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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS रेल मंत्रालय
RAILWAY BOARD रेलवे बोर्ड

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The General Manager(s)
Northern Railway/New Delhi
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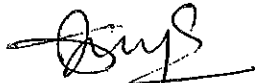
**Sub: Application of Model Code of Conduct - General Elections to
the Legislative Assemblies of Himachal Pradesh & Gujarat,
2017 - regarding**

The Election Commission of India vide Press Notes No.ECI/PN/75/17 dated 12.10.2017 and No.ECI/PN/80/2017 dated 25.10.2017 has announced the schedule for General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat respectively. It has been stated that the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect immediately from the date of announcement of the election schedule.

Extracts of the Model Code of Conduct as mentioned in the Press Note is enclosed herewith for strict compliance.

Besides the above, the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct as mentioned on the website of the Election Commission of India and the earlier instructions on the subject issued from time to time may also be strictly complied with till the duration of the Election schedule.

DA: As above.


(D. Joseph)
Dy. Director Estt. (Genl.)
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(11) Model Code of Conduct

The Model Code of Conduct **comes into effect immediately** from now onwards. All the provisions of the Model Code will apply to the whole of Gujarat and will be applicable to all candidates, political parties and, the State Government of Gujarat. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government insofar as announcements/policy decisions pertaining to/for this State is concerned.

The Commission has made elaborate arrangements for ensuring the effective implementation of the MCC Guidelines. Any violations of these Guidelines would be strictly dealt with and the Commission re-emphasizes that the instructions issued in this regard from time to time should be read and understood by all Political Parties, contesting candidates and their agents/representatives, to avoid any misgivings or lack of information or inadequate understanding/interpretation. The government of the poll-bound State has also been directed to ensure that no misuse of official machinery/position is done during the MCC period.

The Commission has also issued instructions for swift, effective and stringent action for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct during the first 72 hours of announcement of the election schedule and also for maintaining extra vigilance and strict enforcement action in the Last 72 hours prior to the close of polls. These instructions have been issued in the form of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for compliance by the field election machinery.