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Dear Sir,

The Election Commission of India has vide Press Note No. ECI/PN/1/2011 dated 12.01.2011 announced the schedule for holding Bye-Election to the following Assembly of the State Legislative Assemblies.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Contituency
1	Chattisgarh	59-Sanjari Balod
2	Gujarat	75-Khadia
3	Manipur	18-Konthoujam
4	Madhya Pradesh	198-Kukshi(ST) 170-Sonkatch (SC)
5	Jharkhand	57-Kharsawan(ST)

2. With this announcement, the **provisions of the Model Code of conduct** for guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates have come into force with immediate effect in the districts in which the Constituencies going to bye poll is wholly or partially comprised.

3. As stated in clause vii(vi) of the Model code of conduct, the party in power whether at the Centre or in the State or States concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that is has used its official position for the purposes of its election campaign and in particular:

(i) (a) The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work;

(b) Government transport including official air-craft, Vehicles, machinery and personnel shall not be used for furtherance of the interest of the party in power.

(ii) Public places such as maidans etc. for holding election meetings, and use of helipads for air-flights in connection with election shall not be monopolized by itself. Other parties and candidates shall be allowed the use of such places and facilities on the same terms and conditions on which they are used by the party in power;

(iii) Rest houses, dak bungalows or other Government Accommodation shall not be monopolized by the party in power or its candidates and such accommodation shall be allowed to be used by other parties and candidates in a fair manner but



no party or candidate shall use or be allowed to use such accommodation (including premises appertaining thereto) as a campaign office or holding any public meeting for the purposes of election propaganda;

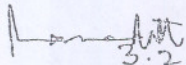
- (iv) Issue of advertisement at the cost of public exchequer in the newspapers and other media and the misuse of official mass media during the election period for partisan coverage of political news and publicity regarding achievements with a view to furthering the prospects of the party in power shall be scrupulously avoided;
- (v) Ministers and other authorities shall not sanction grant/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced by the Commission; and
- (vi) From the time elections are announced by the Commission, Ministers and other authorities shall not-
  - (e) Announce any financial grants in any form or make promises thereof; or
  - (f) (Except civil servants) lay foundation stones etc. of projects or schemes of any kind; or
  - (g) Make any promise of construction of roads, provision of drinking water facilities etc.; or
  - (h) Make any ad-hoc appointments in Government, Public Undertakings etc. which may have the effect of influencing the voters in favour of the party in power.

4. No advertisements shall be issued in electronic and print media highlighting the achievements of the Govt. at the cost of public exchequer. **If any advertisement has already been released for telecast/broadcast or publication in the print media, it must be ensured that the telecast/broadcast of such ads or electronic media is stopped forthwith and that no such ad is published in any newspapers, magazines, etc.**

5. Instructions issued by the Election Commission of India vide its Letter No. 437/6/2009-CC&BE dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 are available on the Commission's website ([www.eci.nic.in](http://www.eci.nic.in)) for information and necessary action.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

  
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