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The Election Commission of India had deployed Thiru. Hemant Kalson, I.P.S. as Police Observer in 27.Chidambaram (SC) and 28.Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituencies. The District Election Officer and Collector of Ariyalur District has informed that the above Police Observer had fired 9 rounds of gun shots from the weapon of Grade-II PC around 1.00 a.m. on 31.03.2019 in the Circuit House, Ariyalur. The same has been intimated to the Election Commission of India.

- 2. The Election Commission of India has relieved Thiru. Hemant Kalson, I.P.S. of his duties as Police Observer with immediate effect and directed that an FIR shall be registered against the officer under the relevant provisions of law. Hence, FIR has been filed in this regard and investigation is going on.
- 3. Based on the instructions of the Election Commission, Thiru. Devaraju, I.P.S., the Police Observer of the 25.Perambalur and 26.Cuddalore Parliamentary Constituencies has been informed to be in charge of 27.Chidambaram (SC) and 28.Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituencies, till the arrival of a new Police Observer. Now, the Election Commission has posted Thiru. S.N. Siddaramappa, I.P.S. as Police Observer in the place of Thiru. Hemant Kalson, I.P.S.

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