

**SECRETARIAT OF THE
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 193/6/2/2018(KT)

Dated: 27.03.2018

OFFICE ORDER

A Committee of the following officers is hereby constituted to inquire in the alleged leaking of information pertaining to schedule of General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, 2018 before its official announcement.

- (i) Shri Umesh Sinha, Sr. Deputy Election Commissioner
- (ii) Sh. Sandeep Saxena, Deputy Election Commissioner
- (iii) Sh. Sudeep Jain, Deputy Election Commissioner
- (iv) Shri Chandra Bhushan Kumar, Deputy Election Commissioner
- (v) Shri Dharendra Ojha, Director General
- (vi) Sh. Standhope Yuhlung, Principal Secretary (Admn)- (Co-Ordinator)

2. The term of reference of the Committee will be as under:-

(i) Enquire from the media regarding the source of information pertaining to schedule of General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, 2018 before its official announcement and the manner in which it was obtained.

(ii) Enquire from Sh. Srivatsa B, In-charge of Congress Social Media, Karnataka regarding the source of information of his tweets pertaining to schedule of General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, 2018 before its official announcement.

(iii). Enquire from Kannada Channel allegedly owned by a @BJP4india MP tweeted by Poulomi Saha regarding the source of information pertaining to schedule of General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka, 2018 before its official announcement (through CEO, Karnataka).

(iv) The Committee will also look into lapses, if any.

(v) The Committee will also recommend how to prevent any chances of such eventuality in future.

3. The Committee will deliberate on the subject on day to day basis and submit its report within a period of 07 days.

By Order,

