## **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of All States and UTs

Subject: Permission of vehicles to the contesting candidates and incurring the expenditure in the accounts of elections expenses- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letter No. 437/6/2007-PLN-III(Vol-III), dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 and to say that each candidate is given permission by the Returning Officer for use of vehicles for campaign purpose during elections. It has come to the notice of the Commission that some candidates take permission for use of campaign vehicles and do not show the expenditure incurred on hiring/propelling of the vehicles in the accounts of their election expenditure. Such vehicles are often used by others during the election process.

- 2. Therefore, I am directed to inform that if the candidate, after obtaining permission from the Returning Officer, does not intend to use the campaign vehicle(s), for any period of more than two days, he/she shall intimate to the Returning Officer, to withdraw the permission for such vehicle(s). If the candidate, after obtaining permission does not intimate the R.O., to withdraw the permission of such campaign vehicles, it will be presumed that the candidate has used the permitted vehicles for campaign purpose and accordingly, the expenditure as per the notified rates on use of such vehicles shall be added to his/ her accounts of election expenses. The details of all such vehicle, permissions and withdrawal requests shall be given to the Accounting Team by the R.O. for accounting the expenditure of such candidates.
- This may be brought to the notice of all the political parties, candidates and their agents, officials concerned and Expenditure Observers.\*
- 4 Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(S. K. Rudola) SECRETARY