

F.20/07/2024/Fin/PD/CD No. 012766873/CDAF 460-558 GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI FINANCE DEPARTMENT (POLICY DIVISION) 4TH LEVEL, A-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI

Dated :- 22/03/2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Model Code of Conduct on account of General Election to the House of People (Lok Sabha) 2024.

Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued Schedule of Election in respect of General elections to the Lok Sabha, 2024 on 16th March, 2024. Accordingly, attention is invited towards the instructions issued by Election Commission of India vide letter No.437/6/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024(MCC ENFORCEMENT)/278 dated 2nd January, 2024 on the subject "Enforcement of Model Code of Conduct – Do's and Don'ts – regarding", circulated to all Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories. The above mentioned instructions are available on the website of ECI under URL link https://www.eci.gov.in/issue-details-page/instructions.

- 2. Applicability of Model Code of Conduct has been mentioned at Para I of the said instruction, circulated by ECI vide letter dated 02.01.2024. Detailed guidelines including financial aspects pertaining to welfare schemes and governmental works and implementation of drought relief work have been mentioned at Para II and Para III respectively of the above mentioned instructions of ECI.
- 3. The Administrative Department may examine the proposals of administrative approval (A/A) and expenditure sanction (E/S) in the light of detailed guidelines issued by ECI vide letter dated 02.01.2024, before forwarding the proposal to the Finance Department for approval/concurrence in consultation with IFA of the Department.

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4. In all cases where the Administrative Department forwards the proposal to Finance Department for A/A and E/S, the same should be done in terms of instructions issued by ECI vide letter dated 02.01.2024 and should be accompanied with either of the following certification:

Case - I (Where approval of ECI is not required)

"The proposal has been examined in terms of instructions issued by Election Commission of India vide letter dated 02.01.2024. Further, it is certified that the proposal is in consonance with the guidelines of ECI and also no approval of ECI is required".

Case - II (Where approval of ECI is required)

"The proposal has been examined in terms of instructions issued by Election Commission of India vide letter dated 02.01.2024. Further, it is certified that the proposal is in consonance with the guidelines of ECI and also approval of ECI has been sought through the office of the Chief Electoral Officer – Delhi after following due procedure in this regard (Copy of approval of ECI is placed on file at P-___/C)".

- 5. All the Departments of Govt. of NCT of Delhi may strictly follow the above instructions before forwarding the proposal to the Finance Department during the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct in Delhi.
- 6. This issues with the prior approval of Chief Secretary, Delhi.

(NIHARIKA RAI) Secretary (Finance)

To

All Addl. Chief Secretaries /Pr. Secretaries/ Secretaries/ Head of Departments of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.