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F.No. CEO/COE/102(2)/2017 8136-68

Dated: 28/02/2017

To,

1. The District Election Officers of all the 11 districts in NCT of Delhi.
2. The President/Secretary/Gen. Secretary of  
All recognized National political parties in Delhi
3. The President, State Party of Delhi (AAP),

Sub: Engagement of Child Labour in the Election Related Activities-regarding  
Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of ECI letter No. 464/INST/2017-EPS dated 21-02-2017 on the subject cited above wherein Commission has reiterated its earlier directions that it should be ensured by all political parties and election officials that children are not involved in any election related process or activity.

This is for strict compliance of the ECI instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above.

**(CHARANJIT SINGH)  
ELECTION OFFICER (COE)**

Copy to:

1. SDMs(E) of all the 11 districts in NCT of Delhi
2. PS to CEO/ PA to Addl CEO
3. Sr. System Analyst , O/o the CEO, Delhi with the request to upload the ECI instructions on the official website under the link 'Recent Instructions'.



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Nirvachan Sadan,  
Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No.464/INST/2017-EPS

Dated 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the States & Union Territories
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of all the States & Union Territories
3. All Recognised National and State Political Parties

Subject: Engagement of Child Labour in the Election Related Activities –  
Regarding.

Reference:

1. Commission's letter No.464/INST/2009/EPS, dated 01/05/2009;
2. Commission's letter No.464/INST/2013-EPS, dated 02/05/2013;
3. Commission's letter No.464/INST/2013-EPS, dated 16/09/2014.

Madam / Sir,

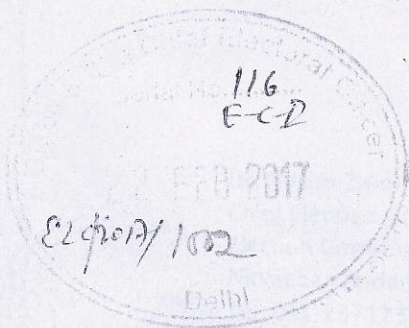
Your attention is invited to the Commission's letters referred above on the subject cited. The Commission has directed from time to time that the political parties and election officials should refrain from involving child labour in the election process.

2. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCH), Government of India vide its letter No.A-11033/77/2017-Admn, dated 20/01/2017 has requested the Commission to ensure that children are not involved in any form with the election related activities by either the elections officials or the political parties.

3. In view of the above, the Commission reiterates its earlier directions that it should be ensured by all political parties and election officials that children are not involved in any election-related process or activity.

Yours faithfully,

(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
SECRETARY



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Stuti Kacker  
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Chairperson

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

नई दिल्ली-110 001  
New Delhi - 110 001



F.No. A-11033/77/2017-Admn

Date: 20/01-2017

Sub: Use of children by Political Parties during election campaign. / 50855

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Dear Sir,

As you are aware the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) has been constituted under the provisions of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 for protection of child rights and other related matters. Section 13 (1) (f) of CPCR Act mandates the Commission to study treaties and other international instruments and undertake periodical review of existing policies, programmes and other activities on child rights and make recommendations for their effective implementation in the best interest of children.

2. It has been reported that children are often used in multifarious activities by various political parties during the election campaigns, which is in violation of rights of children. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has been ratified by India, provides under Article 36 that "children should be protected from any activities that could harm their development". Article 32 also provides that the Government should protect children from work that is dangerous or might harm their health or their education.

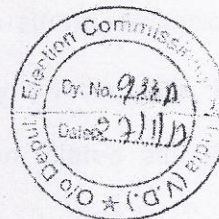
3. As the Commission is committed to the survival, development and protection of the rights of the children, the Commission views this matter very seriously and requests you to ensure that the following recommendations are followed strictly by the officials deputed in election duties and also by Political Parties during the election campaign/canvassing in the forthcoming Assembly Elections in the notified States:

I. All the officials deputed by the Election Commission of India in the election process should ensure that children are not involved in any form in carrying EVMs or other equipment/materials to the Election Booths/strong rooms/godowns etc.

