

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. 3/4/2024/CAMC

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers  
All States/Union Territories.

**Subject:** Publication of criminal antecedents by contesting candidates and political parties in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court decision in WP (C) No. 784 of 2015 (Lok Prahari Vs. Union of India and Others and in WP (C) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.) and in contempt petition (c) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP (C) no. 536 of 2011 - Guidelines on publicity of criminal antecedents – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. 3/4/2021/SDR/Vol-III dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 forwarding therewith a booklet containing "Guidelines on publicity of criminal antecedents by political parties and candidates".

2. The above said guidelines are again forwarded herewith for you information. These are also uploaded on Commission's website (<https://www.eci.gov.in>) under path 'Instructions' → 'View More' → 'Year-2022' → Sl. No. '45'.

3. The guidelines shall be re-circulated to all DEOs/ROs in the State/ Union Territory for necessary action on their part.

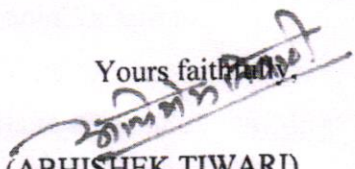
4. These guidelines shall also be re-circulated to all the political parties based in the State/UT i.e. the State Units of the recognized National parties and recognized State parties of other States and all registered un-recognized National/State political parties with headquarters based in your State/ Union Territory, with instructions to take note of the above directions for strict compliance both by the political parties and their candidates in all elections.

5. Further, for all elections, documents pertaining to publicity of criminal antecedents of the candidates i.e. Format-CA, any Format-C8, C7 and Format-C6 shall now be sent to the Pr. Secy/Sr.Pr.Secy of Criminal Antecedents Monitoring Cell only instead of Pr. Secy/Sr.Pr.Secy of concerned Territorial Zone/Biennial Election Division. In addition, a copy of Form-7A of concerned election shall also be sent at the earliest.

6. It is reiterated that Format-CA shall be sent to the Commission within prescribed time frame i.e. on last date of making nominations itself.

7. Further, any Format-C8 received from Political Parties shall be sent to the Commission immediately, along with all its annexures i.e. proofs of publication of Format-C7 in National Newspaper, Local Newspapers and on their Social Media Platforms and Website.

Yours faithfully,

  
(ABHISHEK TIWARI)  
UNDER SECRETARY

Encls :- Guidelines on publicity of criminal Antecedents.

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**Reference: -**

- 1-No. 3/4/2017/SDR/Vol.II dated 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018
- 2-No. 3/4/2019/SDR/Vol.I dated 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019
- 3-No. 76/ECI/INST/FUNC/EEM/EEPS/2019/VOL. XVII dated 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2019
- 4-No. 3/4/2019/SDR/Vol.III dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019
- 5-No. 3/4/2020/SDR/Vol.III dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020
- 6-No. 3/4/2020/SDR/Vol.III dated 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020
- 7-No. 3/4/2019/SDR/Vol.IV dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020
- 8-No. 3/4/2019/SDR/Vol.IV dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020
- 9- No. 3/4/2020/SDR/Vol.III dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021
- 10- No. 3/4/2021/SDR/Vol.III dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the above letters on the subject cited and Commission's letter No. 3/4/2021/SDR dated 26th February, 2021 vide which a booklet containing "Guidelines on publicity of criminal antecedents by political parties and candidates" was forwarded to you.

2. In light of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 10.08.2021 in the matter; the above booklet has been updated and is being forwarded herewith for your information and future reference.

3. This shall be informed to all DEOs/ROs in the State/ Union Territory for necessary action on their part.