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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

NOTIFICATION

No.576/EXIT/2013/SDR, the 7th November, 2013. Whereas, the schedule for the General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and National Capital Territory of Delhi and by-elections to Legislative Assemblies of Tamil Nadu from 83-Yercaud (ST) assembly constituency and Gujarat from 167-Surat West assembly constituency have been announced by the Commission vide its Press Note No.ECI/PN/43/2013, dated 4th October, 2013 as modified vide Press Note No.ECI/PN/47/2013 dated 23rd October, 2013;

2. And whereas, as per the provisions of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, there shall be restrictions on conduct of any exit poll and publication and dissemination of result of such exit poll during such period, as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard;

3. And whereas, the General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and National Capital Territory of Delhi and by-elections to Legislative Assemblies of Tamil Nadu and Gujarat have been announced together, the ban on exit polls shall start from the date and the time of commencement of the poll on the first day of poll and continue till half-an-hour after closing of the poll on the last day of poll;

4. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between 7.00 A.M. on 11.11.2013 (Monday) i.e the first day of poll in Chhattisgarh and 5.30 P.M. on 4.12.2013 i.e. the last day of poll in National Capital Territory of Delhi and by-elections to the State Legislative Assemblies of Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the current General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and National Capital Territory of Delhi and by-elections to Legislative Assemblies of Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, shall be prohibited.

5. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll in connection with aforesaid General elections and by-elections.

By order,

Sd/-
(Ashish Chakraborty)
Secretary.