II. All the Political Parties – National as well as State Level – be directed not to use children in the election campaign in any form whatsoever, for distribution of posters/pamphlets or to participate in slogan shouting, campaign rallies, election meetings etc.

I trust this finds favour from you. A copy of action taken may kindly be shared with this Commission.

With Regards,



Yours sincerely,

*Stuti Kacker*  
(Stuti Kacker)

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# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 464/INST/2009/EPS

Dated: 1st May, 2009.

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all states/UTs
2. The Chief Electoral Officers of all States/UTs

Subject :- Engagement of child labour in the election process- Regarding.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to state that it has come to the notice of the Commission that children were employed for carrying electronic voting machines at Bhagalpur, Bihar during the ongoing general election, 2009. (A copy of photograph published in a newspaper is enclosed)

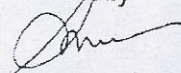
As you are aware that Child Labour Act, bans the employment of children below 14 years of age in specified occupations such as transport of goods etc. which are considered unsafe and harmful to child workers and regulates the conditions of work of children in employment. It also lays down penalties for employment of children in violation of the provisions of this Act, other Acts which forbid the employment of children. The Act extends to the whole of India. The child labour Act of 1986 applies to all establishments and workshops wherein any industrial process is carried on (excluding one covered under Section 67 of the Factories Act, 1948).

The Commission has taken strong exception to use of children in work connected with elections. It is highly objectionable. In order to ensure that no such insensitivity is shown by the election related officials anywhere in the country, the



Commission has directed that such violation of child rights for any work connected with the election process is in no way acceptable to the Commission. The District Election Officers/Retuning Officers shall be informed that they will be personally held responsible for any such violation and will face severe disciplinary action apart from facing the consequences of law, if any such instance comes to the notice of the Commission.

