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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

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

Dated: 31st March 2014

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States and Union Territories

Sub: Permission for allotment of liquor vends/finalization of wholesales liquor sale during the period of operation of the Model Code of Conduct- reg.

Sir/Madam,

Reference are being received in the Commission from several States requesting for permission to make allotment of liquor vends in the State in view of the Model Code of Conduct in operation now. The Commission has already issued an instruction in this regard vide its letter No. 437/6/2009-CC&BE, dated 24th March, 2009.

The Commission has reiterated its earlier direction that the following procedure may be followed in the matter of allotment of liquor vends, till the time the polls are over in their respective States:-

- (i) Where the extant Excise Laws of a State empower the State Government or the authorities thereunder to make an interim arrangement beyond the current financial year, pending regular arrangement, such interim arrangement may be made with the concerned contractors/vendors on the existing terms and conditions.
- (ii) Where no such enabling provision is available in the existing Excise Laws, the State Government may go ahead with the normal practice followed in the previous year strictly in accordance with the existing laws for the grant of new licenses/contracts for the ensuing financial year.

Yours faithfully,



(K. AJAY KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY