F.No.24/03/2018-Coord. Government of India National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

6th Floor, 'B' Wing Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 Dated 10th October, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: General Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana, 2018-MCC-Screening Committee-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to inform that Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India vide their letter No.437/6/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2018 dated 6th October, 2018 (copy enclosed) has issued guidelines and instructions on regulation and enforcement of various aspects of the Model Code of Conduct(MCC) during election time to the State Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana.

2. The Election for the five State Legislative Assemblies will be held with effect from 12th November, 2018 to 7th December, 2018 as announced by the Election Commission of India vide their letter dated 6th October, 2018. As a result, the Model Code of Conduct has been inforce with immediate effect and will remain effective till the Election Process is completed (up to second week of December, 2018). No State Guest facilities would be extended to any officials visiting these States other than Election works till the Election Process is completed. Hence, official visits to these States may be avoided on account of "Election Process".

3. This is for kind perusal and information of Hon'ble Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Members.

(S.P. Meena)

Assistant Director Tele.24657271

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- 1. PS to Hon'ble Chairperson, NCST
- 2. PS to Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, NCST
- 3. PA to Hon'ble Member (HKD), NCST
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- 5. PS to Hon'ble Member(MCI), NCST
- 6. Sr. PPS to Secretary, NCST
- 7. PA to Joint Secretary, NCST
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- 1. AD(RU-II)/AD (RU-I& OL)/AD (Admn.& RU-III) NCST HQs.
- 2. Director/Assistant Director/Research Officer in Regional Offices of NCST at Bhopal/Bhubaneswar/Jaipur/Raipur/Ranchi and Shillong.
- 3. NIC, NCST.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2018

Dated: 6th October, 2018

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The Chief Secretaries to the

Governments of:-

(i) Chhattisgarh, Raipur;

(ii) Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;

(iii) Mizoram, Aizawl;

(iv) Rajasthan, Jaipur;

(v) Telangana, Hyderabad.

Subject: General Elections to the State Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana, 2018- MCC- Screening Committee-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Commission has issued detailed guidelines and instructions on regulation and enforcement of various aspects of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during election time. A number of proposals relating to MCC are being received in the Commission from CEOs and sometimes from the concerned departments directly. The Commission has decided that a Screening Committee headed by Chief Secretary of the State shall be constituted with following composition –

(i)	Chief Secretary	Chairman
(ii)	Secretary/Pr. Secretary of the department(s)	Member
	to which the proposal relates.	
(iii)	Secretary/Pr. Secretary of the General Administration/Coordination	Memher

(iii) Secretary/Pr. Secretary of the General Administration/Coordination Member department of the State.

2. The Committee shall examine each proposal, before sending it to ECI, through the CEO concerned, in the light of the Commission's existing instructions/clarifications available in the form of compendium/instructions available in 'ECI portal'. The proposals cleared by the Screening Committee shall be submitted to the CEO along with full details and a note on urgency, i.e. why the proposal can't wait till completion of poll/election. The CEO shall forward only such proposal(s) that are cleared by the aforesaid Screening Committee, to the Commission along with his/her comments immediately. Hence, all departments of the State may be advised not to forward any reference directly to the Commission. Further, no department of the Govt. shall send original file to the CEO's office but only a self-contained reference be sent through the Screening Committee.

3. Accordingly, the Commission has directed that the aforesaid Committee shall be constituted and operationalized immediately in these states. A copy of the order constituting the

Screening Committee shall be sent to the Commission latest by 3 pm of <u>10th October, 2018</u>. The CEO shall provide a copy of MCC guidelines to the Screening Committee.

4. Further, it may be noted that the Commission takes reasonable time to dispose of a reference, therefore last minute references should be avoided.

Yours faithfully,

(SUMIT MUKHERJEE) PRINCIPAL SECRETARY