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दिनांक: 12.03.2019

ORDER

Sub: General Election, 2019- MCC-Restriction on use of plastic during Electioneering-
Order Issued.

Ref: (1) Appointment as Nodal officer for MCC under General Election, 2019
(Annexure A)

The Election Commission in the interest of environment, has advised the political parties/candidates vide letter dated 16th March 2016 to avoid use of plastic/polythene and similar non-biodegradable materials for preparation of posters banners etc., during election campaign.

The Union Territory Administration implemented Lakshadweep Solid Waste (Management) Bye Law, 2018 on 24th February, 2019 for plastic waste minimisation, source segregation, recycling, material recovery facility and adopt polluter pay principle for sustainability of the waste management system by in cooperating power to impose user charges, penalties for contravention of bye laws, power to declare solid waste free/sanitation zone etc in Lakshadweep.

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep vide Notification F.No.66/33/2019-E&F (P&L), dated 25.01.2019 prohibited 13 items single use plastic that makes immense potential to pollute marine environment and spreads its harmful effect on marine ecosystem, biodiversity and potentially human health.

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP (C) No.7193/2019, dated 11th Day of March, 2019 ordered that "all candidates and the National/State political parties must strictly adhere to the aforementioned guidelines of the Election Commission, so that only the eco friendly materials are used during the election campaign and there is no use of PVC Flex Boards and other such non bio-degradable materials as campaign material, in the state of Kerala". The Union Territory of Lakshadweep came under the Jurisdiction of Kerala High Court.

It is therefore ordered that all political parties should take adequate steps and measures to not use single use plastic, as campaign materials (Posters, banners etc) during the fourth coming election. If anybody found violated, the cost for the same shall be recovered from the candidates or political parties as the case may be, in accordance with the existing rules/bye-laws in Lakshadweep.


(Damodhar A.T., IFS)

Nodal officer, MCC & Secretary, E&F

To

1. All the political parties in Lakshadweep
2. All the Head of Office/HOD's concerned
3. All the DC/SDO/ARO's in Island with direction to submit compliance periodically.

Copy to

1. The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), General Election, 2019, UTLA, Kavaratti for his kind information, please.
2. The Returning Officer, General Election, 2019, UTLA, Kavaratti for his kind information, please.
3. The PA to Hon'ble Administrator, UTLA, Kavaratti for his kind information, please