

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2022

Dated: 8th January, 2022

To

The Chief Secretaries to the Government of :-

- (i) Goa, Panaji;
- (ii) Manipur, Imphal;
- (iii) Punjab, Chandigarh;
- (iv) Uttarakhand, Dehradun; and
- (v) Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

Subject:- General Elections to State Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2022- MCC- Screening Committee - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Commission has issued detailed guidelines and instructions on regulation and enforcement of various aspects of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during election time. A number of proposals relating to MCC are being received in the Commission from CEO's and sometimes from the concerned departments directly. The Commission has decided that a Screening Committee headed by Chief Secretary of the State shall be constituted with following composition -

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| (i) Chief Secretary | Chairman |
| (ii) Secretary/Pr. Secretary of the department(s)
to which the proposal relates. | Member |
| (iii) Secretary/Pr. Secretary of the General Administration/Coordination
department of the State. | Member |

2. The Committee shall examine each proposal, before sending it to ECI, through the CEO concerned, in the light of the Commission's existing instructions/clarifications available in the form of compendium/instructions available in 'ECI portal'. The proposals cleared by the Screening Committee shall be submitted to the CEO along with full details and a note on urgency, i.e. why the proposal can't wait till completion of poll/election. The CEO shall forward only such proposal(s) that are cleared by the aforesaid Screening Committee, to the Commission along with his/her comments immediately. Hence, all departments of the State may be advised not to forward any reference directly to the Commission. Further, no department of the Govt. shall send original file to the CEO's office but only a self-contained reference be sent through the Screening Committee.

3. Accordingly, the Commission has directed that the aforesaid Committee shall be constituted and operationalized immediately in these states. A copy of the order constituting the Screening Committee shall be sent to the Commission latest by 3 pm of **14th January, 2022**. The CEO shall provide a copy of MCC guidelines to the Screening Committee.

4. Further, it may be noted that the Commission takes reasonable time to dispose of a reference, therefore last minute references should be avoided.

Yours faithfully,


(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)
SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY