

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all States/UTs

Subject: Expenditure incurred on Voter Education and Awareness under Head 103 – Electoral Roll

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that the Commission had proposed to the Ministry of Law & Justice, to place expenditure incurred for voter education and awareness during an election year under the admissible election expenditure for conduct of elections and for non-election year under the Head -Electoral Roll.

2. MoJ has stated that voter education, being run by ECI throughout the year, including the observance of National Voters' Day is part of the regular electoral roll management exercise and any expenditure on it should be met with from the budget provision for maintenance and management of electoral roll under 'Head 103-Electoral Roll' under the Major Head 2015 – Elections which is shared on 50:50 basis between Central and State Governments.

3. Accordingly, CEOs may seek sufficient funds for the voter education and awareness under Head 103 from the State Government w.e.f BE 2015-16 for expenses for SVEEP programme and its implementation, in addition to other components under this head.

4. ECI shall disburse some funds to States/UTs from its budget 'Sub Head 02-Voter Awareness' under the 'Grant in Aid' on identified events/workshops. All other expenses on all voter education and awareness interventions shall be from the Head 103-Electoral Roll.

5. The Chief Secretaries are being asked to provide sufficient funds under Head 103, to meet the fund requirements for voter education and awareness based on the estimates to be raised by the CEOs, as some Chief Electoral Officers have been lamenting paucity of funds during non-election year for voter education and awareness. A copy of the letter is being endorsed to your office.

Yours Sincerely,



(Padma Angmo)

Deputy Secretary