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NOTICE

Whereas, the schedule for General Election to Legislative Assemblies of 05 states including Uttar Pradesh, was announced by the Election Commission vide its Press Note No. ECI/PN/69/2011, dated 24th December, 2011; and

Whereas, the Model Code of Conduct for political parties and candidates came into operation from that date; and

Whereas, it is laid down, inter alia in the "Model Code of Conduct for the Guidance of Political Parties and Candidates" that-

"Para 1(3): There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes...

Para VII: The Party in power whether at the Centre or in the State or States concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that it has used its official position for the purpose of its election campaign,.....

Para VII (vi): From the time elections are announced by the Commission, Ministers and other authorities shall not announce any financial grants in any form or promises thereof....., which may have the effect of influencing the votes in favour of the party in power", and

Whereas, the Commission has received a complaint that Shri Beni Prasad Verma, Union Minister of Steel during election meeting in Farrukhabad at Kayamganj on 15.02.2012 has made the following statement that -

"लेकिन हम कहते हैं कि इनकी तरफ से ये आरक्षण और बढ़ाया जाएगा । मुसलमानों के पास जमीन नहीं है, मुसलमानों का अपना रोजगार नहीं है, मुसलमान सबसे ज्यादा बेकार हैं । दिन भर मेहनत करता है तब शाम को खाना खा सकता है। मुसलमानों को और सुविधाएं दी जाएगी। आरक्षण फिर भी बढ़ाया जाएगा। चुनाव आयोग कोई नोटिस दे दे, अगली बार अपने आप देखेंगे । दोस्तों कांग्रेस को ही वोट देना।"and

Whereas, the Commission has obtained a copy of video recordings (copy enclosed) of the said election, and having seen it, is prima facie satisfied that Shri Beni Prasad Verma, Union Minister of Steel, by making the aforesaid statements, has violated the aforesaid provisions of the Model Code of Conduct; and

Whereas, it is evident from the above statements of Shri Beni Prasad Verma that he was well aware that by making such utterances, he was violating the model code of conduct and yet he deliberately and willfully did the same;

Now, therefore, the Election Commission hereby gives Shri Beni Prasad Verma, Union Minister of Steel, an opportunity to explain by 5.00 PM on 20.02.2012 (Monday) as to why action should not be taken against him for violating the aforesaid provisions of Model Code of Conduct failing which the Commission will decide the matter without any further reference to him.

By order,

(NARENDRA N BUTOLIA)
SECRETARY

Shri Beni Prasad Verma, MP
Union Minister of Steel.