

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/UTs.

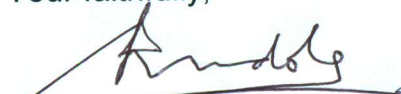
Sub: Modified Standard Operating Procedure for Flying Squads and Static
Surveillance Teams - Regarding

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to the subject cited and to say that the Commission has withdrawn the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued vide Commission's order dated 21.03.2013, mentioned as Annex-73 of 'The Compendium of Election Expenditure Monitoring (January 2014)'. In supersession of the said order dated 21.03.2013, the Modified Standard Operating Procedure vide Commission's order of even number dated 06.03.2014 for the Flying Squads and Static Surveillance Teams (copy enclosed) shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged and this shall be brought to the notice of all concerned including all the Nodal Officers and team members, immediately.

Your faithfully,


(S.K. Rudola)
Secretary

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Order

Whereas, the Superintendence, direction and control of all elections to Parliament and the Legislature of every State is vested in the Election Commission under Article 324 of the Constitution; and

Whereas, all forms of intimidation, threat, influence and bribing of electors must be prevented in the interest of free and fair election and; reports are received that money power and muscle power are being used during election process for inducement of electors by way of distribution of cash, gift items, liquor or free food; or for intimidation of electors by threat or intimidation; and

Whereas, distribution of cash or any item of bribe or use of muscle power for influencing electors are crime under section 171 of IPC and also are Corrupt Practices under Section 123 of R.P. Act, 1951;

Now, therefore, for the purpose of maintaining purity of elections, the Election Commission of India hereby issues the following Standard Operating Procedure for Flying Squads, Static Surveillance Teams and Check Posts, constituted for keeping vigil over excessive campaign expenses, distribution of items of bribe in cash or in kind, movement of illegal arms, ammunition, liquor, or antisocial elements etc. in the constituency during election process:

Flying Squad (FS)

1. There shall be three or more Flying Squad (FS) in each Assembly Constituency/Segment. The FS shall start functioning from the date of announcement of election and shall continue till completion of poll.
2. The Flying Squad shall (a) attend to all model code of conduct violations and related complaints; (b) attend to all complaints of threat, intimidation, movement of antisocial elements, liquor, arms and ammunition and large sum of cash for the purpose of bribing of electors etc.; (c) attend to all complaints regarding election expenditure incurred or authorised by the candidates / political party;(d) videograph with the help of Video Surveillance Team (VST), all major rallies, public meetings or other major expenses made by political parties after the announcement of election by the Commission.
3. In Expenditure Sensitive Constituencies (ESC), there shall be more FSs, depending on the requirement. The FS shall not be given any other work during the period. The names and

