

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of
 - a.) Haryana, Chandigarh;
 - b.) Jharkhand, Ranchi;
 - c.) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
 - d.) UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer of
 - a.) Haryana, Chandigarh;
 - b.) Jharkhand, Ranchi;
 - c.) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
 - d.) UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar.

Subject:- General Elections to Legislative Assemblies in the States of Haryana, Jharkhand & Maharashtra and UT of Jammu and Kashmir due in the year 2024 - Transfer/Posting of officers - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the terms of existing State Legislative Assemblies of Haryana, Jharkhand & Maharashtra are upto 3rd November, 2024, 5th January, 2025 and 26th November, 2024, respectively and election are due in the year 2024. Further, the election to Legislative Assembly of UT of Jammu and Kashmir is also due in near future.

2. The Commission has been following a consistent policy that officers directly connected with conduct of elections in an election going State/UT are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for considerably long period.

3. Hence, the Commission has decided that **no officer connected directly with elections shall be allowed to continue in the present district (revenue district) of posting:-**

(i) if she/he is posted in her/his home district.

(ii) if she/he has completed three years in that district during last four (4) years or would be completing 3 years on or before 30th September, 2024 for UT of Jammu and Kashmir, 31st October, 2024 for Haryana, 30th November, 2024 for Maharashtra and 31st December, 2024 for Jharkhand;

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While calculating the period of three years, promotion to a post within the district is to be counted.

4. If any small State/UT with a few numbers of districts, face any difficulty in compliance of the above instruction, then it may refer the specific case with reasons to the Commission through CEO for exemption and the Commission would issue directions, if considered necessary.

5. Applicability

5.1 **District Officers:** -These instructions shall cover not only officers appointed for specific election duties like DEOs, Dy. DEOs, RO/AROs, EROs/AEROs, officers appointed as nodal officers of any specific election works but also district officers like ADMs, SDMs, Dy. Collector/Joint Collector, Tehsildar, Block Development Officers or any other officer of equal rank directly deployed for election works.

5.2 **Officers other than District Officers:** These instructions shall also cover the Divisional Commissioners, Municipal Commissioners, and the other officers deputed in Municipal Corporations and Development Authorities, etc.

5.3 **Police Officers:** -These instructions shall be applicable to the police department officers such as Range ADGs/IGs, DIGs, Commandants of State Armed Police, SSPs, SPs, Addl. SPs, Sub-Divisional Head of Police, SHOs, Inspectors, Sub-Inspector, RIs / Sergeant Majors or equivalent ranks, who are responsible for security arrangement or deployment of police forces in the district at election time. The police officials who are posted in functional departments like computerization, special branch, training, etc. are not covered under these instructions. Following shall be followed:

- (i) The Police Sub-Inspectors and above should not be posted in their home district.
- (ii) If a Police Sub-Inspector has completed or would be completing a tenure of 3 years out of four years on or before the cutoff date in a police sub-division, then he should be transferred out to a police sub-division which does not fall in the same AC. If that is not possible due to small size of district, then he/she should be transferred out of the district.

In case a Police Commissionerate consists of multiple districts, the concerned officer should be transferred out of the Commissionerate, instead of the revenue district.

5.4 **Prohibition and Excise Officers:** - Further, these instructions shall also be applicable to the officers of the Prohibition and Excise Department of the State of the rank of Sub-Inspector and above.