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To

The President of all  
National/State Parties

**Subject: Advisory regarding holding of public meetings during peak summer days.**

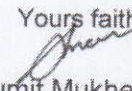
Sir/Madam,

The Commission has been receiving complaints/representations from various stakeholders and citizen groups including some political parties regarding severe hardships being faced by the citizens during public meetings organized in the current oppressive heat conditions in the afternoon/daytime of the prevailing peak summer days. A few incidents have also been brought to the notice of the Commission, where some persons have died at the election campaign meeting sites during the meetings due to exposure to extreme heat.

The Commission has considered the matter and having regard to the totality of facts and circumstances, require all political parties, contesting candidates and their election agents to avoid holding of public meetings in extreme heat conditions, during the prevailing peak Summer Months. It is, further, required that public meeting venues should have adequate facility of shade/shelter, drinking water, medical aid to safeguard the participating citizens from the sweltering heat. The political parties may also make adequate arrangements of drinking water, first aid facilities, etc, for the benefit and convenience of the public so that no human life is put to danger under difficult condition.

Thus, the Commission advises all the Political Parties/candidates and their agents/Campaigners to keep in view the above suggested arrangements while undertaking campaign.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sumit Mukherjee)  
Secretary

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