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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA  
CHIEF SECRETARY' S OFFICE  
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Chandigarh :Dated 10<sup>th</sup> May,2016

To

All the IAS officers in Haryana

Subject:- Appointment of Observers-Regarding

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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite reference to the subject noted above and to enclose a copy of letter No.464/OBS/2016/OPS dated 29.04.2016 received from Election Commission of India for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
Superintendent Services-II

**SECRETARIAT OF THE  
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001

No. 464/OBS/2016/OPS

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016



To,  
The Chief Electoral Officers  
Of all States/UTs

Subject:- Appointment of Observers- Regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission appoints Observers under the powers conferred on it by Section 20B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the plenary powers available to the Commission under the Constitution of India. The Observers are the appointees of the Commission, who work under the superintendence, control and discipline from their appointment till the completion of their election duties.

As per past, practice, the meeting notices/appointment orders of the Observers are sent through email/post, and are required to be served through the Chief Electoral Officers/Nodal Officers of the respective States/UTs in time bound manner.

In the past there have been instances where the orders/notices issued by the Commission have remained undelivered or not timely served on the officers concerned. This often results in their non-attendance at Commission meetings and non-reporting for assigned election duties, forcing the Commission to initiate action against such officers. This not only causes inconvenience to the officers concerned, but also wastage of precious Commission time in unproductive and avoidable activities.

The Commission, has reviewed the matter and directs that the Chief Electoral Officers/ Nodal Officers of all States/UTs shall immediately ensure the service of all notices/appointment orders on the officers who are deployed as Observers, within the stipulated time frame, under proper acknowledgment, so as to enable them to report for their election duties in time. The Chief Electoral Officers/Nodal Officers of States shall employ all available means/resources to serve the Commission's orders on the officers. Further, 'service report, along with acknowledgment of the officers concerned, shall be submitted by the Chief Electoral Officers/Nodal Officers of States to the Commission and no delay in this regard shall be condoned.

Any requests for exemption/replacement etc. should be routed through the Chief Electoral Officers/Nodal Officers of the State, only subsequent to the service of the Commission's orders on the officers concerned.

The Commission's directions may be brought to the notice of all Heads of Department of the State Government for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,  
  
(NIKHIL KUMAR)  
DEPUTY SECRETARY  
29/04/16

Copy to:- All Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs for kind information and necessary action.

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