

**MOST URGENT**  
**ELECTION MATTER**

**भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**रेल मंत्रालय/MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**  
**(रेलवे बोर्ड/RAILWAY BOARD)**


**CIRCULAR**

**Sub: Enforcement and application of Model Code of Conduct –General Elections to House of the People (Lok Sabha), 2019 and State Legislative Assemblies in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Arunanchal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and certain bye-elections- Instructions received from Cabinet Secretariat.**

Enclosed please find a copy of D.O. letter No.1/41/2/2019-Cab dated 22.03.2019 from Addl. Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat addressed to CRB on the above noted subject for information and necessary guidance.

In order to assist the Ministries/Departments to identify the cases that may require prior approval of the Commission, the ECI has brought out a detailed “Manual of Model Code of Conduct” (March, 2019), along with specific illustrations, which is available on their website (<https://eci.gov.in>). An “FAQ” for interpretation and explanation of various provisions of Model Code is also available on ECI website.

Instructions received from Cabinet Secretariat and ECI have also been uploaded on Secretary directorate/G Branch rail-net link (<http://10.1.2.21/>) and internet (<http://www.indianrailways.gov.in/>).

  
**Director (GA)**  
**Railway Board**

**No 2018/G/32/1**  
**Dated 27.03.2019**

**To:**

All Officers and Branches in Board’s Office including those working in Pragati Maidan Metro Station Building Complex and Dayabasti RPSF Camp..

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Chairman, Railway Board  
FTS No. 538960  
Date 28/3/19

D.O. No.1/41/2/2019-Cab

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 11.03.2019, inter alia, advising that while disposing of the business allocated to Ministries/Departments or placing proposals for approval of the competent authorities, or announcing their decisions, etc., the provisions Model Code of Conduct in respect of General Elections to the Lok Sabha – 2019 and the related instructions of Election Commission of India (ECI) may be complied with.

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3. May I request you to direct all concerned in your Ministry/Department to examine all cases in light of the detailed clarifications/ illustrations available in the aforesaid Manual and FAQ; and to seek clearance of ECI only in respect of cases where it is considered necessary.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Shri V. K. Yadav  
Chairman,  
Railway Board

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Pl. circulate to  
all concerned  
27.03.2019