

Election Expenditure Monitoring

Question200. When will the first visit of expenditure observer start?

Answer. He shall reach the constituency on the day of the notification of elections for duration of 3 clear days.

Question201. How many times, the expenditure observer shall visit the constituency?

Answer. His first visit shall start on the day of the notification, 2nd visit on the date immediately after the date of withdrawal of candidates and shall remain till completion of the poll and the 3rd visit on 25th day after the declaration of results and stay for clear 8 days to assist the DEO in scrutinizing the statement of accounts submitted by candidates.

Question202. How many times the expenditure register will be inspected by the Election Expenditure Observer?

Answer: At least three times during the campaigning period, the gap between two inspections should not be less than 3 days and the last inspection should be fixed not before 3 days from the poll day.

Question203. How many expenditure observers shall be appointed in a district?

Answer. There shall be at least one expenditure observer for each district, but each expenditure observer ordinarily shall not have more than five assembly constituencies under his observation.

Question204. Who appoints Assistant Expenditure Observers (AEO)?

Answer. AEO shall be appointed for each constituency on the date of notification by the DEO and if a change is suggested by the Expenditure Observers, the same shall be carried out.

Question205. Are there more than two MCMC for a constituency?

Answer. There shall be a Media Certificate and Monitoring Committee in each district. This will be in expansion of the existing committee at the level of Returning Officer already in place vide Commission's letter no. 509/75/2004/JSI dated 15th April 2004.

Question206. Who identifies Expenditure Sensitive Constituency?

Answer. The CEO shall identify the constituencies which are prone to high expenditure and corrupt practices.

Question207. To whom shall submit the AEO his daily report as per prescribed proforma, during the absence of EO?

Answer. Till the EO reaches the constituency, the AEO shall submit his report to DEO/RO, which shall be brought to the notice of the EO afterwards.

Question208. What precautions are to be taken by Video Surveillance Team?

Answer. The Video Surveillance Team, at the beginning of the shooting, shall record in voice mode the title and the type of the event date, place and the name of the party and candidate organizing the event. It shall videograph the vehicles / event/ poster/ cut outs etc. in such a way that the evidence of each vehicle, its make and registration number, number of furniture, size of rostrum, banner and cut-out etc. can be clearly seen and the expenses thereon can be calculated. During the shooting of the event, the video team shall also record in voice describing the estimated number and type of vehicles, chairs/ furniture/ lights/ loud speakers etc. the approximate size of rostrum / banner/ poster cut-out etc. used in the event. They shall also record the speech and other events to monitor whether any MCC violation has occurred.