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# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

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**No. 437/6/INST/2009-CC&BE**

**Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2009**

To

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Andhra Pradesh,  
Hyderabad.

**Sub: Application of Model Code of Conduct – Clarification on unfurling of National Flag on the Independence Day Celebration– regarding.**

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 3632/Elecs.B/A1/2009-1 dated 13.8.2009, I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letter of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 forwarding therewith the Commission's instruction dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009 regarding celebration of various National Days, which clarifies your queries made in your letter referred to above.

However, it is clarified that in the District in which the Model Code of Conduct is in force, the function may be presided over and the National Flag may be unfurled by the Collector or some other Senior Officer (not by any political functionary). The Tableaus, if brought out on the occasion, should do not display the photographs or political message of any Minister/political dignitary and do not highlight the Government schemes / achievements, in the districts where the Model Code of Conduct is in force.

The receipt of the letter may kindly be acknowledged.

**Yours faithfully,**

**(K. AJAYA KUMAR)**  
**SECRETARY**

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