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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 No. 464/ECI/LET/FUNC/EEM/AEO-Hon./2016/EEPS Dated: 29th December, 2016 To

The Chief Electoral Officers of All the States/UTs

Subject:- Fixing of uniform rate of Honorarium to Assistant Expenditure Observers deployed on election duty- Regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that the Commission, in order to bring uniformity in payment of honorarium to Assistant Expenditure Observers who should be of the rank of Group 'B' Officer or equivalent in other Central Government Services recommends that Rs. 7,500/- (Rupees Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) as the minimum rate of honorarium to be disbursed to each Assistant Expenditure Observer for his/her full time election duty and for partial duration on pro rata basis.

2. The States/UTs which are paying more than the minimum rate, i.e., Rs. 7,500/- as recommended by the Commission, may continue to pay at the higher rates. This rate will come into force prospectively and will have no retrospective effect.

- 3. The expenditure incurred on this account will be borne by Central Govt. and State Govt. as under:-
 - (i) In case of election to the House of People, 100% by the Union Govt.
 - (ii) In case of election to the Legislative Assembly, 100% by the State Govt. concerned.
 - (iii) In case of simultaneously held elections to the House of the People and the State Legislative Assembly, the expenditure shall be shared between the Central and State Govt. on 50:50 basis.
- 4. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

Yours faithfully,

(AVINASH KUMAR) SECRETARY

(Hindi version follows)