

Election Commission of India

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka road, New Delhi-110001

No. 464/INST/EPS/2009

Dated: 5th November, 2009

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of the States of
Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala,
Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
and West Bengal

Subject:- Videography of all the events relating to election campaign during 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of Poll.

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to the provisions of Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which inter-alia provides as under:-

“Section - 126 Prohibition of public meetings during period of forty – eight hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll –

- (1) no person shall –
- (a) convene, hold or attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election; or
 - (b) display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus.
 - (c) Propagate any election matter to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, in any polling area during the period of

forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in the polling area.

- (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

In order to enable the Commission to have a true, faithful and concurrent record of the violations of the election law and the standing instructions of the Commission and to assess the impact of its corrective measures, the District Election Officer/Returning Officer of the constituency shall make special arrangements for extensive videography of all events during this period which trespasses Model Code of Conduct and are in violation of the aforesaid provisions of the law.

4. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned in your State including all political parties in the State, for removal of doubt, if any, on this aspect.
5. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)
UNDER SECRETARY