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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

To,

Sh. C. K. Jain,  
Dy Director General,  
Prasar Bharti,  
Doordarshan Bhawan,  
Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001.

Subject - Telecast of political advt. on Doordarshan – clarification – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dt DD/DCS/2014/1/200 dt 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 on the subject cited and to clarify that according to Section 126(1)(b) of Representation of the People Act, 1951 restrictions related to display of election matter during prohibited period applies only to polling areas. Hence, display of telecast of political advertisements is prohibited, only in polling areas. In this connection, Commission's notification dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 is enclosed for ready reference.

**Enclosure: as above**

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dhirendra Ojha)

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### **NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the schedules for the General Elections to the House of the People, 2014 and the State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim 2014 and bye-elections in the State Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal- were announced by the Commission vide Press Notes bearing No. ECI/PN/10/2014, dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. No. ECI/PN/13/2014 dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 & No. ECI/PN/17/2014 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014;

2. And whereas, as per the provisions of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, there shall be restrictions on conduct of any exit poll and publication and dissemination of result of such exit poll during such period, as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard;

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between 7.00 AM on 07<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Monday) and 06.30 PM on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 (Monday), as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the current General Elections to the House of the People, 2014 and the State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim 2014 and bye-elections from assembly constituencies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal to be held simultaneously with the general election to Lok Sabha shall be prohibited.

