

कार्यालय : मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी, उत्तराखण्ड

विश्वकर्मा भवन, प्रथम तल, सचिवालय परिसर 4-सुभाष रोड़, देहरादून- 248001

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संख्या 1594/xxv-12(P-14)/2021 देहरादून : दिनांक 21 मार्च, 2024

सूचना के अनुरोध को दूसरे प्राधिकारी को हस्तांतरण के लिए प्रपत्र

सेवा में,

पंजीकृत

लोक सूचना अधिकारी /  
समस्त सहायक जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,  
उत्तराखण्ड।

विषय- सूचना के अधिकार अधिनियम-2005 के तहत सूचना के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदय

उपरोक्त विषयक श्री कृष्ण गोपाल, व्याख्याता राजकीय पॉलिटेक्निक कॉलेज अजमेर राजस्थान का अनुरोध पत्र दिनांक 08.03.2024 जो इस कार्यालय में ई-मेल के माध्यम से प्राप्त हुआ है, की प्रति संलग्न कर इस आशय से प्रेषित की जा रही है कि अनुरोध पत्र में बिन्दु संख्या 02 व 03 की वांछित सूचनायें आपके कार्यालय से सम्बन्धित है।

अतः अनुरोध पत्र सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम-2005 की धारा 6(3) के अन्तर्गत अग्रेत्तर कार्यवाही हेतु आपको हस्तान्तरित किया जा रहा है। कृपया अनुरोधकर्ता को अपने कार्यालय से सम्बन्धित वांछित सूचना नियमानुसार उपलब्ध कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्न-यथोपरि।

भवदीय,

*B. S. Rawat*  
(बसन्त सिंह रावत)

अनुभाग अधिकारी एवं  
लोक सूचना अधिकारी  
मो०न०-9411740189

पृ०संख्या-1594/xxv- 12(P-14) /2021, तददिनांक।

प्रतिलिपि:-श्री कृष्ण गोपाल, व्याख्याता राजकीय पॉलिटेक्निक कॉलेज अजमेर  
राजस्थान 305002 को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित। (पंजीकृत)

*B. S. Rawat*  
अनुभाग अधिकारी एवं  
लोक सूचना अधिकारी  
मो०न०-9411740189

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Email / Speed Post

Place : AJMER  
(RAJASTHAN)

Dated : 08/03/2024

To,

The PIO (Public Information Officer),

O/o Chief Electoral Officer (CEO),

State of ALL STATES & UTS OF UNION OF INDIA

Pin ..... (India)

Sub. : Regarding district wise certified copy of the "Compliance Report", on ECI National Circular dated 19.01.2023, sent to the concerned DEO (Collector) office, by the political parties working in all districts of State of ALL STATES & UTS

Ref. : RTI Act 2005, Section 3.6 (Right of the applicant), Section 6,7 (Obligation of the PIO) and getting political benefit, by the use of religious matters, is punishable offence under the statutory provision of religious institutions – Prevention of misuse – Act 1988 (No. 41/1988) adopted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) National circular – No. 03/01/2022/SDR/Vol.I – dated 19.01.2023 – binding (Applicable) on all political parties working in all districts of Indian States & UTs.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Public importance information, on the subject above, may please be supplied on the basis of following points –

- (1) District wise (From All DEOs / Collectors Office) orders, addressed to all political parties working in the district, for the compliance of written directions under ECI National Circular dated 19.01.2023.

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- (2) In the light of point No. 1 above, copy of "District wise Compliance Report" (Written Resolution passed by the all political parties of all districts) made available to the CEO, State of ALL STATES & U.T.s, through the DEO (Collector) of the concerned district.
- (3) In the light of point No. 2 above, Number & Name of National, Regional, State level parties "Making Compliance" (Passing written resolution) and "Not making compliance" (Not passing written resolution) of the ECI National Circular dated 19.01.2023.

**RTI Applicant**

*Jgm 08/03/2024*

**(Krishna Gopal),**

**Lecturar,**

**Govt. Polytechnic College,**

**Ajmer (Raj.) – 305002**

**Attached :**

- (1) RTI application fee I.P.O. No. ....
- (2) ECI Circular dated 19.01.2023 & State – CEO – Circular dated 27.01.2023, 21.01.2023, 08.02.2023, 04.02.2023.
- (3) News report – dated 14.01.2024 – "The Hindu English Edition" – Delhi.

**Note:** All "Non – Hindi" (Regional Language speaking areas) State PIOs are requested to send reply in English language only, as required by the Indian official languages Act 1963 & Indian official languages Rules 1976, to be used in the correspondence (Communication) between the persons and offices of Hindi speaking State to Non Hindi speaking State & Non Hindi speaking State to Hindi speaking State.



