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To,

President/Secretary/General Secretary,
all recognized National and State political parties

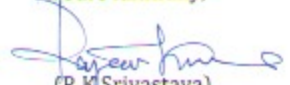
Subject: General Election to Legislative Assemblies 2017 - MCC - regarding.
Sir,

As you are kindly aware the MCC and various provisions of IPC, inter alia, provide that political parties and their leaders should desist from making statements to the effect of creating disharmony between different sections of society on the basis of religion as the same disturb peace and tranquilly of the society which is absolutely essential for free and peaceful conduct of elections. Even the Hon'ble Apex Court of the country has expressed its deep concerns in the matter vide its judgement and order dated 02.01.2017 in Civil Appeal No. 37 of 1992 (*Abhiram Singh Vs C.D. Commachen*) and with Civil Appeal no. 8339 of 1995.

The Commission will not remain a silent spectator if the provisions of law or MCC are violated and no one can do it with impunity. The Commission will take stern actions for any violation under all powers available.

All may please note it and issue suitable advisory to all concerned.

Yours faithfully,


(R.K. Srivastava)
Sr. Principal Secretary

Copy to CEOs of all States/UTs for information and necessary follow up actions. They are also requested to bring this into notice of all registered parties of the State/UTs.