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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
2. The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Programme Implementation,
Sardar Patel Bhawan,
New Delhi.
3. The Chief Secretaries to the
Government of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu,
West Bengal and Puducherry.
4. The Chief Electoral Officers of
Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu,
West Bengal and Puducherry.

Subject: Release of funds under MPs'/MLAs' Local Area Development Scheme.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's Press Note dated 1st March, 2011 (available on the Commission's web-site :- "<http://eci.nic.in/>"), as per which the Commission has announced the operation of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates.

2. The Commission has considered the release of funds under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Schemes and has decided that-

- a) No fresh release of funds under the Member of Parliament (including Rajya Sabha members) Local Area Development fund shall be made in any part of the country where election is in progress. Similarly no fresh release of funds under the MLAs'/MLCs' Local Area Development Fund shall be made, if any such scheme is in operation, till the completion of election process.
- b) No work shall start in respect of which work orders have been issued before the issue of this letter but the work has actually not started in the field. These works can start only after the completion of election process. However, if a work has actually started, that can continue.
- c) There shall be no bar to the release of payments for completed work(s) subject to the full satisfaction of the concerned officials.

Yours faithfully,

(DILIP KUMAR VARMA)
UNDER SECRETARY