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# Election Commission of India

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001

No. 437/UP-LA/2017

Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

To

Sh. Akhilesh Yadav,  
President,  
Samajwadi Party, Uttar Pradesh  
Lucknow

**Subject: General Election to Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly 2017-  
Violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) - regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer your reply dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 to the Commission's notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 for violation of Model Code of Conduct and to state that, the Commission, having considered it, has not accepted your contention that you had made the impugned statement with a view to asking the voters to make an educated choice. Also, that you have not denied having made the impugned statement.

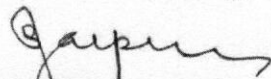
I am further to add that the Commission expects that all political leaders, especially those who occupy high positions in a political party, to ensure and promote the sanctity of electoral process.

Public utterances by such persons which even remotely give the indication of condoning act of accepting bribe in connection with Election are not acceptable as it amounts to encouraging bribery in election which, apart from being an electoral offence, is also a corrupt practice.

The Commission finds that your impugned statement violates the said norms.

Hence, the Commission has decided to convey a **WARNING** to you for violation of provisions of MCC.

Yours faithfully,

  
(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)  
SECRETARY