

कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी उत्तर प्रदेश।

चतुर्थ तल विकास भवन, जनपथ मार्केट लखनऊ-226001

संख्या: 117/सी0ई0ओ0-4-55/4-2019 लखनऊ : दिनांक: 13 जनवरी, 2022

सेवा में,

समस्त जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,
उत्तर प्रदेश।

विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन-2022

विषय: विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन-2022 में मतदान/मतगणना के समाचार कवरेज हेतु मीडिया के प्रतिनिधियों को प्राधिकार पत्र दिये जाने के संबंध में।

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषय पर कृपया भारत निर्वाचन आयोग, नई दिल्ली से प्राप्त पत्र संख्या-491/AL-Inst/2022/Communication, दिनांक-11.01.2022 का संदर्भ लेने का कष्ट करें।

2- इस संबंध में मुझे यह कहना है कि आयोग ने उक्त पत्र द्वारा विधान सभा सामान्य निर्वाचन-2022 में मतदान/मतगणना के समाचार कवरेज हेतु मीडिया के प्रतिनिधियों को प्राधिकार पत्र दिये जाने के संबंध में निर्देश दिये हैं।

अतः आयोग से प्राप्त उक्त पत्र की छायाप्रति संलग्न कर भेजते हुए मुझे यह कहना है कि कृपया उक्त निर्देशों का भलीभांति अध्ययन कर उसे समस्त संबंधित के संज्ञान में लाते हुए तदनुसार आवश्यक कार्यवाही सुनिश्चित कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक: यथोपरि।

भवदीय,

13.1.22

(केशव कुमार)

संयुक्त मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी।

संख्या-117 (1)/सी0ई0ओ0-4 तददिनांक-

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

1. समस्त मण्डलायुक्त, उत्तर प्रदेश।
2. समस्त उप जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश।
3. समस्त सहायक जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश।
4. समस्त अधिकारी/अनुभाग, कार्यालय मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ।

13.1.22

(केशव कुमार)

संयुक्त मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी।

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 491/AL-Inst/2022/Communication

Dated: 01.01.2022

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of
Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

Subject: General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh - Issue of Authority letters to the media persons and Instructions thereof - regarding

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Commission vide Press Note Nos. ECI/PN/3/2022 dated 08.01.2022, has announced the schedule for General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

2. In this connection, you are requested to assess the requirement of Authority Letters under Rules 32(C) and 53(1)(b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 for the aforesaid election in your state and furnish list of persons to whom authority letters are to be issued. Such requests shall be recommended by the Head of the Public Relations Department / Director of Information of State Government in case of media persons outside Delhi. No preference will be given to the representatives of Central or State Government media or those representing foreign press/media and all should be treated alike with due and appropriate care.

3 (a). Two passport size photographs should accompany with each request for issuance of Authority Letter. The Chief Electoral Officer who is the officer authorized by the Commission for media persons outside Delhi and for persons deployed by media organizations for conducting election surveys and collecting election data, shall have one copy of the photograph pasted on the Authority Letter and this can be authenticated with the facsimile signature of the issuing Authority. The other copy of the photograph can be pasted in the control register. The Authority Letter as such has to be signed personally by the authorized officer. This aspect may please be brought to the notice of all concerned sufficiently in advance to avoid any inconvenience.

3(b). It may also be clarified to all concerned that an authority letter to enter a "Counting Centre" is not an authority to enter the "Counting Hall(s)". Access to Counting Hall will be governed by separate set of instructions issued vide Commission's letter No. 491/CNTG/MCS/99 dated 21.09.1999.

3(c). The authority letter for Poll day is valid for all Polling Stations of the Constituency mentioned in authority letter, which an applicant may like to cover. The authority letter clearly mentions that photography and videography is strictly prohibited inside the Polling Compartment so as not to violate secrecy of Ballot.

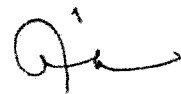
While forwarding such requests duly recommended by the above-mentioned authorities, name of the person, full postal address, whether official or non-official and whether Authority Letter is required for (i) polling or (ii) counting or (iii) both should also be indicated clearly. No

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omnibus Authority Letter shall be issued. You should maintain appropriate control registers at your level.

5. While recommending passes for counting, care should be taken that: -
 - (a) For electronic media teams, not more than two passes should be given for one counting centre and it is emphasized that each individual member will need a separate authority letter.
 - (b) For print media, only one pass per news agency/newspaper should be given for one counting centre.
6. You are requested to screen and scrutinize such requests in accordance with Commission's standing directions issued from time to time on the subject and send your recommendations immediately.
7. Give wide publicity regarding the deadline fixed by the Commission in order to ensure that your requirements must reach the Commission not later than 15 days prior to the date of poll. Your attention is invited to para 10.1 and 10.2 of the Commission's Order No. 491/96/MCS, dated 27-3-1996, letter No. 491/97/MCS-Vol.II dated 25-3-1997 and Order No.491/2004/MCP dated 27-04-2004, regarding facilities to be provided to media persons for coverage of process of election. Please ensure wide publicity to the arrangements.
8. Your attention is also invited to the extant instructions regarding COVID-19 containment measures and ensure that these instructions are complied with while making arrangements for conducting the elections.
9. You are also requested to forward authority letter request in prescribed format. **(Copy enclosed)**
10. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully



(Sanjeev Kumar Prasad)

Secretary

Ph.011-23052144

To

Under Secretary,
Communication and Media Section,
Election Commission of India
New Delhi.

Sub: General Elections/Bye Elections/Biennial Elections to the Legislative Assembly Constituency/Parliamentary of Assembly Constituency.....(name of state/details of Assembly Constituency)/ Election to the office of President and Vice President - Issue of authority letters to media persons-reg.

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, a list of total media representatives to whom the Authority letters are to be issued is enclosed for kind approval of the Commission.

For Polling Stations (Print and Electronic Media) (Number of media representatives)
For Counting Centers(Print and Electronic Media) (Number of media representatives)
Total Blank authority letters required for Polling Stations and Counting centers, if any (Polling stations)(Counting Centers)

2. It is certified that the list of media representatives as recommended above has been scrutinized and found to be correct as per the ECI's guideline. The names recommended have also been found as genuine media persons and fulfill the criteria laid down in the Commission's guidelines.

Yours faithfully

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(Name and Designation of officer)