

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAJOURI

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Show Cause Notice

Sh. Anjum Mirza, Incharge Constituency (PDP), Thannamandi/Budhal/Rajouri.

Subject: Explanation for violation of MCC - using minor child for seeking votes, political campaign by your party contesting candidate, during public meeting at Shahdara Sharief.

Whereas, permission for conduct of political events at AC-87 Thannamandi (ST) on 01.05.2024, was given to you by this office vide no. LS/2024/R/970-80 dated. 29.04.2024 subject to the clear-cut condition that no any violation of Model Code of Conduct shall be done while organizing the said programmes.

Whereas, a video has gone viral on the social media in which a minor female child is seen being used for political campaign/appeal to the public to vote for your party (PDP) on the day of election and the same child being encouraged and appreciated by your party contesting candidate after the culmination of her (Child) appeal.

Whereas, Election Commission of India, vide its instructions no. 4/3/2023/SDR/Vol.X dated 05.02.2024, in supersession of its previous instructions regarding **engagement of child in election related activities** has directed the following to all the political parties: -

- Not to use children in election campaign/rallies in any form whatsoever including distribution of posters/pamphlets or to participate in slogan shouting, campaign rallies, election meeting etc.
- Extant guidelines of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) shall be complied by all the political parties/candidates/election agents/polling/counting agents during the election.



Whereas, the Hon'ble Bombay High Court Order dated 04.08.2014 in PIL No. 127 of 2012 (Chetan Ramlal Bhutada Vs. State of Maharashtra and others) has also stressed the need to ensure that political parties do not allow participation of minor children in any election related activities.

Keeping in view the above facts you are directed to explain your position within 24 hours as to why the action under the provisions of ECI norms/guidelines shall not be initiated/recommended against you, failing which it shall be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defence and action as per ECI norms/guidelines including registration of FIR shall be taken against you.



Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, JKAS (District Nodal Officer for MCC) Additional District Magistrate Rajouri

No: DEO/R/LSE/457-407

Dated: 05.05.2024

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Chief Electoral Officer, J&K for kind information.

2 District Election Officer (District Magistrate) Rajouri for kind information.

3 Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri for kind information and

4 ARO, AC-87 Thannamandi (ST) for information and n/a.

Tehsildar, Thannmandi for information and direction to submit a detailed factual report along with specific comments on the matter through return mail, without fail.

Head of FST(1/87)/SST(1/87)/VST(87) for information and direction to submit a detailed factual report along with specific comments on the matter through return mail, without fail.