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To

The Chief Electoral Officers  
of all the States/UTs.



**Subject: Broad Guidelines for Conduct of General Elections/Bye-elections during COVID-19-  
Regarding**

Sir/Madam,

The Commission has issued broad guidelines for conduct of General Elections/Bye- elections during COVID-19 period on 21.08.2020, a copy of this was already shared with you electronically at that time.

2. Based on these broad guidelines, a detailed COVID-19 related comprehensive plan will be prepared at the State level, taking local conditions into account. In case of General Elections, three-layer plan will be prepared in consultation with the concerned Nodal Health Officers: of AC, District, and State levels. In case of bye-elections, the plans will be prepared at the District and AC levels in consultation with respective Nodal Health Officers of district and AC. In case more than one district is involved, such plans will be prepared by the Returning Officer of the Constituency in coordination with the concerned DEOs.

3. These directions may be brought to the notice of all the District Election Officers, Returning Officers and all other election related officers immediately for strict compliance.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

**(SUMIT MUKHERJEE)  
SR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

Encl.:

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- Guidelines to be followed during Conduct of General/Bye-elections during spread of COVID-19 (**Annexure-A**).

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