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Election Commission of India

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Respected Pradhan Mantriji,

Kindly refer to my letters dated 18th June 2011 and 13th February, 2012 regarding the India International Institute of Democracy & Election Management (IIDEM).

I am happy to inform you that following your support and the cooperation received from all concerned Ministries, IIDEM has come up as a viable Training & Resource Centre and is pursuing its goals of strengthening election management and related democratic processes with full vigour. In this connection, allocation of requisite funds by the Ministry of Finance, with suitable budgetary provisions, has been a significant contribution. The Commission is grateful to the Government.


As regards our earlier proposal to register IIDEM as a Society under the Societies' Registration Act, 1860, the Commission has taken a fresh look at this aspect after recent consultations with Department of Expenditure, feedback from Ministry of Law and Justice, and our own experience of running the Institute seamlessly for the last eight months.

IIDEM, functioning at present as a part of the Training Division of ECI, has gone from strength to strength in a very short time. Its activities have taken place smoothly and at an optimum pace. We are deeply encouraged by the progress achieved by IIDEM in meeting its objectives as an important activity of Election Commission of India itself. The Commission has considered that there is no additional benefit, rather there is the potential for operational constraints for the fledgling Institute if it is made into a Society.

As such, the Commission has decided to request the Government to treat the Commission's proposal for creation of an autonomous Society for IIDEM as withdrawn.

We stay assured of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,


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