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# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 3/1/2022/SDR/Vol.I

Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

To,

The Chief Electoral officers of  
All States/UT's

Sub: - Misuse of religious institutions for political purposes-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to reiterate the Commission's direction issued vide letter no. 3/1/2012-SDR dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 whereby the Commission directed that the existing provisions of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of political parties and candidates, prohibit the use of places of worship as forum for election propaganda in any manner.


Further, Sections 3, 5 & 6 of The Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 (No. 41 of 1988) prohibit use of religious institutions or funds of religious institutions for the promotion or propagation of any political ideas or political activity or for the benefit of any political party. Contravention of the provisions of any of these Sections is punishable by imprisonment upto 5 years and with fine. (Copy enclosed)

The Commission desires that the above provisions of the existing law may be brought to the notice of all DEOs and ROs so as to ensure that any violation of these provisions during election is dealt with firmly and FIRs/ complaints are lodged under relevant provisions in the event of any offence under the said Sections of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988.

DEOs, ROs and other election authorities should be instructed to ensure strict observance of the above provisions of law. This may also be circulated to all political parties based in your State/ UT, including State units of the political parties for their information.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

  
NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA  
(Sr. Principal Secretary)

Copy to: The President/General Secretary of all recognized National and State parties (As per list attached).



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No. 3/1/2012-SDR

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To,

The Chief Electoral officers of  
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(*except Jammu & Kashmir*)

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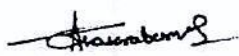
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A copy of the above mentioned Act (No. 41 of 1988) is enclosed herewith. DEOs, ROs and other election authorities should be instructed to ensure strict observance of the above provisions of law. This may also be circulated to all political parties based in your State/ UT, including State units of the political parties for their information.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Ashish Chakraborty)  
Secretary

Copy to: The President/General Secretary of all recognized National and State parties (As per list attached).

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## कार्यालय जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी, बिजनौर।

निर्वाचन आवश्यक / अतिमहत्वपूर्ण

कलेक्ट्रेट परिसर, सिविल लाईन्स-द्वितीय, बिजनौर-246701  
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सेवा में,

- 1-समस्त उप-जिलाधिकारी, जनपद बिजनौर/रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर।
  - 2-अतिरिक्त मजिस्ट्रेट-प्रथम व द्वितीय, जनपद बिजनौर/रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर।
  - 3-डिप्टी कलेक्टर, बिजनौर/रिटर्निंग ऑफिसर।
  - 4-अध्यक्ष/मन्त्री, समस्त मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय/राज्यीय राजनैतिक दल, जनपद बिजनौर।
- संख्या:- 120 / 29-04(राजनैतिक दल) दिनांक 27 जनवरी, 2023

विषय -  
मसौदा

### Misuse of religious institutions for political purposes-regarding.

उपरोक्त विषयक कृपया मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी के पत्र संख्या-183/सी0ई0ओ0-1-142 / 1-2008 दिनांक 24.01.2023 का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके माध्यम से माननीय भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के द्वारा Misuse of religious institutions for political purposes के संबंध में विस्तृत दिशा निर्देश दिये गये हैं।

अतः माननीय भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा दिये गये निर्देशों के अनुपालन में उक्त पत्र की छायाप्रति सलग्न कर इस आशय के साथ प्रेषित कि प्राप्त निर्देशों का भली-भांति अध्ययन करते हुए आवश्यक कार्यवाही कराने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक- उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय,

(प्रमोद कुमार)  
सहायक जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,  
बिजनौर।

प्रतिलिपि -

- 1- जिलाधिकारी/जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी बिजनौर को सादर अवलोनार्थ प्रेषित।
- 2- मुखिया अधीक्षक जनपद बिजनौर।
- 3-अपर जिलाधिकारी (वि0/रा0)/उप जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी बिजनौर।

सहायक जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी,  
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**Letter No.101/2023-31, Dated 21.01.2023**

From

Thiru Satyabrata Sahoo, I.A.S.,  
Chief Electoral Officer &  
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

All Recognised National and State Political  
Parties in Tamil Nadu. (w.e.)  
All Registered unrecognized Political  
Parties in Tamil Nadu. (w.e.)

Sir / Madam,

Sub: ELECTIONS - Bye-election to Tamil Nadu Legislative  
Assembly from 98.Erode (East) Assembly Constituency -  
**Misuse of religious institutions for political purposes** -  
Election Commission's instructions - Communicated.

Ref: From the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, letter  
No.3/1/2022/SDR/Vol.I, dated 19.01.2023.

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I am directed to invite your kind attention to the reference cited wherein, the Election Commission of India has directed to refer to the subject cited above and to reiterate the Commission's direction issued vide letter No.3/1/2012-SDR, dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 whereby the Commission directed that the existing provisions of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of political parties and candidates, prohibit the use of places of worship as forum for election propaganda in any manner.

2. The Election Commission of India has further informed that Sections 3, 5 & 6 of The Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 (No.41 of 1988) prohibit use of religious institutions or funds of religious institutions for the promotion or propagation of any political ideas or political activity or for the benefit of any political party. Contravention of the provisions of any of these Sections is punishable by imprisonment upto 5 years and with fine.

