

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.437/6/ES-1/JKD-LA/2024

Dated: 17th November, 2024

To

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Jharkhand,
Ranchi.

Subject: General Election to the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly-2024 – Complaints against social media posts by BJP - reg.

Sir,

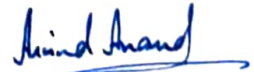
Please find enclosed memorandum no. 004A/Jharkhand AC/2024 and JMM/0033/GLE-24/2024 dated 17.11.2024, as received from INC and JMM w.r.t social media post made on 16.11.2024 on the social media account 'X' (BJP4Jharkhand) as well Facebook account of the state unit of BJP, interalia alleging that this social media post contains a communal, malicious and misleading video with the caption 'poore Jharkhand ka kaya palat kar denge'. It has been alleged that the above post is violative of provisions of Model Code of Conduct.

On perusal of the complaint, it appears that the above referred social media post is prima facie violative of the MCC. It is therefore, directed to take immediate action as per existing laws and procedures and thereafter direct the concerned social media platforms, through the authority designated in the State of Jharkhand under section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act to take down the referred posts immediately.

You are simultaneously and additionally directed to suitably serve a due notice on BJP Jharkhand to explain the alleged violation of provisions of MCC by the party on account of their referred social media posts. The party may be directed to immediately take down the said post https://x.com/bjp4jharkhand/status/1857844255819182331?s=46&t=oTsTmQn3dXP8lziLsgT_2Q and any related content from social media and any other form of media.

Please send action taken report in this regard to the Commission at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



(ARVIND ANAND)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY