

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.464/L&O/2009/EPS

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To

The Chief Electoral Officer
Maharashtra.

Subject: Security Plan and force deployment to ensure free and fair and peaceful conduct of election to the State Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra – Role of CPF regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Commission's instructions issued vide Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2008/EPS dated 24.10.2008 addressed to all Chief Secretaries and all Chief Electoral Officers of all States/Union Territories on deployment of security forces.

The Commission has reiterated its direction that, on the poll day, the Central Police Force (CPF) provided for conduct of elections shall be deployed either in static mode on polling stations or in mobile mode with sector officers (election routes). Under no circumstances should the CPF be kept in reserve with SP/SDPO/Police Stations as Quick Response Team as striking reserve on different 'zones' (other than election routes) or as reserve by any other nomenclature. For any deployment other than the above two modes, a prior approval of Commission shall be required.

In a departure from the instruction of the Commission on the subject, the Commission has reduced the minimum guaranteed arrangement for State of Maharashtra from State's own resources to one State police personnel at each polling station and one uniformed personnel (including Home Guard) with every sector officer (sector mobile).

The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
UNDER SECRETARY