

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer  
of all States/UTs.

Subject:- Change of helicopter by the candidates/political parties at last moment – Permission on priority basis by the DEO - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India vide their Office Memorandum No. CAS-7 (15)/2012/Div-I (Election) dated 03.07.2013 (copy enclosed) and to state that under the existing provision contained in Para (ix) of the afore-mentioned OM, at remote/uncontrolled airports and helipads application will have to be made either by the candidate or by the political party to the DEO concerned, at least 24 hours before landing, mentioning the details of travel plan, place of landing in the district and names of passengers in the aircrafts/helicopters so that DEO can make adequate arrangements for security, law and order issues and also to make available the coordinates of the helipad. On receipt of such application, DEO shall issue permission on the same day on priority basis.

2. The Commission has considered the above said provision and taking into account hardships caused to the candidates/political parties during election, it has been decided that in those cases where permission has already been accorded to the candidates/political parties, if a request for change of helicopter is received from a candidate/political party at the last moment, then it will be dealt with by the DEO on priority basis and decision will be communicated within 03 hours of receipt of application to the candidate or political party concerned.

3. Kindly bring it to the notice of all DEOs and concerned officers.

Yours faithfully,



(S. K. RUDOLA)  
SECRETARY

Encl: As above

Copy to :-

1. The Commissioner of Security (CA), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Ministry of Civil Aviation, 'A' Wing, Janpath Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi – 110001 (By Special Messenger).
2. EPS Section/MCC Section/East-1 Section.



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