

PRESS- NOTE

CEO'S OFFICE ADVISES HOD'S ON MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Goa has advised all heads of the departments to avoid making requests in matters of recruitments, holding ceremonies or foundation laying and others during the period when Model Code of Conduct remains in force and strict observance of the Model Code of Conduct is to be ensured by all concerned during the General Parliamentary Elections. The Model code of conduct comes into operation with the announcement of the Lok Sabha General Elections on Monday, March 2, 2009.

In connections with the recruitment, the Heads of the departments need to ensure that relaxation may be asked for only in rare cases on genuine grounds where recruitment relates to some essential services and was completed before the Election schedule was notified. Regarding laying of foundation stones, it is clarified that permission of this nature are not to be given under the existing provisions of the Model Code of Conduct. Even in those cases where the tendering process have been completed but the project has not commenced, there is a ban on commencement of project.