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## OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

**Sub:** Appointment of District Level Statutory Committees for General Lok Sabha Election-2024.

**Ref:** Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka Circular No. DPAR 78 CHUSAVI (Addl. CEO-1) 2023, Dated: 03.11.2023.

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As per the direction of Chief Electoral Officer - Karnataka in view of upcoming General Lok Sabha Election-2024, District Election Officer has to form the following statutory committees at the district level. The Committees are constituted as follows:

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| 1) District Model Code of Conduct Cell                 | - | MCC-Cell |
| 2) District Expenditure Monitoring Cell                | - | DEM-Cell |
| 3) District Expenditure Monitoring Committee           | - | DEMC     |
| 4) District Media Certification & Monitoring Committee | - | MCMC     |
| 5) District Media Pre-Certification Scrutiny Cell      | - | DMPCSC   |
| 6) District Media Scrutiny Cell                        | - | DMSC     |
| 7) District Complaint Monitoring Cell                  | - | DCMC     |
| 8) Cash Seizure Redressal Committee                    | - | CSRC     |

I, TUSHAR GIRI NATH, IAS., hereby constitute the committees as follows:

### **I. District Model Code of Conduct Cell:**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Sri. Tushar Giri Nath, IAS., District Election Officer & Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru.	9741288825
2.	Member-Police Dept.	Sri. B Dayananda, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru.	8870727270
3.	Member-Income Tax Dept.	Sri. Priyadarshi Mishra, IRS., Deputy Director (Investigation) Department of Income Tax Bengaluru.	8762302218
4.	Member-Commercial Tax Dept.	Smt. Annies Kanmani Joy, IAS., Additional Commissioner, Commercial Tax (Enforcement) Bengaluru	8277893969

5.	Member-Excise Dept.	Sri T Nagarajappa, K.A.S., Addl. Commissioner of Excise (IML), Bengaluru.	9449597003
6.	MCC Nodal Officer & Member Secretary	Sri. Munish Moudgil, I.A.S., Special Commissioner (Revenue) BBMP	9448194915

### **Role and responsibilities of the District Model Code of Conduct Cell:**

- To constitute Flying Squad, SST and such other enforcement teams required assembly constituency wise for enforcement of MCC by selecting competent officers and staff.
- To train officers deployed for Model Code of Conduct teams, political parties and press on Model Code of Conduct.
- To provide required men and material to these teams as per ECI guidelines for effective functioning.
- To issue time to time instructions to all Model Code of Conduct teams for effective enforcement of Model Code of Conduct.
- To circulate latest instructions on Model Code of Conduct among all Model Code of Conduct teams.
- To monitor and guide all activities of Model Code of Conduct teams for effective functioning.
- To obtain and consolidate Model Code of Conduct reports and forward that same to state Model Code of Conduct Cell.
- To attend such other responsibilities entrusted by state Model Code of Conduct Cell.

### **II. District Expenditure Monitoring Cell:**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Sri. Tushar Giri Nath, IAS., District Election Officer Bengaluru & Chief Commissioner, BBMP.	9741288825
2.	Member	Respective ADEOs of (Central, North, South, Bengaluru Urban District)	ADEO-Central 9448549197 ADEO-North 9480685577 ADEO -South 9480685656 ADEO -Urban 9449649019
3.	Member - District Nodal Officer for MCMC	Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner, (FECC), BBMP	9480683000
4.	Member Secretary – District Nodal Officer for Election Expenditure Monitoring	Smt. Vani, K.S.A.S Additional Commissioner (Finance), BBMP, Bengaluru.	9901872410

### **Role and responsibilities of the District Election Expenditure Monitoring Cell:**

- To constitute VST, VVT, AT and Assistant expenditure observer assembly constituency wise by selecting competent officers and staff.
- To train officers deployed in the election expenditure monitoring teams, political parties and press on election expenditure monitoring
- To provide required men and material to these teams as per ECI guidelines for effective functioning.
- To issue time to time instructions to all expenditure monitoring teams for effective implementation of election expenditure monitoring guidelines.
- To circulate latest instructions on election expenditure monitoring among all expenditure monitoring teams.
- To monitor and guide all activities of election expenditure monitoring teams for effective functioning.
- To obtain and consolidate election expenditure monitoring reports and forward that same to state expenditure monitoring cell.
- To attend such other responsibilities entrusted by state expenditure monitoring cell.

### III. District Expenditure Monitoring Committee:

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Expenditure Observer incharge of the Constituency	-
2.	Member	Sri. Tushar Giri Nath, IAS District Election Officer Bengaluru & Chief Commissioner, BBMP.	9741288825
3.	Member Secretary Officer in charge of expenditure monitoring of the district	Smt. Vani, K.S.A.S Additional Commissioner (Finance), BBMP, Bengaluru.	9901872410

The DEMC shall decide the case after examining the evidence mentioned in the notice of disputed suppression of expenditure issued by RO and reply of the candidate thereto, preferably within 72 hours from the date of receipt of the reply from the candidate, whether such suppressed expenditure shall be added or not to the election expenses account of the candidate.

### IV. District Media Certification & Monitoring Committee

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Sri. Tushar Giri Nath, IAS District Election Officer & Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru.	9741288825
2.	Member	Respective ADEOs of Central, North, South & Bengaluru Urban	ADEO-Central 9448549197 ADEO-North 9480685577 ADEO -South 9480685656 ADEO -Urban 9449649019

3.	Member	Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner, (FECC), BBMP	9480683000
4.	Member	Smt. Rashmi, K.A.S., Project Director (Centre for e- Governance)	9731114879
5.	Member	Sri. Yeshwanth, I.I.S., Deputy Director, Doordarshan, Bengaluru Central Govt. I & B Ministry Official (if any in the district)	9449813477
6.	Member	Sri. Dodda Bommaiah Senior Journalist	9449871829
7.	Member Secretary	Smt. Pallavi Honnapura, Deputy Director, Department of Information & Public Relation Officer , Bengaluru	9480841219

**The functions of MCMCs are as follows:**

- It shall actively consider paid news cases referred to it by Expenditure Observer.
- It shall monitor 24x7 political advertisements in other media, in relation to candidates, either overt or covert, from Expenditure monitoring angle (this will also include publicity or advertisement or appeal by, or on behalf of candidate, or by Star Campaigner(s) or others, to impact candidate's electoral prospects)
- Advertisements in print media: MMC shall check if the advertisement is with the consent or knowledge of candidate: in which case it will be accounted for in the election expenses of the candidate(s); however, if the advertisement is not with the authority from the candidate, then action may be taken for prosecution of the publisher for violation of Section 171H of IPC.
- Checking if the name and address of the publisher and printer is carried on any election pamphlet, poster, hand bill and other document as required under Section 127A of R.P.A 1951 (If any printed material does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer or the publisher, MCMC shall bring it to the notice of the RO for further necessary action; For the purpose of section 127 of R.P.A. 1951, 'Paid News' would also fall in the category of 'other document').
- It shall submit a daily report to Accounting team with copy to RO and Expenditure Observer in respect of each candidate in the prescribed format (as per annexure B-16 of the prescribed Expenditure Guidelines) w.r.t. expenditure incurred by the candidate on election advertising or actual expenditure incurred for publishing the 'News' that is substantiated by necessary documents furnished by the candidate or notional expenditure as computed by the Committee in the assessed cases of Paid News.

**V. District Media Pre-Certification Scrutiny Cell:**

**i. District Media Pre-Certification Scrutiny Cell – BBMP Central**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Dr. Harish Kumar, I.A.S., Additional District Election Officer (Central) & Special Commissioner (Admin)	9448549197
2.	ADEO Central - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Sri. Abdul Rab Deputy Commissioner (Rajarajeshwarinagar), BBMP	9945286379
3.	Member	Smt. Rashmi, K.A.S., Project Director (Centre for e- Governance)	9731114879
4.	Member Secretary	Sri. Ramalingappa B K Deputy Director (Press & news) DIPR GoK	9480841203

**ii. District Media Pre-Certification Scrutiny Cell – BBMP North**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Smt. Snehal R, IAS., Additional District Election Officer (North) & Zonal Commissioner (East)	9480685577
2.	ADEO North - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Sri. D.K Babu Deputy Commissioner (Mahadevapura)	9480684353
3.	Member	Sri. Shree vyas, Project Director (Centr for e- Governance)-Mahithi Khanaja	9880044146
4.	Member Secretary	Sri. Ramalingappa B K Deputy Director (Press & news) DIPR GoK	9480841203

**iii. District Media Pre-Certification Scrutiny Cell – BBMP South**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Smt. Vinoth Priya R, I.A.S., Additional District Election Officer (South) & Zonal Commissioner (South)	9480685656
2.	ADEO South - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Smt.Varalakshamma L Deputy Commissioner (South), BBMP	9480683456
3.	Member	Sri. Satheesh Project Director (Centre for e- Governance)-Karnataka Web Portal	9449784039

4.	Member Secretary	Smt. Pallavi Honnapura,	9480841219
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	Deputy Director, District Information & Public Relation Officer , Bengaluru	
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**iv. District Media Pre-Certification Scrutiny Cell – Bengaluru Urban**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Sri. K.A Dayananda, I.A.S., Additional District Election Officer (Bengaluru Urban) & Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru	9449649019
2.	ADEO Urban - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Sri. Krishnamurthy, K.A.S., Additional Deputy Commissioner (Bengaluru Urban), Bengaluru	9448482970
3.	Member	Smt. Seema, Project Director (Centre for e- Governance)-e-office, Aadhar	7259932125
4.	Member Secretary	Smt. Pallavi Honnapura, Deputy Director, Department of Information & Public Relation Officer , Bengaluru	9480841219

**Functions:** - Scrutinize proposal of Certification of advertisements referred by candidates and Political parties as per standard instructions issued by ECI and place it before MCMC.

**VI. District Media Scrutiny Cell:**

**i. District Media Scrutiny Cell – BBMP Central**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	ADEO Central - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Sri. Abdul Rab Deputy Commissioner (Rajarajeshwarinagar), BBMP	9945286379
2.	Member	Smt. Geetha L Executive Engineer (Lakes-RR Nagar), BBMP	9480685213
3.	Member	Sri. Suresh, Public Relation Officer, BBMP	9480683433
4.	Member	Sri. Sashi Kumar Chief Engineer (west), BBMP	9480685237
5.	Member Secretary	Sri. Kalleshappa H B Executive Engineer (QC), BBMP	8095255311

**ii. District Media Scrutiny Cell – BBMP North**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	ADEO North - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Smt. D K Babu Deputy Commissioner (Mahadevapura), BBMP	9480684353
2.	Member	Smt. Sumalatha Assistant Executive Engineer (Project-4), BBMP	9632038188
3.	Member	Sri. Suresh, Public Relation Officer, BBMP	9480683433
4.	Member	Sri. Sashi Kumar Chief Engineer (west), BBMP	9480685237
5.	Member Secretary	Sri. Sathyanarayana Raju Assistant Executive Engineer (Project Central-2), BBMP	9480685446

**iii. District Media Scrutiny Cell – BBMP South**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	ADEO South - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Smt. Varalakshamma L Deputy Commissioner (South), BBMP	9480683456
2.	Member	Smt. Jyothi Assistant Executive Engineer (Project -3), BBMP	9945261043
3.	Member	Sri. Suresh, Public Relation Officer, BBMP	9480683433
4.	Member	Sri. Sashi Kumar Chief Engineer (west), BBMP	9480685237
5.	Member Secretary	Sri. Sathyanarayana Raju Assistant Executive Engineer (Project -4), BBMP	9480685446

**iv. District Media Scrutiny Cell – Bengaluru Urban**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	ADEO Urban - District Nodal Officer MCMC	Sri. Krishnamurthy, K.A.S., Additional Deputy Commissioner (Bengaluru Urban), Bengaluru	9448482970
2.	Member	Sri. Fathe Mohamad Executive Engineer (Project-3), BBMP	9480685170
3.	Member	Sri. Suresh,	9480683433

		Public Relation Officer, BBMP	
4.	Member	Sri. Sashi Kumar Chief Engineer (west), BBMP	9480685237
5.	Member Secretary	Sri Javeed Executive Engineer (Central)	9845720286

**The Functions of District complaint Monitoring Cell as follows:**

- Scrutinize and monitor suspected cases of paid news and place it before the MCMC.
- It would also assist in enforcement of media related regulations under the RP Act

**VII. District Complaint Monitoring Cell:**

Sl. No	Particulars	Name & Designation	Mobile No.
1.	Chairman	Sri. Munish Moudgil, I.A.S., Special Commissioner (Revenue) BBMP	9448194915
2.	Member	Smt. Pallavi K.M.A.S Joint Commissioner (East) BBMP, Bengaluru.	9480685619
3.	Member	Sri. Mahesh P S, K.A.S., Assistant Commissioner (Admn-1)	9741119632
4.	Member	Sri. Chandrasekhar D.D (Horticulture) BBMP, Bengaluru.	9535015189
5.	Member Secretary	Sri. Prateek Bayal IAS., Special Land Acquisition Officer, BBMP, Bengaluru.	9582533914

