

ਦਫਤਰ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸੈਸਿ), ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ।  
(ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਸ਼ਨ ਸੈਲ)

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

1. ਸਮੂਹ ਮੰਡਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
2. ਸਮੂਹ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ (ਸੈਸਿ), ਪੰਜਾਬ।

ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ: 15/21-2015 ਕੋ ਸੈਲ (1)/49


ਮਿਤੀ: 19-01-2017

**ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:** General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Utrkhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2017- Polling day and Counting "Dry Day"- Prohibition on sale of Liquor etc. Regarding.

**ਹਵਾਲਾ:** ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸਿੱਖਿਆ-6 ਸ਼ਾਖਾ) ਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: ਈ-220/ਚੋਣ-2017-5ਸਿ6/24-28 ਮਿਤੀ: 18-01-2017 ਸਮੇਤ ਮੁੱਖ ਚੋਣ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: CSO/2017/910386/1 ਮਿਤੀ: 17-01-2017 ਅਤੇ Election Commission of India ਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 576/14/EPS/2017 ਮਿਤੀ: 14-01-2017.

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਤੇ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰ, ਸਮੇਤ ਸਹਿ ਪੱਤਰ, ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਨ ਬਿੰਨ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।


ਨੱਥੀ: ਉਕਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ

  
ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਸ਼ਨ ਸੈਲ

ਪਿੱ: ਅੰ: ਨੰ: ਉਕਤ

ਮਿਤੀ: 19-01-2017

ਉਤਾਰਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਡੀ.ਪੀ.ਆਈ (ਸੈਸਿ), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਸਮੂਹ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਨ ਬਿੰਨ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।

  
ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਸ਼ਨ ਸੈਲ

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ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ  
ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ  
(ਸਿੱਖਿਆ-6 ਸਾਖਾ)

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

1. ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ, ਦਫ: ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ, ਫੇਜ਼-8, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।
2. ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸੈ.ਸਿ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਦਫ: ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ, ਫੇਜ਼-8, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।
3. ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਐ.ਸਿ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਦਫ: ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ, ਫੇਜ਼-8, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।
4. ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਈ.ਆਰ.ਟੀ., ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਦਫ: ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ, ਫੇਜ਼-8, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।
5. ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ, ਫੇਜ਼-8, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ:ਈ-220/ਚੋਣ-2017-5ਸਿ6/24-28

ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ: 18.01.2017

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:

General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2017- Polling day and Counting "Dry Day" - Prohibition on sale of Liquor etc. Regarding.

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ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਤੇ ਵਧੀਕ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨਲ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: CSO/2017/ 910386/2 ਮਿਤੀ 17.01.2017, ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: SEC/2017/55-61 ਮਿਤੀ 15.01.2017 ਅਤੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਚੋਣ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 576/14/I-PS/2017 ਮਿਤੀ 14.01.2017 ਅਤੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਚੋਣ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: Elec-2017/R-940 ਮਿਤੀ 17.01.2017 ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ।

2. ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਅੰਕਿਤ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਚੋਣ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 17.01.2017 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਧਾਨ ਸਭਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਮਿਤੀ 04.02.2017 ਅਤੇ ਕਾਉਂਟਿੰਗ ਮਿਤੀ 11.03.2017 ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ People Act, 1951 ਦੇ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ 135 ਸੀ ਤਹਿਤ "Dry Day" ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ 48-48 ਘੰਟੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਵਿੱਚ Prohibition on sale of Liquor etc. ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪਾਬੰਦੀ ਲਗਾਈ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਅਦਾਰਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਚੋਣ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਇਨ ਬਿਨ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਕਰਵਾਉਣੀ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ। ਅਜਿਹਾ ਨਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਿਰੋਲ ਨਿਮੋਦਾਰੀ ਆਪ ਦੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ।

4. ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਪਰਮ ਅਗੇਤ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

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ਉਤਾਰਾ ਵਧੀਕ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨਲ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: CSO/2017/910386/2 ਮਿਤੀ 17.01.2017, ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: SEC/2017/55-61 ਮਿਤੀ 15.01.2017 ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

ਵਧੀਕ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨਲ

ਅੰ.ਵਿ.ਪੱ.ਨੰ: ਈ-220/ਚੋਣ-2017-5ਸਿ6/29

ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ: 18.01.2017

ਇਸ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ, ਸਿੱਖਿਆ-2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ਅਤੇ 7 ਸਾਖਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਲੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ,

ਸਿੱਖਿਆ-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ਅਤੇ 7 ਸਾਖਾ।

ਅੰ.ਵਿ.ਪੱ.ਨੰ: ਈ-220/ਚੋਣ-2017-5ਸਿ6/30-35

ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ: 18.01.2017

ਅੰਦਰੂਨੀ ਵੰਡ:

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OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

1. All Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
2. All Financial Commissioners/Principal Secretaries to Govt. of Punjab
3. All Administrative Secretaries to Govt. of Punjab
4. Director General of Police, Punjab
5. All Head of Departments
6. All Divisional Commissioners
7. All Deputy Commissioners
8. All Sub Divisional Magistrate

Memo No. CSO/2017/910386/1  
Dated: Chandigarh 17/01/2017

SECRETARY (P.S.) E.S.O.  
18-1-17

Subject: General Elections to Vidhan Sabha 2017- Polling day and Counting day "DRY DAY" Prohibition of Sale of liquor.

