

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. : 464/GJ-LA/2007

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Gujarat
Gandhinagar.

Subject: General Election to Gujarat Legislative Assembly, 2007– **Issue of unofficial Identity Slips** – Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to Commission's Letter No. 4/3/2001/J.S.II, dated 29.03.2001 (copy enclosed for ready reference), on the subject cited and to state that it has been brought to the notice of the Commission that the instructions contained therein are not being adhered to by political parties/contesting candidates. **Any political party/contesting candidate violating the directions contained in the above referred letter dated 29.03.2001 shall be booked under the relevant provisions of law.**

2. The Commission has directed that the instructions contained in its aforesaid letter dated 29.03.2001 referred to above, shall be strictly adhered to by the political parties/contesting candidates.

3. **This may be brought to the notice of all the political parties and contesting candidates immediately.**

4. **Wide publicity of the Commission's above instructions/directions may also be made** and all District Election Officers/Commission's Observers/Returning Officers/Asstt. Returning Officers/Sector Officers/Micro Observers and all other election related officers be informed immediately for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)

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Election Commissions letter No. 4/3/2001/J.S.II, dated 29.03.2001 all recognized national/state parties and copy to all CEOs

Subject: Issue of Unofficial Identity Slips

I am directed to invite your attention to Commission's instructions in para 11.1 and 11.2 (Campaign Period) in Chapter - VII of Handbook, for Candidates which are reproduced below:

"The political parties/candidates may issue unofficial identity slips containing the following information to the voters.

(i) The name and serial number of the voter in the electoral roll; (ii) The number of the part of the electoral roll; (iii) The serial number and name of the polling station; and (iv) Date of poll.

The identity slips should be on white paper and should not contain the name of the candidate and/or the name of his party and/or the election symbol of the candidate or his party. The slips should not also contain any slogans or any exhortation to vote for a party or for a candidate since these slips, if carried by the voters to the polling stations would amount to canvassing within the polling stations which is not permissible. The circulation of any slips within 100 meters of the polling station would also amount to canvassing which is not permissible under the law".

2. It has been brought to the notice of the Commission that the above Instructions for issuing unofficial identity slips are not adhered to strictly. It is, therefore, advised that the above provisions may kindly be strictly adhered to while issuing unofficial identity slips by the candidates set up by your party. Clear instructions may be given to the party cadres at all levels.