

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

1. Chief Electoral Officer, Goa, Panaji.
2. Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur, Imphal.
3. Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh.
4. Chief Electoral Officer, Uttarakhand, Dehradun
5. Chief Electoral Officer, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

Subject:- Electoral Risk Management Manual – regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

Election Commission of India has conducted free and fair elections successfully over the years. However, the advancement in management and technology requires strategies to further enhance the management of the electoral risks. It is the endeavor of the commission to strengthen all approaches in more scientific manner by leveraging the utility of Information Technology and modern management practices so that the electoral machinery becomes better equipped in the complex and challenging electoral environment.

2. Depending on the planning, preparation and resources, risks and hazards associated with electoral processes, can be addressed in reactive, proactive and predictive way. Even though, each and every uncertainty cannot be included in any risk strategy, a robust resilient system to deal with any eventuality will increase the effectiveness of the exercise.

3. A Working Group was set up on preparation of “Risks Management Manual” (RMM). The WG has formulated a list of risks and their mitigation strategy. RMM will be issued separately. A list of 175 Electoral cycle wise risks and their mitigation strategies that may be encountered by field machinery have been identified and are enclosed herewith. The list may help the CEOs and DEOs/ROs/EROs in identification and prioritization of risks and in designing appropriate interventions to mitigate them in their respective States by suitably evaluating and assessing the implications of each of the risks of their State. However, States/UTs may encounter additional risks owing to local conditions and knowledge which may be addressed at local level.

4. The Commission desired that in the upcoming elections, relevant risks depending on the State may be addressed by planning mitigation strategies and by regular monitoring of risks.

5. CEOs are also requested to prepare list of risks which may be encountered additionally by them in the upcoming elections and share the same with the Commission after election process is over.

Yours faithfully,


(Jayasree M.G.)
Director (EDMD)

Annexure: Background and list of Risks and Strategies.

Copy to :-

1. All Officers and Sections of Election Commission (As per standard distribution list).
2. Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories (except Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh).


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