Reference subject noted above.

2. Enclosed please find herewith a copy of letter No.ELEC-2017/R-940 dated. 17-01-2017 (along with a copy of letter No.576/14/EPS/2017 dated. 14-01-2017 and letter No. 100/HN\_LA/2009(Progress) dated. 20-01-2010 from ECI) from Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh on the subjects cited above for strict and meticulous compliance of the instructions of the Election Commission of India.

Harish Nayyar  
(Harish Nayyar IAS)  
Additional Secretary, Personnel,  
For Chief Secretary, Punjab.

Endst. No. CSO/2017/910386/2 Dated. Chandigarh, 17-01-2017

A copy alongwith 2 copies of its enclosures is forwarded to the following for ensuring strict and meticulous compliance of the instructions of the Election Commission of India. :-

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Department of Home Affairs.
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Department of Excise & Taxation.
3. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Punjab, Patiala.

Harish Nayyar  
(Harish Nayyar IAS)  
Additional Secretary, Personnel,  
For Chief Secretary, Punjab.

Endst. No. CSO/2017/910386/3

Dated. Chandigarh, 17/01/2017

A copy is forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh w.r.f to letter No. Elec/2017/R-940. dated. 17-01-2017 for information.

Harish Nayyar  
(Harish Nayyar IAS)  
Additional Secretary, Personnel,  
For Chief Secretary, Punjab.

Endst. No. CSO/2017/910386/4

Dated. Chandigarh, 17/01/2017

A copy is forwarded to :-

1. The Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi for information.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir at Jammu (along with enclosures)
3. The Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla (along with enclosures)
4. The Chief Electoral Officer, U.T., Chandigarh (along with enclosures)
5. The Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, Chandigarh (along with enclosures)
6. The Chief Electoral Officer, Rajasthan (along with enclosures) for information and immediate necessary action. (along with enclosures)

Harish Nayyar  
(Harish Nayyar IAS)  
Additional Secretary, Personnel,  
For Chief Secretary, Punjab.

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OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, PUNJAB  
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No. Elec-2017/R- 940

Dated 7 January 2017

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

Subject: General Election to Vidhan Sabha, 2017-Polling day and Counting day-"**DRY DAY**"-Prohibition of sale of liquor.

Sir,

As you are aware that the poll for the General Election to Punjab Legislative Assembly will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 (08.00 A.M. to 03.00 P.M.) and counting of votes will take place on 11.03.2017 at 08.00 A.M. According to the Commission's directions contained in its letter No. 575/14/EPS/2017, dated 14.01.2017 and section 135c of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. The period of "**DRY DAY**" shall be declared and notified under the relevant state laws as is appropriate during the 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll with respect to polling day for an election in that polling area.

2. Steps shall also be taken to prohibit sale of liquor in adjoining areas of the concerned constituency so that there are no chances of clandestine movement of liquor from those areas.

3. The State is adjoining with the areas of the Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Haryana and Rajasthan.


4. It is, therefore, requested that the Chief Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Advisor to Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh may please be requested to ensure the compliance of provision of said Act and the directions of the Election Commission of India on prohibition of Sale of Liquor within 3 kms. of the areas adjoining with the State of Punjab.

DEPT. SECRETARY, CHANDIGARH

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A copy of letter No. 100/HN-LA/2009/progress, dated 20.01.2017 of the Election Commission of India is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

A copy of the instructions issued by your department may kindly be sent to this department immediately so that the Election Commission of India can be informed.


  
Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab

Enclst. No. Elec-2017/R- 941

Dated/7 January, 2017

A copy alongwith a copy of above letter is forwarded to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.
  2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir at Jammu;
  3. The Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla;
  4. The Chief Electoral Officer, U.T. Chandigarh;
  5. The Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, Chandigarh; and
  6. The Chief Electoral Officer, Rajasthan
- for immediate necessary action.

