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To

The General Secretary,
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),
11, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi - 110001.

Subject:- General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Gujarat, 2017 -
regarding.

Sir,

Late night on 13th December, 2017, the Indian National Congress (INC) had given a representation in which they had made allegations against Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Arun Jaitley, Shri Amit Shah, Shri Piyush Goel, Shri Jeetu Baghnani and other leaders of BJP alleging that they have violated provisions of Model Code of Conduct and requested to take action for the alleged violations. The Pointwise report of CEO, Gujarat was obtained on the above Representation, and legal examination of the matter was done. In the above matter, a delegation of your Party had met the Commission on 14th December, 2017 and had suo motto given pointwise reply of the allegations made against your leaders.

2. Under the extant provisions, there is no time limit prescribed in the Model Code of Conduct to release the election manifesto by the political parties. It was also observed that no instruction of the Commission is issued in this regard.

3. The Commission is of the considered view that due to multi-fold expansion of digital and electronic media, the extant Model Code of Conduct, Section 126 of the R.P. Act, 1951 and other related provisions require revisiting to cater to the requirement and challenges of the present and emerging situations. The Commission will deliberate soon on the above

subjects and will consult Political Parties, Media, NBA and other stakeholders to seek suggestions for necessary modification in the extant provisions. Accordingly, a committee is being set up for which detailed orders including Terms of Reference shall be issued separately to deliberate on these issues. The Committee will submit a report to the Commission in this regard.

4. BJP is advised not to make mention of any election matter pertaining to area going for poll during the prohibited period of 48 hours, henceforth.

Yours faithfully,


(Varinder Kumar)
Principal Secretary