**The Functions of District complaint Monitoring Cell as follows:**

- Complaint Monitoring Cell shall be established with a 24 x 7 "1950" Call Centre in the Control Room at the district-level.
- It has to operate from the date of announcement of the elections. The call centre shall be equipped with a toll free telephone number with 1950 ported to it with required hunting lines.
- It should be widely publicized to enable the public to inform/complain the election monitoring machinery regarding corrupt practices, violation of MCC, other electoral offences etc.
- To be responsible for receiving and recording the complaints and to pass them on to the officer concerned of the Flying Squad (FST) for prompt action.
- To depute sufficient staff to manage the telephone lines round the clock in well-defined and organized shifts.

- Voice complaints made by any member of the public/whistle blower should be entered in the NGRS portal and letter and email grievances in Complaint Register with timings noted against each complaint.
- The Election Expenditure related complaints are to be passed immediately to the officer concerned of the Flying Squad (FST) with intimation to the Expenditure Observer and in respect of complaints pertaining to violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC), a copy is to be passed on to the General Observer.
- The Expenditure Observer and General Observer will inspect this register from time to time to ensure that the control room functions properly and complaints are passed on instantly for further necessary action.
- To have a watch on social media content pertaining to election and in case of any violations of ECI guidelines, suitable action be taken.

#### **VIII. Cash Seizure Redressal Committee:**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Mobile No.</b>
1.	Chairman	Sri. Kantharaju, IAS., Chief Executive Officer (Zilla Panchayat) Bengaluru.	6364676701
2.	Member	Sri. S K Raju Chief Account Officer, BBMP, Bengaluru	9886103210
3.	Member	Sri Munireddy Joint Director State Huzur Treasury, Bengaluru.	9449631912
4.	Member Secretary	Smt Vani K.S.A.S Additional Commissioner (Finance), BBMP, Bengaluru.	9901872410

#### **The committee will have following responsibilities**

- The Committee shall suo-moto examine each case of seizure made by the Police or SST or FS and where the Committee finds that no FIR/Complaint has been filed against the seizure or where the seizure is not linked with any candidate or political party or any election campaign etc., as per Standard Operating Procedure, it shall take immediate step to order release of such cash etc. to such persons from whom the cash was seized after passing a speaking order to that effect. The Committee shall look into all cases and take decision on seizure.
- The procedure of appeal against seizure should be mentioned in the seizure document and it should also be informed to such persons at the time of seizure of cash. The functioning of this committee should be given wide publicity, including telephone no. of the convenor of the Committee.
- All the information pertaining to release of cash, shall be maintained by the Nodal Officer expenditure monitoring in a register, serially date wise with the details regarding amount of Cash intercepted/seized and date of release to the person(s) concerned.

- If the release of cash is more than Rs. 10/- (Ten) Lac, the nodal officer of Income Tax shall be kept informed before the release is effected.
- All cases of seizure of cash etc., effected by FS, SST or Police authorities shall immediately be brought to the notice of the Committee formed in the District and the Committee shall take action as per para (i) mentioned above. In no case, the matter relating to seized cash/ seized valuables shall be kept pending in malkhana or treasury for more than 7(Seven) days after the date of poll, unless any FIR/Complaint is filed. It shall be the responsibility of the Returning Officer to bring all such cases before the appellate committee and to release the cash/valuables as per order of the appellate committee.

It is hereby directed to all the chairpersons, members and member secretary of the constituted committees to immediately acquaint about the roles and responsibilities and the rule position as well as ECI guidelines about the subject matter. It is further directed to convene regular meetings of the committees and take all action for strict adherence to Election Commission of India guidelines.

  
(Tushar Giri Nath, I.A.S..)

District Election Officer-Bengaluru

And Chief Commissioner

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

**Copy to:**

1. Chief Electoral Office, Karnataka, Nirvachana Nilaya, Bengaluru for kind information.
2. Concerned Officers for further action.
3. Additional District Election Officers (Central), (North), (South) and (Bengaluru Urban) for further action.
4. Office Copy.