

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110 001

No.ECI/PN/55/2009/

Dated: 11th October, 2009

PRESS NOTE

Sub: Reply to allegations by INLD

The Election Commission of India has noticed certain newspapers reports carrying allegations from Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), a state party of Haryana against it. The Commission has suitably replied to INLD today while also providing them a statement of complaints received and actions taken thereon.

The text of the Commission's reply is given below:

“ No- 437/HR/2009

Dated 11th October,2009

To

The President
Indian National Lok Dal,
101, Lodhi Estate,
New Delhi.

Sub: General Elections to Haryana Legislative Assembly, 2009 – allegations of in-action on part of the Election Commission of India on the complaints of the Party- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the subject cited and to state that the Commission has been pained to learn through different newspapers about the allegations your party has levelled against the Commission. In this regard, a statement showing complaints from the party is enclosed along with action taken by the Commission on these complaints. It may be seen that the complaints have been immediately enquired into and action has been promptly taken in all cases wherever it was called for.

You may please note that based on you complaints, Shri Radhey Shyam Mittal, Naib Tehsildar, HUDA, Faridabad has been put under suspension and

Shri Harish Kumar, Jail Superintendent, Kurukshetra and Ms. Parmjit Kaur, DPRO, Hissar have been transferred out of the districts, besides remedial action taken in several other cases. At the same time a large number of cases were found unsubstantiated after enquiry.

Separately, it may also be mentioned that a delegation of INLD had met the Commission on 5th September 2009 in Chandigarh seeking the transfer of Shri R.K. Kataria, the then DC of Gurgaon and Shri D S Malik, Commissioner, Hissar division. Transfer of Shri R K Kataria was demanded on the ground that he is related to, a senior leader of INC, while transfer of Shri D.S. Malik was demanded on the ground that he was previously transferred out by the Commission during the elections. Both these officers were changed on their own request. Your party had also complained that names of 2000 electors were wrongly added in Kaithal district during continuous updation. The Commission got an enquiry conducted and found the complaint to be wrong. INLD had demanded that on polling day, adequate CPF may be deployed in Sonapat, Rohtak and Jhajjar districts. The Commission has already directed election officials that CPF, video cameras, micro observers and digital cameras be deployed in all sensitive polling stations to ensure free and fair elections.

The Commission is satisfied that it has addressed all apprehensions and complaints brought to its notice by your party functionaries and believes that the action taken by the Commission should satisfy the party as well. It may be noted that the Commission takes seriously the complaints received from all political parties taking part in the elections and through its well laid out mechanism of grievance redressal at all levels, takes due and timely steps to address these.”

(R.K.SRIVASTAVA)
SECRETARY