## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION PUDUCHERRY

No.1-30(3)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/

Dated. 2.9.2021

## DIRECTION

## Subject: Constitution of Standing Committees of Political Parties at District/Region level for securing their co-operation for conduct of elections

It has been decided that there should be constituted at the District/Region level for election purpose a Standing Committee comprising representatives of National and State recognised political parties and district officials and higher level police officers in the district/region.

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2. Immediate instructions may be issued for constitution of standing committee comprising representatives of National and State recognised political parties and district officials to enlist the co-operation of the parties in the:

- (i) enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct,
- (ii) actual conduct of elections,
- (iii) any other matter the DEO/REO may decide as relevant.

3. The meetings of the Committees can be held by the District Election Officers/Regional Election Officers concerned at different stages of the election process. A copy of the minutes of the meeting shall be invariably sent to the Commission.

4. Whenever required, the ROs/AROs may also hold meetings with the representatives of National and State recognised political parties and also the contesting candidates at the elections to sort out any problem that may be faced by them in the conduct of election. Minutes of such meetings may be prepared and kept for record.

5. The DEOs/REOs and ROs/AROs shall ensure strict compliance of this direction without fail.

## (ROY P THOMAS) STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

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- 1. The District Election Officer, Puducherry / Karaikal.
- 2. The Regional Election Officer, Mahe / Yanam.
- All Returning Officers / Assistant Returning Officers, Puducherry / Karaikal / Mahe / Yanam.