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Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
Office of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies

9th Floor, E Tower, World Trade Center
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029
Dated: 30 April, 2024

To

The Chief Executive,
All Multi-State Cooperative Societies

Sub: General Election to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim, 2024- Election Expenditure Monitoring- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Election Commission of India, New Delhi letter No. 464/ECI/Exp.Obs.-Thrissur/EEPS/2024/14926 dated 22.04.2024 (copy enclosed) on the above mentioned subjected and to request to provide information regarding suspicious transactions in your Society to the District Election Officers and Income Tax Department during the operation of Model Code of Conduct so that pernicious role of money in elections could be prevented.

This issues with the approval of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above

(Jitender Nagar)

Deputy Commissioner (Cooperation)

Copy to:

1. Under Secretary (CD Division), Ministry of Cooperation, 2nd floor, Atal Akshay Urja Bhavan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi for information w.r.t letter No. 20-20011/71/MoC (121187) dated 26.04.2024.
2. Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 for information w.r.t above mentioned letter.
3. IT Cell for uploading on CRCS Office portal.

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 464/ECI/Exp. Obs.-Thrissur/EEPS/2024/14926

Dated: 22 April, 2024

To

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The Secretary
M/o Co-operation, Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road (behind NIA Building)
New Delhi-110003

Sub: General Election to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim, 2024-Election Expenditure Monitoring-Reg.

Sir,

As you are aware, General Election to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim, 2024 announced by the Commission vide its Press Note on 16th March, 2024 is underway. As per the Commission's instruction no. 61/Complaints/AP-LS/2012/EEPS, dated 19th July, 2012 (copy enclosed), Banks are required to provide information regarding suspicious transactions to District Election Officers and Income Tax Department during the operation of Model Code of Conduct. The Commission has been apprised by the Expenditure Observers that Co-operative Banks/Societies are not providing the information to the DEO / Income Tax Department regarding suspicious transactions. You are, therefore, requested to furnish your comments regarding regulation of Co-operative Banks/Societies in general so that pernicious role of money in elections could be prevented. An early reply in the matter is appreciated.

Encl. as above

Yours faithfully,



(SUJEET KUMAR MISHRA)
SECRETARY

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Annexure-D12

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 61/Complaints/AP-LS/2012/EEPS

Dated: 19th July, 2012

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States/UTs

Subject: Collection of information from banks regarding suspicious transactions during electioneering under Article -324 of the Constitution - regarding

Sir,

With reference to the suggestions of Indian Banks' Association vide letter no. LEGAL/5946, dated 6th June, 2012 (copy enclosed), I am directed to state that in order to maintain purity of election process, the District Election Officers (DEOs) shall call for the following information from the Banks regarding suspicious cash transactions made through the banks during the election process:

- (i) Unusual and suspicious cash withdrawal or deposit of cash in a bank account exceeding Rs. 1 lakh during the process of election, without any such instance of deposit or withdrawal during the last two months.
- (ii) Unusual transfer of amount by RTGS from one bank account to the accounts of several persons in a district/constituency during the election process without any precedent of such transfer.
- (iii) Any deposit of cash or withdrawal of cash exceeding Rs. 1 lakh from bank account of candidates or spouse or his dependants, as mentioned in the affidavit filed by candidates which is available in CEO's website.
- (iv) Any withdrawal of cash and deposit of cash exceeding Rs. 1 lakh in the account of the political party during the election process.
- (v) Any other suspicious cash transactions, which might be used for bribing the electors.

2. The above information shall be processed by the DEOs and wherever it is suspected that the cash may be used for bribing of electors, then Flying Squad may be asked to take

necessary action, after due verification. However, if the amount of cash deposit or withdrawal is more than Rs.10 lakh, then such information shall be passed on to the Nodal Officer of the Income Tax Department, for taking necessary action under the Income Tax laws.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(AVINASH KUMAR)
UNDER SECRETARY

Copy to:

Shri K Ramakrishnan, Chief Executive, Indian Banks Association World Trade Centre Complex, Centre 1, 6th Floor, Cuffee Parade, Mumbai-400005, with request to inform all banks for compliance during election process.

Sd/-
(AVINASH KUMAR)
UNDER SECRETARY



Indian Banks' Association

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

No. IBA/59-46

June 6, 2012

Shri S K Rudola
Secretary
Election Commission of India
Lotus Road
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

Disclosure of information on the transactions in the account of
Customers by Banks to the District Election Officer

Please refer to your letter No 61/Complaints/AP-4 S/2012/13/PE/268 dated 4th April, 2012 in regard to the above matter.

In view of the clarifications issued by the Election Commission, we had placed this matter before the Managing Committee of the IBA for considering whether member banks should be advised about powers of the District Election Officers to seek information from the banks. The Managing Committee was of the view that to facilitate full cooperation with the District Election Officers by the branches of commercial banks in the matter of monitoring entire election process including expenditure monitoring, the Election Commission may be requested to consider whether District Election Officers may be advised to observe the following norms

- i) While calling for information from the branches of banks, District Election Officers may specifically quote the directive / guidelines of the Election Commission in terms of which the information is called for from the banks, and
- ii) The District Election Officers may ensure that the information called for is not general information which is in the nature of roving or fishing enquiry but is restricted in respect of candidates contesting the election, the political parties to which the candidate belongs and the office bearers or other persons working for the candidate.

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We shall be grateful if the Election Commission considers our suggestion as stated above so that we shall advise the member banks about the powers of the District Election Officers who call for such information. We shall also be grateful if a copy of the relevant directives / guidelines issued by the Election Commission under Article 324 of the Constitution of India be forwarded to us so that the same can be circulated amongst the members of IBA.

Yours faithfully

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