

**“GREATER PARTICIPATION FOR A STRONGER DEMOCRACY”**

Subject: Conduct of bye-election for 2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency –  
**Instructions for AROs thereof.**

The Election Commission of India has issued several instructions regarding duties and roles assigned to AROs for smooth conduct of elections. All the AROs are advised to carefully read these instructions and guidelines available on the ECI website [www.eci.nic.in](http://www.eci.nic.in) and to acquaint themselves with the election procedures as well as the dos and don'ts to be followed from the time of filling of memorandum till the day of counting. However, a gist of the guidelines are reproduced below in the form of an illustrative list for facilitation of all AROs:-

1. **Constitution of Election Cell**  
Each ARO will constitute an Election cell with dedicated officers/officials for dealing with all issues related to bye-election for 2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency. The Election Cell may comprise a maximum 20 officers/officials with adequate number of Data Entry Operators and class-IV employees. The list of such officers/officials shall be forwarded to the office of District Election Officer Budgam for exemption from duties as member of poll parties.
2. **Model Code of Conduct**
  - i) The Model Code of Conduct shall be implemented with the services of Flying Squads and Static Surveillance Teams. These Teams shall specifically monitor distribution of Cash, Liquor, defacement of Public property and submit daily report to District Election Cell as per the proforma devised by the Election Commission of India.
  - ii) AROs must convene a meeting of all teams assigned to work in their respective jurisdiction and pass on relevant instructions.
  - iii) A copy of SoP, as issued by ECI vide No. 76/Instructions/EEPS/2015/Vol-II Dated 29/05/2015 as available on ECI website, must be explained in detail to members of Flying Squads and Statistics Surveillance Teams for strict compliance.
  - iv) Besides ARO must ensure all the Political events shall be videographed by hiring two videographers who shall provide CDs of all events covered for onward perusal of Video Viewing Teams.



3.

**Permissions for Political Rallies**

- i) Each ARO must identify prominent venue for the permission to be granted for conduct of Political functions / rallies, keeping in view the law and order situation.
- ii) The permission shall be granted on a first cum first serve basis so as to avoid any bias towards any political party.

4.

**Permission for use of Vehicles and Loudspeakers.**

**i) Vehicles/Motorcades.**

Permission for vehicles to be used by Political Parties / contesting candidates for electioneering should be accorded only against Registration Numbers to ensure accurate expenditure monitoring as per Election Commission of India Guidelines.

**ii) Loud Speakers**

Permission for use of Loud Speakers for Election campaigning to be given only from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and no permission should be granted in vicinity of 200 Mtrs. of Examination Venues for Board exams.

5.

**Penal Provisions**

- i) Effective publicity be given to Penal Provisions of Section 171 of IPC related to election offences especially punishment for bribery, indulgence in corrupt practices, inducement of Voters as follows:

**171 B – Bribery:**

- . Any person giving or accepting gratification to induce a person to exercise his electoral right would commit the offence of bribery.
- . Gratification – offering gratification, agreeing to give gratification, attempting to procure gratification shall be deemed as giving gratification.

**171 E – Punishment for bribery:**

- . One year imprisonment or fine or both.

**171 C – Undue influence at elections:**

- . Any act which voluntarily interferes or attempts to interface with the free exercise of any electoral right.

**171 F – Punishment for undue influence at elections:**

- . One year imprisonment or fine or both

- ii) Special attention of all political parties and the public be invited to Section 127-A of Rep. of Peoples Act that reads as:

**Sec 127 A : Restrictions on the printing of pamphlets, posters etc.:**

- . Election pamphlet / poster which does not bear the name and address of the printer / publisher shall not be printed
- . Declaration as to the identity of the publisher is to be sent to the printer signed by publisher and attested by 2 persons personally known to him
- . Copy of the declaration and the document should be sent by the printer to the CEO/District Magistrate as per location
- . Imprisonment upto 6 months / fine up to Rs. 2000/both

6.

**Check on Paid news:**

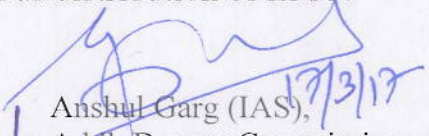
It should be ensured that before any news / advertisement is issued in favour of Print / Electronic Media by Political Parties / Contesting Candidates such news / advertisements shall be first got certified by MCMC (Media Clarification Monitoring Committee) as per Election Commission of India proforma.

7.

**Facilitation of Voters:**

AROs must ensure widespread publicity of new polling stations as approved ECI as well as changed nomenclatures of some venues so that the voters are not put to any inconvenience. It is advised that a meeting with all BLOs be convened in this regard to ensure addition of all eligible voters through concerned ARO as well as distribution of EPIC.

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