of multiple vehicles(s) in the name of stand-by should not be permitted unless so specifically prescribed by security authorities in any particular case. The cost of propulsion of such bullet proof vehicle(s) will be borne by the Government and not by the person concerned."

3. Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged with the confirmation that the relevant instructions have been issued to all the concerned officers. A copy of instructions/directions so issued in this behalf may also be endorsed to the Commission for its information and record.

Yours faithfully,

(A. K. MAJUMDAR)