3. I am to enclose a copy of the Election Commission's letter cited, for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

*M. Vijayaraj*  
21.1.2023  
for Chief Electoral Officer &  
Principal Secretary to Government.  
21/1/23

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER & COLLECTOR, MEDAK

Lr.No.H1/311/2023

Dated: 07.02.2023

Sub: Elections- Misuse of religious institutions for Political purpose-ECI instructions-Communicated-Reg.

Ref: The Chief Electoral Officer & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt., Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana, Memo No. 294/Elecs.A/A1/2023-1,  
Dated:04.02.2023.


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Attention is drawn to the reference cited wherein the Chief Electoral Officer & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt., Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana requested to circulate the directions of the ECI to all the political parties regarding Misuse of religious institutions for Political purpose.

In view of the above, all the Returning Officers of Medak District are requested to communicate the above information to all the political parties in their jurisdictions respectively and report compliance to this office at an early date.

This may be treated as **MOST URGENT**.

Encl: (As above)

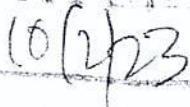
  
District Election Officer &  
Collector, Medak

To

1)The Returning Officer for 034-Medak AC &  
Revenue Divisional Officer, Medak,

2)The Returning Officer for 037-Narsapur AC &  
Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsapur,



  
10/2/23



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA**  
**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT**  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Block, Buddha Bhavan, Tank Bund Rd., Secunderabad – 03

Memo.No.294/Elecs.A/A1/2023-1

Dated:04.02.2023

Sub: Elections – Misuse of religious institutions for political purposes – ECI Instructions  
– Communicated – Regarding.

Ref: ECI, New Delhi, Lr.No.3/1/2022/SDR/Vol.I, dated 19.01.2023.

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Copy of the reference cited together with its enclosures are sent herewith to the Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad; all the Collectors & District Election Officers in Telangana State and the Returning Officers of all Assembly Constituencies / Parliamentary Constituencies in Telangana State. They are requested to ensure strict observance of the provisions of law stipulated therein and to circulate these directions of the Election Commission of India to all the political parties in the districts for their information.

**VIKAS RAJ**  
**CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &**  
**E.O. PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad (w.e)  
All the Collectors & District Election Officers in Telangana State (w.e)  
The Returning Officers of all Assembly Constituencies / Parliamentary Constituencies in  
Telangana State (w.e) (through the District Election Officer concerned)

Copy to:

Sri Narendra N. Butolia, Sr. Principal Secretary, ECI, New Delhi

**//FORWARDED:: :: BY ORDER//**

*P. Saravathi*  
**SECTION OFFICER**



Sunday, January 14, 2024  
DELHI

## 'Political interference not desirable in religious events'

**The Hindu Bureau**  
SAGAR, WEST BENGAL

Reiterating his stand that he will not participate in the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Temple in Ayodhya on January 22, Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati on Saturday said that political interference in religious and spiritual areas was not desirable, and that even the Constitution did not allow this.

"Politicians have their limits and they have responsibility under the Constitution. There are rules and restrictions in religious and spiritual domain and these rules should be followed. Interfering every area by politicians is insanity," the Shankaracharya said.

The Puri Shankaracharya made these remarks at Ganga Sagar Mela in West Bengal where he had come to participate in the annual ritualistic bath on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. He told journalists that as a Shankaracharya he also has certain limitations as to where he can go, what he can inter-



Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati

fere with, and what he can eat.

The Shankaracharya made it clear that according to him, as far as 'murti pratishtha' is concerned, there are laid-down rules as per scriptures and the head of state or the Prime Minister has to follow these rules.

"Overstepping these rules for propagating one's name is an act of rebellion against God... and going down the path of destruction," Puri Shankaracharya said. He also made it clear that he is not upset with Ayodhya and he keeps going there but will not participate in the 'Pran Pratishtha' of Ram Mandir on January 22.

## '14% rise in organ donations in T.N. in 2023'

**The Hindu Bureau**  
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu saw a 14% increase in the number of organ donations in 2023 as compared to 2022, with the number of deceased donors rising from 156 in 2022, to 178 in 2023.

Moreover, there have already been 11 organ donations recorded since the beginning of 2024, said Health Minister Ma. Subramanian said on Saturday.

As a mark of honour, the Minister placed a wreath on the mortal remains of an organ donor – a 27-year-old man who sustained injuries in a road accident and was declared brain dead – in Saidapet. He added that the Chief Minister had announced State honours for deceased donors on September 23 last year.

However, the Minister said that despite the rise in the number of organ donations, many people in the State were still awaiting organ transplants. A total of 7,037 persons – including 6,322 for kidneys, 438 for liver, 76 for heart, 64 for lungs – were on the wait list.