

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 437/6/1/2013-CC&BE

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,  
Government of India,  
Rashtrapati Bhawan,  
New Delhi.
2. The Chief Secretary to the  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bangaluru.
3. The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Karnataka,  
Bangaluru.

**Sub: Application of Model Code of Conduct - General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka-regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission has announced the schedule for holding General Election to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Karnataka vide its Press Note, dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, which is uploaded on Commission's website <http://eci.nic.in>.

2. With this announcement, the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of the Political Parties and Candidates have come into force with immediate effect, which will be in operation in the State of Karnataka till the due Constitution Notifications constituting the new House concerned is issued by the Commission. The provisions of the Model Code of Conduct are applicable to the concerned State Government as well as Union Government so far as it relates to the States for which elections are announced. This may be brought to the notice of the Government, all Ministries/Departments and all other offices of the Union Government and the State Government of Karnataka.

3. Your particular attention is drawn to the provisions of Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of Political Parties and Candidates and various instructions issued by the Commission, which, inter-alia, state that the party in power whether at the Centre or in the State or States concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that it has used its official position for the purposes of its election campaign and in particular:-

- (i) (a) The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work;

