

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Cabinet Secretary to the Govt. of India

Cabinet Secretariat

Rashtrapati Bhavan

New Delhi

Subject:- Model Code of Conduct-References from the Ministries and Department of Govt of India on financial matters_ clarification regarding

Sir,

As you are aware various Ministries and Departments of Government of India are making references to the Commission seeking clearance from model code angle or seeking clarification from the model code angle on various matters pertaining to the individual Ministries including those relating to financial matters. The Commission is aware that the financial year is ending and there would be a lot of work for which financial approval is to be accorded and for which budget provision has been already provided. Taking into account this aspect, the Commission has decided that :-

- (i) if the references already sent by the Ministries and Departments are pertaining to such matters which are ongoing works/schemes for which budget provision is already provided and waiting for Commission's no objection for the release of funds or the Ministry/Department is contemplating to send such a reference to the Commission, it has no objection if the amounts earmarked for such works are parked in the suspense account of the Ministry/Department or parked in a Govt. Bank/Treasury as the case may be without waiting for Commission's formal no objection subject to the condition that the implementation of the same is taken up after the election is over.

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- (ii) In case the budget allocation in such matters is to be distributed to State Govt.s , the Ministry /Department may transfer the funds to the State Govts without waiting for Commission's formal no objection subject to the condition that the amount shall be utilized for actual implementation after the elections. It is clarified that this procedure will apply only to those references made to the Commission for which the Commission's no objection is awaited or are being referred for clearance.

You are requested to inform /direct the Ministries and Departments accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(K.AJAYA KUMAR)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY