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To,

The Chief Election Commissioner Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001

Subject: Regarding gross irregularities in the manner in which polling was conducted at 11 – Lahar Constituency Madhya Pradesh

Sir,

It is brought to your kind notice that, the process and manner in which polling by way of postal ballots and on booths was conducted at Lahar has been by gross violation of the provisions of Representation of the People Act, Conduct of election rules and the handbook of the Returning Officer. The details of the same are as follows:

- 1. First and foremost, it is brought to your notice that, on the day of polling i.e. 17.11.2023, polling agents belonging to Indian National Congress were not allowed inside the Polling booths and at some booths where the polling agents were inside the booth, they were forced to leave the booths. This action was done by the presiding officers and members of the security forces deployed at the booths. The same can be seen from the video footages of the cameras that were installed in the booths. This is a gross violation of the Handbook of Returning officers (See para –13.10).
- 2. That, the Government servants who were deployed in election procedures had to be issued postal ballots. It must be brought to your notice that over 500 such government servants who had applied under form 12, have not been issued the postal ballots. A complaint was made regarding the same on 11.11.2023 but no action was taken on the same, as a result of which over 500 Government servants were deprived of casting their votes. Thereafter, on the 17.11.2023 i.e. polling day, complaints were made by a lot of government servants but no action was taken. a copy of the said complaint is ANNEXED herewith. This act of the RO is a clear violation of the Rule 20 of the Conduct of Election Rules 1961 and also the para 3.9.3 of the handbook of the returning officers.



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3. That, in the same constituency the candidate and his election agent were not informed about the whereabout of the postal ballots which were received and the place of storing the same, however after the intervention of the CEO MP, the candidate wasinformed on the night of 19.11.2023 that the postal ballots were kept at ITILahar. That, on the morning on 20.11.2023 the election agent of the candidate Shri Naresh Singh Chouhan went to ITI along with ARO Mr. Navneet Sharma and Tehsildar of Ron – Mr. Mahor. At the ITI, the election agent found that the postal ballots were being tampered with and the seal of some of the boxes in which they were stored was broken and the ballots were being made into bundles and kept in a separate box. Upon objection of the election agent, the ARO informed him that the same has been done upon the instructions of DEO who is the collector Bhind. The Election agent made a complaint regarding the same and a copy of the same is ANNEXED herewith. This is a gross violation of para –11.12.7 (j) of the handbook of the returning officer.

That, it is humbly prayed that strict actions be taken against Collector Bhind for such grave contraventions and the collector be transferred from Bhind. It is further prayed that additional arrangements be made at the strong room of 11-Lahar Constituency and also for the counting which is to take place on 03.12.2023.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

(Digvijaya Singh)

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भिष्य : भिवादिन में संलडन कोष कर्मनारियों की ह यह जारी करोने जावत

महोदय अपरोक्त विषयान्तरीत निवेदन है। कि

विद्यान संग्रा निर्वाचन 2023 के अन्तरीत विद्यानमण् 110 तरार में कर्मचारियों दवात प्रारक्षिण में 12 कर फार्म मत्ने के उपयन्त भी अने के कर्मचारियों के EDC (जारी मठी किये भने हैं। और वह स्वर्ण में के कर्मचारी निर्वाचन इस्रेटी में अन्य विद्यानसभा में व्याचे गर्ये. जिसमें और एमी कर्मचारी हिन्नट (जारी) जा होने के कारण मतदान से वेचित हैं रहे हैं। अतर अभित्त जी हैं अद्योह हैं। कि अव द्वे हम क्मचारियों की हिन्दी करें। कि अव द्वे हम क्मचारियों की हम्मद्वार कर्मों

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