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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 437/6/1/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2026 **Dated: 15th March, 2026**

To

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

2. **The Secretary to the Government of India,**
   Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation,
   Programme Implementation (PI) Wing,
   Sardar Patel Bhawan,
   New Delhi.

3. **The Chief Secretaries** to the Governments of
   (i) Assam, Dispur;
   (ii) Goa, Panaji;
   (iii) Gujarat, Gandhinagar;
   (iv) Karnataka, Bengaluru;
   (v) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram;
   (vi) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
   (vii) Nagaland, Kohima;
   (viii) Puducherry,
   (ix) Tamil Nadu, Chennai;
   (x) Tripura, Agartala; and
   (xi) West Bengal, Kolkata.

4. **The Chief Electoral Officers** of
   (i) Assam, Dispur;
   (ii) Goa, Panaji;
   (iii) Gujarat, Gandhinagar;
   (iv) Karnataka, Bengaluru;
   (v) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram;
   (vi) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
   (vii) Nagaland, Kohima;
   (viii) Puducherry,
   (ix) Tamil Nadu, Chennai;
   (x) Tripura, Agartala; and
   (xi) West Bengal, Kolkata.

Sub: General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026 and bye-elections to Assembly Constituencies of various States/UT — Release of funds under MPs'/MLAs'/MLCs' Local Area Development Scheme — reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's Press Notes No. ECI/PN/029/2026 and No. ECI/PN/030 /2026, both dated 15th March, 2026, (Press Note available at Commission's website- www.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

Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2026 and Bye-elections in Goa (21-Ponda AC), Gujarat (111-Umreth AC), Karnataka (24-Bagalkot AC & 107-Davanagere South AC), Maharashtra (223-Rahuri AC & 201-Baramati AC), Nagaland (28-Koridang(ST) AC) and Tripura (56-Dharmanagar AC).

2. The Commission has instructed that the release of funds under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Schemes (MPLADS) and MLAs'/MLCs' Local Area Development Fund will be subject to the following restrictions: -

a) No fresh release of funds under the Member of Parliament (including Rajya Sabha members) or MLAs' or MLCs' Local Area Development Schemes shall be made, if any such scheme is in operation, in any part of the country where election is in progress, 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 but 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.

3. Hindi version will follow.

Yours faithfully,

(PRAFULL AWASTHI)
UNDER SECRETARY