

PRESS- NOTE

ECI GIVES GUIDELINES ON CASINOS

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The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer had recently come across news item concerning sealing and de-sealing of the offshore casinos operating at River Mandovi in Goa.

Since the closure of casinos is a major policy decision having economic implications the matter was referred to Election Commission of India which has approved procedures such as 1. Pollution Control Board to ensure that the exercise conducted by them in such cases is carried out in fair and transparent manner. 2. Secretary for Department of Environment may personally monitor such cases and ensure that principles of natural justices are followed in processing of all such cases. Any undue haste may not be shown without giving reasonable opportunity to affected parties intaking action foreclosure or revocation of sealing. 3. A copy of all orders passed may be sent to the Office of CEO for information.