

**Public (Elections-III) Department**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Election Commission of India has stated that the explanation of the Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, submitted was considered by the Commission and observed that Thiru. K.C. Veeramani, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu have violated the instructions on Model Code of Conduct which prohibit Ministers for visiting poll bound districts without prior intimation and essentiality certificate from the Secretary of the concerned Department. However, there is no allegation that Thiru. K.C. Veeramani, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu visited Salem District for any political activity. Hence, the Commission has taken a lenient view and decided to caution Thiru. K.C. Veeramani, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu to be careful in future so that such instances do not reoccur.

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