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OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
A & N ISLANDS PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

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Port Blair, dated the 31st March, 2004.

PRESS NOTE

Sub: Restriction of use of vehicles.

As per the direction of Election Commission: *g India*

- 1) There shall be a total and absolute ban on the use of official vehicles for campaigning, electioneering or election related travel during elections. There shall be a total prohibition on the use of any vehicle belonging to the (i) Central Government (ii) State Government (iii) Municipal Council/Zilla Parishad (iv) Public undertaking of the Central & State Governments (v) Joint Sector undertakings Central and State Government (vi) Marketing Boards (vii) Local Bodies (viii) Cooperative Societies or any other body in which public funds, however, portion of the total are invested for any purpose connected with the election, by any political party, candidate or any other person connected with election.
- 2) Cars/vehicles shall, under no circumstances, be allowed to move in convoys of more than three vehicles. All bigger convoys shall be broken up.
- 3) The contesting candidate are asked to get the details of all the vehicle that they are using in the election campaign lodged with the Returning Officer. Any further deployment of any additional vehicles can take place only after notices to this effect is given by the candidate or his agent well before the actual deployment of the vehicles.
- 4) Any vehicle that has not been registered for campaigning with district administration, if found being used for campaigning of the candidate, and may attract penal provisions of Chapter IX A of the IPC and shall be immediately taken out of campaigning exercise.
- 5) On the date of poll, each contesting candidate, will be entitled to:
 - a) One vehicle for his own use in respect of entire constituency.
 - b) In addition, one vehicle for use of his election agent or workers or party workers, as the case may be.

The permits of the vehicles indicated above will be issued by the District Magistrate/Returning Officers. The candidates are required to register their vehicles with authorities concerned and display the permits issued by the authorities on the windscreen of the vehicles. No other vehicle shall be allowed to be used by the leaders of political parties including ministers, workers, agents and sympathizers of any candidate.

Penal action, both under the provisions of Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 and chapter IX A of the IPC shall be taken against anyone offending the above directions, in addition to action under the Motor Vehicles Act. All vehicles being used in violation of these directions shall be confiscated.

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