

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. 576/Exit/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR//2017/Vol-I

Dated: 27th January, 2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of

1. Goa
2. Manipur
3. Punjab
4. Uttarakhand
5. Uttar Pradesh

Subject: General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh - EXIT POLL - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Notification No. 576/Exit/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR//2017/Vol. dated 27th January, 2017 with the request that this may be published in an extraordinary issue of the gazette of the State and a copy thereof may be sent to the Commission for record.

This may be brought to the notice of all concerned including news bureaus, media houses, radio and television channels etc. and should also be published in prominent local newspapers.

Yours faithfully,



(N.T. BHUTIA)
Under Secretary

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OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF
STATES IMMEDIATELY

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the schedule for the General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh has been announced by the Commission vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/1/2017 dated 4th January, 2017, and also announced by election to House of the People from 2-Amritsar Parliamentary Constituency in Punjab;

2. Whereas, as per the schedule so announced by the Commission, poll for the first round of election in Goa and Punjab is scheduled to be taken on 04-02-2017, and the poll for the last round of elections in the States of Manipur and Uttar Pradesh is to be taken on 08-03-2017; and

3. Whereas, as per the provisions of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, there shall be restrictions on conduct of any exit poll and publication and dissemination of result of such exit poll during such period, as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard;

4. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-section (1) of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between 7.00 A.M on 04-02-2017 and 17.30Hours(5.30PM) on 08-03-2017 as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner, whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the current General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, announced by the Commission vide Press Note dated 4th January, 2017, and also for the Bye-election from 2-Amritsar Parliamentary Constituency, shall be prohibited.

5. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll in each of the phases in connection with the aforesaid General elections.

By order,



(K.F. WILFRED)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY