

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

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No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
all States and Union Territories

**Sub: General Elections- Enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct- reg.**

Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to Commission's instructions dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 (No.437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE copy enclosed) wherein the Commission had reiterated (items iv and v) that the Chief Electoral Officers should not send references to the Commission where there are clear-cut instructions of the Commission to deal with Model Code references, and only to refer those cases where there is a doubt about the applicability of Commission's existing instructions to a specific case. Despite these clear instructions, the Commission has been receiving large number of references on model code which are merely forwarded to the Commission without proper vetting at the level of Chief Electoral Officer. The Commission has expressed its dismay with this state of affairs and has directed that all Model Code of Conduct references received by Chief Electoral Officers should be preferably disposed of after due examination at their level. Only those cases shall be referred to Election Commission of India which are not either covered under its standing instructions or where there is ambiguity or doubt about the applicability of those instructions to a specific case.

All Chief Electoral Officers are requested to follow the above directions strictly.

Yours faithfully,

**(K. AJAY KUMAR)**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**