Yours faithfully



(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
UNDER SECRETARY

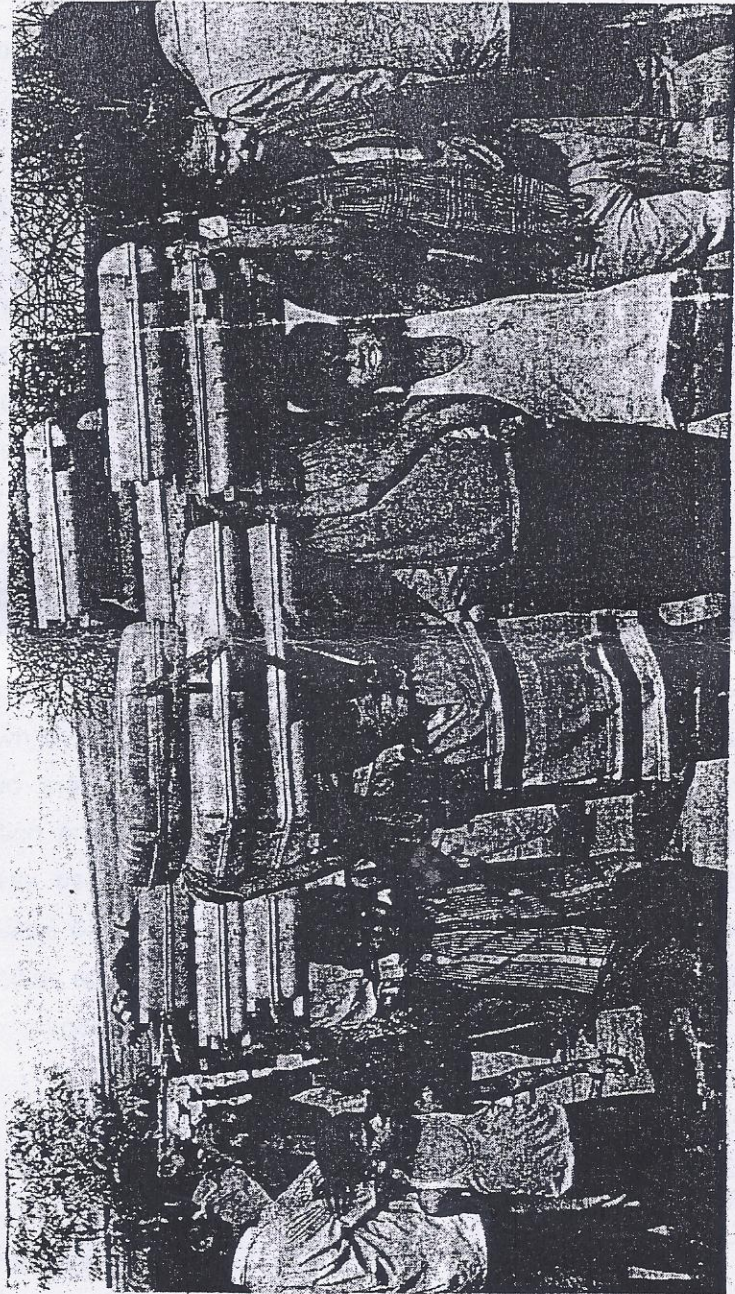


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## Heavy duty on tender heads



**NO KIDDING:** Children carrying electronic voting machines on the eve of the third phase of Lok Sabha elections in Bhagalpur constituency of Bihar on Wednesday. — PHOTO: RANJEET KUMAR



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## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 464/INST/2013-EPS

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013

To

All Recognized Political Parties.

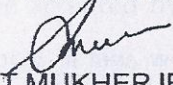
**Subject: Engagement of Child Labour in the election related activities – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 which, inter-alia, bans the employment of children below 14 years of age in specified occupations such as transport of goods, etc., which are considered unsafe and harmful to child workers and regulates the conditions of work of children in employment. It also lays down penalties for employment of children in violation of the provisions of this Act, other Acts which forbid the employment of children. The Act extends to the whole of India. The above-mentioned Act applies to all establishments and workshops wherein any industrial process is carried on (excluding one covered under Section 67 of the Factories Act, 1948).

2. The Commission has taken strong exception to use of children in various election related activities. It is highly objectionable. In order to ensure that no such insensitivity is shown by any political parties anywhere in the country, the Commission has directed that such violation of children's right for any work connected with the election process, like, campaigning, carrying of campaigning material, etc., will, in no way, be accepted by the Commission. It is the responsibility of the leaders of the political parties to ensure that there is no violation of these instructions. Necessary action, apart from facing the consequences of law, if any, will be taken by the Commission against erring political parties.

Yours faithfully,

  
(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
SECRETARY

Copy to: The CEOs and the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.



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No.464/INST/2013-EPS

Dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

To

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Subject: Engagement of Child Labour in the Election Related Activities -  
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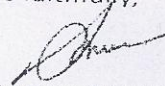
Your attention is invited to the Commission's letter No.464/INST/2009/EPS, dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009 (copy enclosed) on the subject cited, addressed to the Chief Secretaries and Chief Electoral Officers of all the States and Union Territories wherein the Commission had taken strong exception to use of children in various activities connected with elections. The Commission had directed that the District Election Officer / Returning Officer will be personally held responsible for violation of child rights for any work connected with the election process and will face severe disciplinary action apart from facing consequences of law.

2. Further, the Commission vide its letter No.464/INST/2013-EPS, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 (copy enclosed) addressed to all recognised political parties had directed that violation of children's right for any work connected with election process, like, campaigning, carrying of campaigning material etc. will not be accepted by the Commission and necessary action, apart from facing the consequences of law, will be taken against erring political parties. The leaders of the political parties were advised to ensure that there is no violation of children's right.



3. The Hon'ble Bombay High Court in its order dated 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 in the matter of PIL No.127 of 2012 (Chetan Ramlal Bhutada Vs. State of Maharashtra and others) has stressed the need to ensure that political parties do not allow participation of minor children in any election related activities. Accordingly, the Commission reiterates that it should be ensured by political parties and election officials also that no child is involved in the election process.

Yours faithfully,

  
(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
SECRETARY

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(CHARANJIT SINGH)  
ELECTION OFFICER (COE)

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