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## SEC warns of strict action against violators of code of conduct

ITANAGAR, Apr 16: The Arunachal Pradesh State Election Commission has directed all the deputy commissioners cum district election officers and Returning Officers to take punitive action against the Govt servants who are reportedly canvassing for their

favourite candidates in the ensuing Panchayat elections in gross violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

Taking serious view of the "misconduct" of the Govt Servants, the SEC in a statement said that (Contd. on P-3)

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(From P-1) "complaints have been received from political parties that some Government servants including officers have started canvassing for their favourite candidates in PR elections."

The SEC also directed the DC cum DEOs and ROs to report such cases to the Commission without any loss of time and take immediate deterrent and punitive action in all such cases as per relevant Act and Rules. The District Election Officers shall prepare a list of all those Government servants against whom complaints have been received from various quarters including aggrieved political parties and keep a close watch on them, the SEC said.

Any Govt. servants including GB/PI/Contingent Staff/Contractual Govt. employees if found involved in the political activities shall be dealt with as per the provisions of the IPC, AIS and CCS Conduct Rules and other relevant Rules, the SEC said.

Advocating for strict compliance of the Model Code of Conduct, the SEC warned against use of Govt vehicles by the candidates and political parties in electioneering. The vehicle and machineries found used in the electioneering, will be seized and action be taken as per relevant rules.

"In case of complaints received during the process of conduct of election by any political party or candidates or individuals, such complaints shall be dealt with promptly by the DEOs/ROs and disposed of within 24 hours," the SEC said and directed the DEOs/ROs to maintain a register of such complaints and record the date and time of receipt and disposal of such complaints.