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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all States
and Union Territories.

Subject: Use of vehicles for campaign purpose by candidates and political parties.

It has come to the notice of the Commission that vehicles are used for campaign purpose by candidates and political parties during the various elections / bye-elections without proper authorization from Returning Officers. Further, the vehicles authorized by Returning Officers are not displaying the permits issued to them on the windscreen.

All concerned may be directed to ensure that vehicles for the campaign purpose may ply only with the prior approval of the Returning Officers and must display the permit issued in original (not photocopy) prominently on the windscreen. Permit issued should be of sufficient dimension so that it could be seen from a distance. The permit must bear the number of the vehicle and name of the candidate in whose favour it is issued.

In past, the Commission has noticed the tendencies on part of candidates and political parties to take photocopies of the permits issued and misuse them. This tendency should be curbed. A list of permits issued to various candidates for plying vehicles for campaign purpose should be immediately given to all observers and if any addition is done in the list, the same again should be furnished to the observers.

The responsibility for enforcing these instructions shall lie with the Superintendent of Police of the concerned District.

Yours faithfully,

(K. N. BHAR)
UNDER SECRETARY