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To

President/Secretary/General Secretary  
All recognized National and State Political Parties.

Subject: - Bye-elections to Lok Sabha/State Legislative Assemblies- Instructions on enforcement of Model code of Conduct(MCC) – promises made by the political functionaries on religious/communal grounds - regarding.

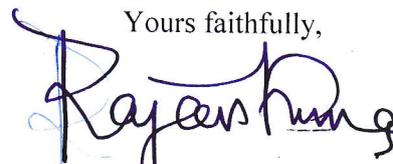
Sir,

As you are aware the MCC and various provisions of law, 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 disturbs peace and tranquillity of the society which is absolutely essential for free and peaceful elections.

2. It has come to the notice of the Commission that during the Bye-elections, the political functionaries tend to make promises/appeals on religious/communal grounds in those parts of the districts/areas in the State/UT where MCC is not in operation, so as to avoid the violation of MCC. This has, however, indeed far reaching implications as it would certainly influence the minds of electors of the Assembly Constituency/Parliamentary Constituency where the bye election is going on and, thus vitiate the free and fair elections in that Constituency.

3. In view of the above, you are requested to advise all your leaders/workers and other concerned to refrain from making such statements/appeals as intend to disturb the peace and tranquillity of the society. Such statements should not be made at any time throughout the country, special care must be taken on use of words even in the areas where MCC is not in force during all future election periods (including bye-elections) so that the purity of election process is maintained and no ill feeling is generated among the general public which is essential for conducive atmosphere for conducting free, fair and peaceful elections.

Yours faithfully,

  
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