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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Home Department

Election Branch

21, N.S. Road, Kolkata - 700001

No. 2666—Home (Elec.)

Dated : 03.04.2014.

In pursuance of the instruction of the Election Commission of India, the Notification, regarding Exit Poll is published for general information.

By order,

AMITABHA SENGUPTA,
Deputy CEO, W.B.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the schedules for the General Elections to the House of the People, 2014 and the State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim 2014 and bye-elections in the State Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal- were announced by the Commission vide Press Notes bearing No. ECI/PN/10/2014, dated 5th March, 2014. No. ECI/PN/13/2014 dated 10th March, 2014 & No. ECI/PN/17/2014 27th March, 2014;

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. 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 AM on 07th April 2014 (Monday) and 06.30 PM on 12th May, 2014 (Monday), 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 House of the People, 2014 and the State Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha & Sikkim 2014 and bye-elections from assembly constituencies in the State Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal to be held simultaneously with the general election to Lok Sabha shall be prohibited.
4. It is further clarified that under Section 126(l)(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 the respective polling areas in connection with aforesaid General elections and by-elections.

By order,

(Ashish Chakraborty)
Secretary