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No.1/41/1/2021-Cab GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR) CABINET SECRETARIAT (MANTRIMANDAL SACHIVALAYA) RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN

New Delhi, the ol March, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry, 2021 and Bye elections to the Parliamentary Constituencies of Malappuram, Kerala state and Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu State - Release of funds under MPs'/MLAs' Local Area Development Scheme – reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Election Commission of India letter No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2021/399 dated 26.02.2021 on the above subject for further necessary action.

Encl: As Above

H. M. 2021

(Ashutosh Jindal) Joint Secretary Tel: 23012697

- Ministry of Home Affairs, (Kind Attn: Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Home Secretary), New Delhi.
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, (Kind Attn: Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji, Secretary), New Delhi.



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

No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2021/399

Dated: 26th February, 2021

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The Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Programme Implementation, Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi.

- 3. The Chief Secretaries to the Government of :-
 - (i) Assam, Dispur;
 - (ii) Kerala, Thiruvanthapuram;
 - (iii) Tamil Nadu, Chennai;
 - (iv) West Bengal, Kolkata;
 - (v) Puducherry, Puducherry.
- 4. The Chief Electoral Officers of :-
 - (i) Assam, Dispur;
 - (ii) Kerala, Thiruvanthapuram;
 - (iii) Tamil Nadu, Chennai;
 - (iv) West Bengal, Kolkata;
 - (v) Puducherry, Puducherry.

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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Election Commission's Press Note No. ECI/PN/16/2021 and No. ECI/PN/17/2021, both dated 26th February, 2021, (Press Note available at Commission's web-site – **https://eci.gov.in/**) as per which the Commission has announced the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates, consequent on the announcement of General Elections to the Legislative

Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry and bye election to the Parliamentary Constituencies of Malappuram, Kerala State and Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu State.

2. The Commission has instructed that the release of funds under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Schemes will be subject to the following restrictions:-

- a) No fresh release of funds under the Member of Parliament (including Rajya Sabha members) Local Area Development fund shall be made in any part of the country where election is in progress. Similarly no fresh release of funds under the MLAs'/ MLCs' Local Area Development Fund shall be made, if any such scheme is in operation, till the completion of election process.
- b) No work shall start in respect of which work orders have been issued before the issue of this letter <u>but</u> the work has actually not started in the field. These works can start only after the completion of election process. However, if a work has actually started, that can continue.
- c) There shall be no bar to the release of payments for completed work(s) subject to the full satisfaction of the concerned officials.
- d) Where schemes have been cleared and funds are provided or released and materials procured and reached the site such scheme may be executed as per programme.

Yours faithfully,

(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA) SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY