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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA  
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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and UTs

Subject: Donations etc., received by candidates from any person, entity or political party for the purpose of election campaign during election - regarding

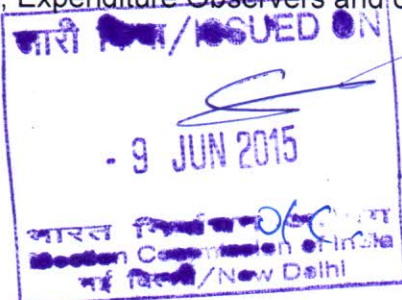
Sir,

The Commission vide its instruction No.76/Instructions/2013/EEPS/Vol.IV dt. 15.10.2013 has prescribed that each candidate shall open a separate bank account for election campaign purposes, through which all amounts meant for campaign expenses will be routed. The Commission has also issued instruction No. 76/PPEMS/Transparency/2013 dt. 29.08.2014 to the political parties, for making all payments to the candidates by account transfer and not in cash.

2. It has come to the notice of the Commission that apart from political parties, candidates also often receive large donations or loan in cash during election process from other persons or entities for their election campaign expenses. In so far as political parties are concerned, they are required to declare the donations received in excess of twenty thousand rupees, before the Election Commission, as per the provisions of section 29 C of the R. P. Act, 1951 for claiming tax relief under I. T. Act, 1961.

3. In keeping with the above instructions, the Commission hereby directs that in the interest of transparency and accountability, the candidate(s) shall also not receive any donation or loan in cash, in excess of Rs. 20,000/- from a single person or entity during the election process and all donations/loans in excess of Rs. 20,000/- shall be received by the candidate by A/c payee cheque or draft or by account transfer and the candidate(s) shall maintain the full name and address of such persons/entities, which shall be mentioned in relevant columns of day-to-day accounts and the abstract statement of election expenditure.

4. You are requested to bring it to the notice of all candidates, political parties, DEOs, Expenditure Observers and officials concerned.



Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Rudola)  
SECRETARY