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To

The Chief Electoral Officer  
Gujarat,  
Gandhinagar.

Sub.- General Election to the Gujarat Legislative Assembly 2007 Instruction regarding security coverage and protectees — Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has been constantly monitoring the Law & Order and security situation in the State of Gujarat in view of the ensuing general election to the Legislative Assembly. The Commission desires the State Govt. to submit the list of persons given security cover by the State. The Commission also desires a separate list of protectees against whom criminal cases are pending and also a list of those individuals granted security cover after the announcement of the election schedule.

2. The responsibility for assessing threat perception against any individual rests with the professional wings of the State Govt. However, considering the fact that in Gujarat some people have been provided with security cover by the State Govt., the Commission has issued the following directions in the interest of smooth, free and fair poll:-

- (i.) Where State security cover is given to a person, to restrict his movement with that security to his own district and not to extend the security cover for his travel to any other district. However, the functionaries included by any recognized political party as their State Level Campaigners (40 in case of recognized parties, 20 in case of registered unrecognized parties) shall be excluded from this restriction; and
- (ii.) Where a person has been provided security by virtue of being a candidate in a constituency, security cover shall be applicable only within the district/districts in which his constituency is located till the election process in the constituency is over.

3. The above directions shall be brought to the notice of all concerned that any deviation from these directions will be seriously viewed and officers responsible for such lapses will be severely punished.

Yours faithfully

(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)