

General Election Vidhan Sabha, 2014
Most Immediate Date Bound

No. 4/57/2009-1 Election
Government of Haryana
Chief Secretary Office
(Election Branch)

Dated, Chandigarh, the 30th September, 2014.

To

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30/9/14
1. The Principal Secretary to Govt., Haryana, Women & Child Development Department
 2. All the Divisional Commissioner in Haryana.
 3. All the Deputy Commissioner-cum- District Elections Officer in Haryana.

Subject: - General Elections to the State Assemblies- Engagement of Child Labour in the Election Related Activities-Reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to enclose a copy of letter No. 464/INST/2013-EPS, dated 16.09.2014 received from Sh. Sumit Mukherjee, Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi for immediate appropriate action.

2. It may be ensured that directions of the Election Commission of India are complied strictly to implement the above measures.

Yours faithfully,

g/c Jarnail Singh
Superintendent Election.

Endst.No. 4/57/2009-1 Election

Dated, Chandigarh the 30th September, 2014.

A copy is forwarded to Sh. Sh. Sumit Mukherjee, Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi w.r.t. their letter No 464/INST/2013-EPS, dated 16.09.2014 for information.

g/c Jarnail Singh
Superintendent Election.

Endst.No. 4/57/2009-1 Election

Dated, Chandigarh the 30th September, 2014.

A copy is forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer Haryana for information and necessary action.

g/c Jarnail Singh
Superintendent Election.

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No.464/INST/2013-EPS

Dated 16th September, 2014

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the States & Union Territories
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of all the States & Union Territories
3. All Recognised National and State Political Parties

Subject: Engagement of Child Labour in the Election Related Activities -
Regarding.

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Madam / Sir,


Your attention is invited to the Commission's letter No.464/INST/2009/EPS, dated 1st May, 2009 (copy enclosed) on the subject cited, addressed to the Chief Secretaries and Chief Electoral Officers of all the States and Union Territories wherein the Commission had taken strong exception to use of children in various activities connected with elections. The Commission had directed that the District Election Officer / Returning Officer will be personally held responsible for violation of child rights for any work connected with the election process and will face severe disciplinary action apart from facing consequences of law.

2. Further, the Commission vide its letter No.464/INST/2013-EPS, dated 2nd May, 2013 (copy enclosed) addressed to all recognised political parties had directed that violation of children's right for any work connected with election process, like, campaigning, carrying of campaigning material etc. will not be accepted by the Commission and necessary action, apart from facing the consequences of law, will be taken against erring political parties. The leaders of the political parties were advised to ensure that there is no violation of children's right.

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3. The Hon'ble Bombay High Court in its order dated 4th August, 2014 in the matter of PIL No.127 of 2012 (Chetan Ramlal Bhutada Vs. State of Maharashtra and others) has stressed the need to ensure that political parties do not allow participation of minor children in any election related activities. Accordingly, the Commission reiterates that it should be ensured by political parties and election officials also that no child is involved in the election process.

Yours faithfully,


(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
SECRETARY

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 464/INST/2013-EPS

Dated: 2nd May, 2013

To

All Recognized Political Parties.

Subject: Engagement of Child Labour in the election related activities – regarding.

Sir/Madam, –

I am directed to invite your attention to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 which, inter-alia, bans the employment of children below 14 years of age in specified occupations such as transport of goods, etc., which are considered unsafe and harmful to child workers and regulates the conditions of work of children in employment. It also lays down penalties for employment of children in violation of the provisions of this Act, other Acts which forbid the employment of children. The Act extends to the whole of India. The above-mentioned Act applies to all establishments and workshops wherein any industrial process is carried on (excluding one covered under Section 67 of the Factories Act, 1948).

2. The Commission has taken strong exception to use of children in various election related activities. It is highly objectionable. In order to ensure that no such insensitivity is shown by any political parties anywhere in the country, the Commission has directed that such violation of children's right for any work connected with the election process, like, campaigning, carrying of campaigning material, etc., will, in no way, be accepted by the Commission. It is the responsibility of the leaders of the political parties to ensure that there is no violation of these instructions. Necessary action, apart from facing the consequences of law, if any, will be taken by the Commission against erring political parties.

Yours faithfully,


(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
SECRETARY

Copy to: The CEOs and the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.