ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No.437/6/1/ECI/INST/FUNCT/MCC/2018

To

1. The Cabinet Secretary,
   Government of India,
   Rashtrapati Bhawan,
   New Delhi.

2. The Secretary to the Government of India,
   Department of Programme Implementation,
   Sardar Patel Bhawan,
   New Delhi.

3. The Chief Secretaries to the Government of:-
   a) Bihar, Patna;
   b) Jharkhand, Ranchi;
   c) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram;
   d) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
   e) Meghalaya, Shillong;
   f) Nagaland, Kohima;
   g) Punjab, Chandigarh;
   h) Uttarakhand, Dehradun;
   i) Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
   j) West Bengal, Kolkata.

4. The Chief Electoral Officers of:-
   a) Bihar, Patna;
   b) Jharkhand, Ranchi;
   c) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram;
   d) Maharashtra, Mumbai;
   e) Meghalaya, Shillong;
   f) Nagaland, Kohima;
   g) Punjab, Chandigarh;
   h) Uttarakhand, Dehradun;
   i) Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
   j) West Bengal, Kolkata.

Subject: - Bye-Election-Release of funds under MPs’/MLAs’ Local Area Development Scheme.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission’s Press Note, dated 26th April, 2018 (available at ECI’s web-site:- “http://eci.nic.in/”), announcing schedule for bye-elections to fill casual vacancies in the Lok Sabha from Parliamentary Constituencies of Maharashtra, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh and State Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and to state that with this
announcement of bye-election, the provisions of Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of
the Political Parties and Candidates have come into force with immediate effect.

2. The matters relating to the release of funds under the Member of Parliament Local Area
Development Schemes shall be dealt with in pursuance of the Commission’s letter No.
437/6/INST/2016-CCS dated 29th June, 2017, regarding enforcement of Model Code of
Conduct during bye-election, which inter-alia provides that-

a) No fresh release of funds under the Member of Parliament (including Rajya Sabha
members) Local Area Development fund shall be made in any part of the district(s)
in which the Assembly/Parliamentary Constituency is situated where election is in
progress, till the completion of election process. In case the constituency is
comprised in the State Capital/Metropolitan Cities/Municipal Corporations, the
aforesaid instructions shall be applicable in the area of concerned Constituency
only. Similarly no fresh release of funds under the MLAs’/ MLCs’ Local Area
Development Fund shall be made, if any such scheme is in operation, till the
completion of election process.

b) No work shall start, in respect of which, work orders may have been issued before
the issue of this letter but the work has actually not started in the field. These works
can start only after the completion of election process. However, if a work has
actually started, that can continue.

c) There shall be no bar to the release of payments for completed work(s) subject to the
full satisfaction of the concerned officials.

d) Where schemes have been cleared and funds are provided or released and
materials procured and reached the site such scheme may be executed as per
programme.

Yours faithfully,

[NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA]
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY