

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. 576/Exit/2014/SDR-Vol.-I

Dated: 3rd April, 2014

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States and Union Territories

Sub: 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, & West Bengal - Exit Poll-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Notification No.576/Exit/2014/SDR-Vol.I dated 3rd April, 2014 with the request that this may be published in an extraordinary issue of the gazette of the State and a copy thereof may be sent to the Commission for record.

This may be brought to the notice of all concerned including news bureaus, media houses, radio and television channels etc. and should also be published in prominent local newspapers.

Yours faithfully,

(N.T. Bhutia)
Under Secretary

To be published in the Gazette
of India Part II Section 3 Sub Sec (i)
and the State Gazette of Andhra Pradesh,
Odisha, Sikkim, Bihar, Gujarat,
Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,
Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu,
West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh & Himachal Pradesh.

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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 5th March, 2014. No. ECI/PN/13/2014 dated 10th March, 2014 & No. ECI/PN/17/2014 27th 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 07th April 2014 (Monday) and 06.30 PM on 12th 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.

4. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll in the respective polling areas in connection with aforesaid General elections and by-elections.

By order,

(Ashish Chakraborty)
Secretary