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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA  
NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO.2, SECTOR-17  
PANCHKULA.

No. SEC/1ME/2018/3365-86

Dated:09.05.2018

To

All the Deputy Commissioners  
in the State of Haryana

**Subject: Instructions on Prevention of Defacement of Open Spaces and Public Property- regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. 509/241/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/RCC/2011 dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 received from the Election Commission of India (ECI) through the office of Chief Secretary to Government Haryana, with the request to bring these instructions into the notice of all concerned including political parties and candidates; contesting the elections of Local Bodies (Panchayat and Municipal) in the State for strictly compliance.

Yours faithfully,



(Parmal Singh)

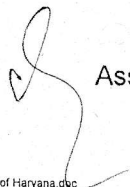
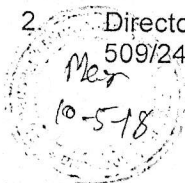
Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana (Election Branch) w.r.t. his letter No. 4/6/2018-1 Election dated 3rd May, 2018.
2. Director (Law), Election Commission of India w.r.t. his letter 509/241/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/RCC/2011 dated 20th April, 2018.



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Asstt. State Election Commissioner, Haryana

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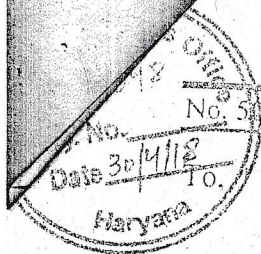
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# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001.

No. 599/241/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/RCC/2011

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018



The Chief Electoral Officers and Chief Secretaries  
of all States and UTs

**Subject: Instructions on Prevention of Defacement of Open Spaces and Public Property - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,



I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's Instructions issued in this regard as contained in Table 1 below as well as to the advisories issued *vide* Letter No. 4/3/99/JS-II dated 16.07.1999, Letter No. 4/3/2003/JS-II/Vol.I dated 01.05.2003, Letter No. 4/3/2004/JS-II/Vol.I dated 11.03.2004, Letter No. 4/3/2006/JS-II/2159-2193 dated 16.03.2006 and Letter No. 4/3/2016/SDR dated 05.04.2016 ~~prohibiting the use of plastic/polythene and similar non - biodegradable materials for preparation of campaign material and the advisory issued *vide* Letter dated 06.04.2016 for the use of eco-friendly substances for preparing election campaign/publicity material.~~ This is to state that the above mentioned advisories are hereby made mandatory in nature.

**Table 1: Commissions Instructions on the present subject matter**

S. No.	CIRCULAR NO.	DATE	SUBJECT
1.	Letter No. 3/9/2004/JS-II	24.08.2004	Restriction on the Printing of Pamphlets, Posters etc.
2.	Letter No. 3/9/2007/JS-II	16.10.2007	Restriction on the Printing of Pamphlets, Posters etc.
3.	Circular Letter No. 3/7/2008/JS - II	07.10.2008	Prevention of defacement of property and other campaign related items - revised instructions.
4.	Letter 3/7/2008/J.S. - II/SDR/2905-2939	10.11.2008	Instruction on defacement of property.

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	Instruction No. 437/6/INST/2012-CC&BE	18.01.2012	Prevention of defacement of property and other campaign related items – revised instructions.
6.	Circular No. 3/7/2014/SDR	11.03.2014	Prevention of defacement of property and other campaign related items – clarification regarding use of flags of political parties.
7.	Letter No. 4/LET/ECI/FUNC/JUD/S DR/2016	25.07.2016	Restriction on the printing of pamphlets, posters etc. – clarification.

2. It is further directed that the directions given by the Andhra Pradesh High Court in PIL No. 23 of 2014, *Trust for Social Justice rep. by its President B. Sree Latha V/s State of Andhra Pradesh and others*, vide Order dated 24.02.2014 shall be applicable throughout India. The relevant portion of the Order is being reproduced below for the sake of convenience:

“3. In view of the aforesaid revelation of fact, we direct the Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, to review the permissions already granted to persons for erecting banners and sign boards and ascertain whether such permissions are to be allowed to be continued as to its necessity vis--vis above G.O. as it is stated in the report. any such permissions shall not be for more than two years at a time.

5. [...] Therefore, we direct the Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, and the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, to remove all the cutouts, banners and sign boards which are erected without permission of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, on streets or at public places.

6. At the first instance, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and the Police Commissioner, Hyderabad, shall issue notice to those persons identifiable who erected unauthorized cutouts, banners, hoardings, sign boards to remove them at their own costs within seven days, failing which they shall be removed and such cost of removal shall be recovered from those persons who installed and erected them as public debt and also by an order of rates and taxes leviable by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. The matter will appear one month hence to submit compliance report to this Court. Any person aggrieved by this, may approach this Court and the Court will examine their grievance. In the meantime, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

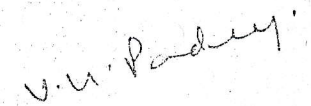


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and the Police Commissioner, Hyderabad, shall see that no posters, banners and cutouts are erected in public streets or place or park without permission and ensure that this order is strictly followed and submit a progress report about the implementation of this order.”

3. The Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, and other applicable laws in this regard are hereby adopted for disposal of the campaign material by the local municipal authority and the cost for the same shall be recovered from the candidates or political parties, as the case may be, in accordance with the polluter pays principle.
4. Certain areas must be demarcated by every Municipal Body/Panchayat and specifically designated for graffiti, wall writing, pasting of posters or display of cut-outs and such an area shall be allowed to be used in an equitable manner. Moreover, it should be the responsibility of the political parties or candidates to remove the campaign material after election.
5. Except the commercial places made available by the advertisers and the designated places as noted in the above paragraph, there should be no pasting or sticking of the campaign material on any open place or any public property.
6. During MCC period there shall be a prohibition on campaign related activity including door-to-door campaign, SMS, Whatsapp, Calls, usage of loud speakers etc. between 7 pm to 8 am as it is necessary to respect the privacy of the citizens and reduce disturbance to public life in general.
7. The above instructions may be brought to the notice of all Election related authorities, Municipal Bodies/Panchayats, Police Authorities as well as Political Parties.

Copy To: All Recognized National and State Political Parties.

Yours' Faithfully,

  
(VIJAY KUMAR PANDEY)  
DIRECTOR (LAW)