



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
Election Commission of India

निर्वाचन सदन
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ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110 001

Order

No. 437/UP-LA/2017

Dated- 12th January, 2017

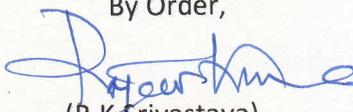
Whereas, the Commission had issued a notice No. No. 437/UP-LA/2017 dated 09.01.2017 to you for violation of Para 1(3) and Para 1(4) of the MCC by making certain statements to the effect of promoting enmity between different classes of society in connection with election on the grounds of religion in a meeting held on 06 January, 2017 at Meerut UP (*copy of video clip containing the impugned statements was enclosed with notice*); and

Whereas, the Commission has received your reply dated 11.01.2017, in which you have not denied making of the impugned statements and have stated, inter alia, that you made them not in a public or election meeting but in a संत समागम and so they are not violative of the aforesaid provisions of MCC and, therefore, you have requested to withdraw the aforesaid notice; and

Whereas, the Commission has considered your reply and has not found it satisfactory because in the Commission's considered view, supported by observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No 37 of 1992 *Abhiram Singh Vs C. D. Commachen*, any statement to the effect of promoting enmity between different classes of society in connection with election on the grounds of religion made during electioneering or otherwise is violative of MCC;

Now, therefore, the Election Commission hereby, **CENSURES** you for violating the aforesaid provisions of MCC and Hon'ble Supreme Court decision referred to above and expects that you, being a reputed political leader/MP, shall be more circumspect in your public utterances during election time. You may also take a note that in case of any violation of MCC in future, the Commission shall take stern actions against you, using all powers available to it.

To,
Shri Sakshi Maharaj, MP,
38. Gurudwara Rakab Ganj
New Delhi.

By Order,

(R.K. Srivastava)
Senior Principal Secretary