

कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश।

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संख्या-724/सी0ई0ओ0-2-5/2-2016
सेवा में,

लखनऊ:

दिनांक: 08 अक्टूबर, 2020

जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,

अमरोहा, बुलन्दशहर, फिरोजाबाद, उन्नाव, कानपुर नगर, देवरिया तथा जौनपुर।

विषय- **Revised Guidelines of Star Campaigners for Elections held during the period of pandemic -reg.**

महोदय,

कृपया उपर्युक्त विषय पर भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के पत्र सं0-464/SOP/2020/EPS, दिनांक 07 अक्टूबर, 2020 का अवलोकन करने का कष्ट करें।

2- आयोग द्वारा कोविड-19 महामारी के दौरान होने वाले निर्वाचनों को स्वतंत्र, निष्पक्ष, शांतिपूर्ण, पारदर्शी, नैतिक तथा सुरक्षित सम्पन्न कराने हेतु स्टार प्रचारकों के मानक के सम्बन्ध में संशोधित दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं, जो निम्नवत हैं :-

1) मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय/राज्यीय दलों के स्टार प्रचारकों हेतु अधिकतम सीमा 40 के स्थान पर 30 तथा अमान्यता प्राप्त रजिस्ट्रीकृत राजनैतिक दलों हेतु यह सीमा 20 के स्थान पर अधिकतम 15 होगी।

2) स्टार प्रचारकों की सूची सौंपे जाने की अवधि अधिसूचना की तिथि से 07 दिनों के स्थान पर बढ़ाकर 10 दिन होगी।

3) समस्त सम्बन्धित की सुरक्षा के दृष्टिगत स्टार प्रचारकों द्वारा प्रचार प्रारम्भ करने के न्यूनतम 48 घण्टे पूर्व जिला निर्वाचन प्राधिकारी से प्रचार की अनुमति हेतु अनुरोध प्रस्तुत किया जाएगा।

उक्त परिप्रेक्ष्य में अनुरोध है कि कृपया आयोग के संलग्न निर्देशों को रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर/सहायक रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर एवं निर्वाचन से जुड़े सभी संबंधित के संज्ञान में लाते हुए आवश्यक कार्यवाही सुनिश्चित कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक: यथोपरि।

~~भवदीय~~
8/10/2020

(अवनीश सेक्सेना)

संयुक्त मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी।

संख्या:-724(1)सी0ई0ओ0-2-तददिनांक-

प्रतिलिपि निम्नलिखित को संलग्नक सहित सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित:-

1. वरिष्ठ प्रधान सचिव, भारत निर्वाचन आयोग, निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली को उनके पत्र सं0-464/SOP/2020/EPS, दिनांक 07 अक्टूबर, 2020 के क्रम में।
2. अध्यक्ष/महामंत्री, समस्त मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय व राज्यीय दल एवं रजिस्ट्रीकृत अमान्यता प्राप्त राजनैतिक दल, उ0प्र0।
3. समस्त मण्डलायुक्त, उत्तर प्रदेश।
4. समस्त जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उ0प्र0 (जनपद-अमरोहा, बुलन्दशहर, फिरोजाबाद, उन्नाव, कानपुर नगर, देवरिया तथा जौनपुर को छोड़कर)
5. अनुभाग अधिकारी, अनुभाग-1, 2, 3 एवं 4 मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी कार्यालय, उत्तर प्रदेश।
6. प्रभारी, कम्प्यूटर कक्ष को कार्यालय की वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने हेतु।

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8/10/2020

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
MIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110001

No. 464/SOP/2020/PS

Dated 07.10.2020

To
The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/Union Territories.

**Subject: Revised Guidelines of Star Campaigners for Elections held during the period of
Pandemic- regarding**

Sir/Madam,

Commission has announced the schedule for conduct of the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Bihar on 25.09.2020 (Press Note No. ECI/PN/64/2020) and of the Bye-Elections of various State on 29.09.2020 and 05.10.2020

2. It would be recalled that on 21.08.2020, Commission issued broad guidelines setting the paradigm for the conduct of elections during the period of COVID-19 after taking inputs from political parties and Chief Electoral Officers of the States/UTs. These guidelines were widely circulated and are available at <https://eci.gov.in/files/file/12167/broad-guidelines-for-conduct-of-general-election-by-election-during-covid-19>

3. Commission, during its visit to Bihar from 29.09.2020 to 01.10.2020 for reviewing the preparedness for General Elections of the State of Bihar held wide ranging consultations starting with National and State Political Parties (on 30.09.2020 from 10 AM to 12 Noon), Senior Officers of the State including Chief secretary, ACS(Home), DGP, Chief Electoral Officer, District Election Officers and Superintendents of Police etc. Commission was informed that district authorities have completed the identification of locations for electoral campaign and are in the process of marking it for public gathering, keeping COVID safety norms in view, in each constituency and as directed by Commission, now all this information has been made available widely through media by the Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar for the purposes of campaign during these elections. Similar exercises have been carried out by election authorities in the constituencies wherever bye-elections are scheduled. Earlier, senior officers of Commission visited Bihar and reviewed the electoral preparedness at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur and

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Gaya on 14.09.2020 and 15.09.2020. Besides it, Commission and its officers held a series of virtual meeting with the Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar and District Election Officers and Superintendents of Police before visiting the State

4. Commission was also informed during the visit of Bihar about the matter of large gatherings during the visit of Star campaigners. During the Press Conference on 01.10.2020 at SPM, clarifications were sought about the potential health concerns during such visits, especially huge crowd gathering during the landing of helicopters etc. The matter was further deliberated in the Commission today. After considering all facts and circumstances emerging due to pandemic and keeping a balance between the requirement of campaign by the political parties, Commission has decided to revise the norms of Star Campaigners.

5. In view of the above, and with a view to ensuring the conduct of **free, fair, peaceful, transparent, ethical and safe** elections during COVID-19, Commission hereby **revises the norms concerning Star Campaigners for all ongoing and future elections during the period of pandemic COVID-19** in the following manner:

- 1) The **maximum limit** on the number of star campaigners for recognized National/State political parties **shall be 30 in place of 40** and for unrecognized registered political parties it **shall be 15 in place of 20** during the period of pandemic.
 - 2) Accordingly, **the period of submission** of the list of star campaigners is extended **from 7 days to 10 days from the date of notification**. Political parties, which have already submitted a list of star campaigners shall resubmit a revised list within the stipulated period.
 - 3) Request for permission for the campaigning by star campaigners shall be submitted to the district election authorities **at least 48 hours** before the start of campaign so that all necessary safety measures are put in place by all concerned stakeholders well in time.
 6. You are directed to undertake wide publicity through media and inform all National/State/ other registered political parties.
- These revised norms shall come into effect immediately.**

Yours faithfully,


(STANDHOPE VUHLUNG)
SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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