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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.

No. 322/UP-LC/1/2010-CC&BE

Dated : 4th January, 2010

To

1. The Chief Electoral Officer
Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow.
2. All the Returning Officers of Local Authorities Constituencies of the
Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council.
3. All the Observers & Special Observers of Biennial Election to the Uttar Pradesh
Legislative Council from Local Authorities' Constituencies (through the
Returning Officers concerned)

Subject: Biennial Election to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council from Local Authorities'
Constituencies – various instructions - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has issued various instructions during the ongoing Biennial Elections to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council from Local Authorities' Constituencies vide its letters of even number dated 25th & 31st December, 2009, including the following: -

“No helper or companion should be allowed inside the polling booths for helping / assisting the voters except in the case of an illiterate/blind/infirm voter in accordance with rule 40A (under rule 70) of the Conduct of Elections Rule, 1961. Such voters, on the day of poll, before voting, must submit their declaration in the proforma enclosed at Annexure 'A' herewith that he/she is illiterate/blind/infirm and thereafter action may be taken by the Presiding Officer concerned as per Rule 40A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 and accordingly maintain a record for that purpose as per rule (Form 14A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961). The provisions contained in Rule 40A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 shall be strictly followed in this regard.”

In order to ensure strict compliance of the above provision and instruction all Micro Observers should be properly briefed and trained so that they take due care that the Presiding Officers comply with the same for proper identification of electors in accordance with the

guidelines and observation of DECLARATION made by ILLITERATE/BLIND OR OTHERWISE INFIRM ELECTOR and their companions.

In case they notice any deviation / violation of the instructions of the Commission, the Micro Observer should immediately bring the same to the notice of the Presiding Officer of the Polling Station concerned and invariably report the incident to the Commission's Observer at the earliest for appropriate action in this regard.

The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged with the confirmation that the relevant instructions have been issued to all the concerned.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. N. Bhar', is positioned above the typed name.

(K. N. BHAR)
UNDER SECRETARY