

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE-CUM-DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER**

No.1903/DM/RO/D2/Press/GELS-2024

Puducherry, the 16.03.2024

ORDER

Sub: General Elections to Lok Sabha-2024 – Restriction on printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters etc. - Instructions - Regarding

Consequent to the announcement of General Election to Lok Sabha-2024 the Model Code Conduct has come into force with effect from 16.03.2024.


The Election Commission of India, has issued certain guidelines for the printers and publishers with regard to printing / publishing election related materials, pamphlets, posters etc., with reference to Section 127A of the Representation of People Act, 1951. The same are hereby brought to the knowledge of printers/publishers of Puducherry District.

1. No Printers shall print any election Pamphlets/posters etc without giving the names and address of Printers/Publishers on the printed material.
2. No Printer shall print any election Pamphlets/Posters etc., without obtaining the declaration in Annexure-A from the Publisher. This declaration must be signed by the publisher and attested by two known persons of the publisher.
3. The Printer shall furnish to the District Magistrate Annexure-A duly attested by the candidate, and 4 copies of the printed material along with Annexure B, within three days of printing of such material.
4. These Annexures A & B and the printed material will be scrutinized by the District Magistrate.
5. Printers/Publishers shall not publish anything which is illegal or objectionable like appeal on the ground of Religion, Race, Caste, Community etc.,
6. These restrictions are also imposed to check the unauthorised election expenditure by political parties, candidates and supporters.

Any person who contravenes Section 127A shall be punishable with imprisonment up to six months or fine up to Rs.2,000/- or with both. Nothing which is injurious to communal harmony, which incites violence, shall be printed.

All the Printers and Publishers are instructed to strictly follow the above guidelines of the Election Commission of India to help for the smooth conduct of Elections.




(KULOTHUNGAN. A, I.A.S)
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To
All the Publishers/Printers
Puducherry District – Through SDM concerned.

Copy to
The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (North/South//Mahe/Yanam)
– with a request to communicate the above instructions to the Publisher/Printer
along with copies of Appendix –A and Appendix - B