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UNDER SECRETARY

No 437/GJ-LA/2007

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

Sub:- General election to the Gujarat Legislative Assembly 2007 – Model code of conduct – Release of convicts on parole - Regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. ELEC-1007-7391-CHH, dated 16th October 2007, on the subject cited, and to state that the model code of conduct applies in case of release of convicts on parole. However, if State Govt. feels that release of any convict on parole is absolutely essential for certain compelling reasons in that case State Govt. shall consult the Chief Electoral Officer before granting the parole. The parole should be given in the cases of extreme emergency and that too for the minimum essential period only. A strict watch should be kept on the movement of such convict on parole and it should be ensured that they do not indulge in any election related activity. If any such person is found indulging in any objectionable activity, his parole should be cancelled forthwith. The District Election Officers shall also apprise the observers of the constituencies concerned about the release of convicts on parole, if any.

Yours faithfully,

(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)