## **PRESS RELEASE**

District Election Officers have been asked to ensure without fail:

- (i) Ministers are not allowed to combine official visit with electioneering work and shall not use official machinery or personnel. Hence neither official car nor personnel staff paid from Government funds can be utilized for political work.
- (ii) in case of visits of Union Ministers no protocol or official vehicles or other official assistance should be provided if they have come for political or private visits. If they have come for purely official visits, the same has to be certified to Chief Secretary by Secretary, Government of India in advance, and then the visit cannot be combined with private or political work.
  - (iii) State Government Ministers are not to make any official visits during election period. Hence no official vehicle or protocol or escort vehicle, except as per already notified security classification need to be provided to the State Ministers.
- (iv) All visits of Ministers, whether Central or State, would be videographed. It may be ensured that private vehicle do not have beacon lights or sirens.

CEO, TN

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