

Subject: [Collectors-ts] Directions from ECI on removing references to Ministers, MLAs etc - Draft Letter for approval

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Sub: ITE&C Dept. – Directions from the Election Commission of India (ECI) on enforcement of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) – Removal of Photograph of political functionaries at official website – Instructions – Issued.

Ref: Letter No. 437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2018, Dated. 06.10.2018 from the Election Commission of India, New Delhi. (https://eci.nic.in/eci_main1/Current/MCC5_06102018.pdf)

In the reference cited above, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued certain directions on the immediate action to be taken for effective enforcement of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) after the announcement of General Elections to the State Legislative Assembly.

Sl. No. 4 of the said directions is as follows:-

"**Photograph of political functionary at official website** - ECI instruction contained in letter No. 437/6/INST/2014-CC&BE, dated 20th March, 2014 provides that all references of Ministers, Politicians or political parties available on central/state Government's official website, shall be removed. The CEOs have to take immediate action to remove/hide the photographs of any political functionary from official websites of state department."

2. In view of the above instructions, all the Departments of Secretariat/ HoDs/ other Government entities are hereby requested to immediately remove/hide references i.e. photos or details etc. of Ministers, Politicians or political parties present on the respective official websites of State Government/ other entities of Government.
3. In case of any clarifications, they may contact Director, Digital Media/ Assistant Director, Portal on 040-23456397 or mail to ad_portal@telangana.gov.in/ tweb-itc@telangana.gov.in.
4. As the Model Code of Conduct is already in place, the matter may be treated as the **Most Urgent**.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the Departments of Secretariat.
All the HoDs in the State.
All the Constitutional/ Independent Bodies.
All the District Collectors.
The Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana State.
The SIO, NIC, BRKR Bhavan, Hyderabad
The DG, CGG, MCRHRDI Campus, Hyderabad
The CEO, TS Online, Hyderabad

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