  
Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab

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असतोम रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001  
Nirvachan Sadan,  
Asotom Road, New Delhi-110001

No.576/14/EP/2017

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

To

The Chief Secretaries to the Govt. of

1. Goa, Panaji,
2. Manipur, Imphal,
3. Punjab, Chandigarh,
4. Uttarakhand, Dehradun,
5. Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

The Chief Electoral Officers,

1. Goa, Panaji,
2. Manipur, Imphal,
3. Punjab, Chandigarh,
4. Uttarakhand, Dehradun,
5. Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

Subject: General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2017 - Prohibition on sale of Liquor etc. - Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Commission has announced schedule for the General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2017 vide its Press Note dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. In this regard, I am directed to invite your attention to Section 135 C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which provides that no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll for any election in the polling area.

2. In view of the statutory provision as above, 'Dry day' shall be declared and notified under the relevant State laws as is appropriate during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll as indicated in the Commission's notification with respect to polling day for an election in that polling area where elections to Legislative Assemblies are due to be held. This will include the dates of re-poll, if any.

3. The Commission is further of the considered view that in the interest of free, fair and peaceful conduct of election process the date on which counting of votes is to be taken up for Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh should be also be declared 'Dry Day' under the relevant laws in the States.

4. No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, should be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whatsoever, on the aforesaid days.

5. Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days.

6. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the excise law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

7. The Commission directs that the State Governments shall strictly implement the above measures. They are required to issue detailed and comprehensive instructions to all authorities concerned to take appropriate and legally effective measures to implement the above prohibitions and assist the election authorities in peaceful and smooth conduct of free and fair poll.

8. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sumit Mukherjee)  
Secretary

Copy to concerned Zonal Sections

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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 100/HN-LA/2009(Progress)

Dated 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Haryana, Chandigarh

Subject: Bye-Election to the Legislative of Haryana, 2009 from 46-  
Ellenabad Assembly Constituency - Prohibition of Sale of Liquor  
regarding.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. ( )/Elec-2010/4AE-647, dated  
19<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 on the subject cited and to state that the Commission has  
considered the order of the Excise Department, Haryana, effecting the ban on  
sale of liquor in the Constituency alongwith its adjoining area of 3 Kms. as  
sufficient.

The Deputy Commissioner, Sirsa may be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)  
UNDER SECRETARY



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**Election Matters-2017**  
**Most Urgent**

**OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRETARY, PUNJAB**

To

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- 1) All Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab.
- 2) All Financial Commissioners/Principal Secretaries to Govt. of Punjab.
- 3) All Administrative Secretaries to Govt. of Punjab.
- 4) Director General of Police, Punjab.
- 5) All Heads of Department.
- 6) All Divisional Commissioners.
- 7) All Deputy Commissioners.
- 8) All Sub Divisional Magistrates.

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Memo No. SEC/2017/55-61  
Dated, Chandigarh, the 15.1.2017

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17/18-1-17

Subject- General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2017-Prohibition on sale of Liquor etc.- Regarding.

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Enclosed please find herewith a copy of letter No. 576/14/EPS/2017, dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 from Election Commission of India on the subject cited above for strict and meticulous compliance .

Harish Nayar  
(Harish Nayar, AS)

Additional Secretary Personnel  
For Chief Secretary Punjab

Endst.No. SEC/2017/62-64

Dated, Chandigarh, the 15.1.2017

A copy alongwith a copy of its enclosure is forwarded to the following for ensuring strict and meticulous compliance of the instructions of the Election Commission of India:-

- 1) Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Department of Home Affairs.
- 2) Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Department of Excise & Taxation.
- 3) Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Punjab, Patiala.

Harish Nayar  
Harish Nayar, (AS)

Additional Secretary Personnel  
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Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No.576/14/EP/2017

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

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**Subject: General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2017 - Prohibition on sale of Liquor etc. - Regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

The Commission has announced schedule for the General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, 2017 vide its Press Note dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. In this regard, I am directed to invite your attention to Section 135 C of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which provides that no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a like nature shall be sold, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house, tavern, shop or any other place, public or private, within a polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll for any election in the polling area.

2. In view of the statutory provision as above, 'Dry day' shall be declared and notified under the relevant State laws as is appropriate during 48 hours, ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll as indicated in the Commission's notification with respect to polling day for an election in that polling area where elections to Legislative Assemblies are due to be held. This will include the dates of re-poll, if any.

3. The Commission is further of the considered view that in the interest of free, fair and peaceful conduct of election process the date on which counting of votes is to be taken up for Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh should be also be declared 'Dry Day' under the relevant laws in the States.

4. No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, should be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whatsoever, on the aforesaid days.

5. Non-proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, should also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days.

6. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided in the excise law on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

7. The Commission directs that the State Governments shall strictly implement the above measures. They are required to issue detailed and comprehensive instructions to all authorities concerned to take appropriate and legally effective measures to implement the above prohibitions and assist the election authorities in peaceful and smooth conduct of free and fair poll.

8. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Secretary

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