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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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LALIT MOHAN
SECRETARY

No. 464/GJ-LA/2007

Dated: 19th November, 2007

To

Dr. Manjula Subramaniam,
Chief Secretary to the
Govt of Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

Sub.- General Election to the Gujarat Legislative Assembly 2007 watch on jail inmates and scrupulous implementation of jail manual — Regarding.

Madam,

I am directed to state on the subject cited that apprehension of inmates lodged in various jails interfering with election matters have come to the notice of the Commission. It has also been brought to the notice of the Commission that the inmates are often having access to cell phones, through which they direct action outside. Besides, the politically connected inmates lodged in various prisons, are also allowed to meet large number of visitors everyday which enable them to hold virtual election meeting and discuss election related issues inside the jails. As a part of measures to be initiated to ensure peaceful, free and fair elections in Gujarat, the Commission has issued the following directions/instructions :-

- (i.) The District Magistrates who are also the District Election Officers shall regularly inspect the jails and ensure that the provisions of Jail Manual are followed scrupulously. The District Magistrates shall keep the jail under close watch and shall submit a weekly report confirming that the inmates are not given access to cell phones etc. and that the provisions of jail manual are followed scrupulously by the jail authorities in all respects, particularly the visits of outsiders to meet the jail inmates.

- (ii.) The transfer of inmates in various jails from one jail to another till the process of election is over in the State shall be monitored. The Commission desires that unless there is a specific order of the competent Court, the transfer of inmates may not be done as an administrative measure in a routine manner. In case of any such transfer needed for any justifiable reason, prior information to the Chief Electoral Officer, Gujarat may be given who in turn will seek the approval of the Commission. **The Commission further desires that the details of transfer of inmates from various jails, if any, done after 10th October 2007 may be furnished to the Chief Electoral Officer for the Commission's reference, by 24th November, 2007.**
- (iii.) A complete list of persons provided with security by the State Govt. may be furnished district-wise in the attached Proforma-I. Similarly, a complete list of persons against whom criminal cases are pending and who have been provided Security cover may be provided in the attached Proforma-II. A separate list of persons, if any, who have been given security cover after the announcement of election schedule on 10th October may also be provided as in the attached Proforma-III. **The aforesaid information/particulars shall be furnished to the Commission by 24th November, 2007.**

2. A copy of the instructions issued in this behalf to the concerned authorities may be endorsed to the Commission immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Encls.: 3

(LALIT MOHAN)

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the Chief Electoral Officer, Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

Proforma-I

DISTRICT-WISE INFORMATION ON ALL PERSONS PROVIDED WITH SECURITY COVER

| Sl. No | Name of the Dist. | Name and address of the persons provided with security cover | Security cover provided since when (DD/MM/YYYY) | Scale of security cover | Whether he is an elected representative, if so details | Party affiliation, if any. | Remarks |
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Proforma-III

DISTRICT-WISE PERSONS PROVIDED WITH SECURITY COVER AFTER DECLARATION OF ELECTION SCHEDULE

| Sl. No | Name of the Dist. | Name and address of the person provided with security cover | Security cover provided since when (DD/MM/YYYY) | Scale of security cover | Party affiliation, if any. | Is there any criminal case pending against the person concerned, if yes, the relevant details of the cases may be indicated. | Nature of threat assessed necessitating security |
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