

RTI- Set 1

RTI - 01

Subject: Requesting information, under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, regarding the implementation of the ‘**Voluntary Code Of Ethics for 2019 General Elections**’ presented by the Social Media platforms to the Election Commission of India (ECI). The Code came into effect on March 20, 2019, as notified by ECI Press Note (refer- [ECI/PN/33/2019](#)).

The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. As per the Voluntary Code Of Ethics dated 23rd September 2019, Point 1 on Page 2, ***“Participants are creating/opening a high priority dedicated reporting mechanism for the ECI and appoint dedicated person(s)/teams during the period of General Elections to interface with and to exchange feedback as may assist with taking expeditious action upon receipt of such lawful request, following due legal process, from the ECI.”***

Please provide the following information regarding the same —

- a. Details of any interface or feedback exchange done between the ECI and Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) participants since issuance of this notification on 23rd September 2019.
- b. Provide the copy of all the correspondence done between ECI and IAMAI participants, since January 1, 2024.

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The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. As per the Voluntary Code Of Ethics dated 23rd September 2019, Point 5 on Page 3, ***“IAMAI will coordinate with the participants on the steps carried out under the code and IAMAI as well as Participants will be in constant communication with the ECI during the election period.”***

Please provide the following information regarding the same —

- a. Provide details of all communication between IAMAI and ECI since January 1, 2024.
 - b. Number of meetings held between IAMAI and ECI since January 1, 2024.
 - c. Copies of the minutes of the said meetings (virtual and in-person) between IAMAI and ECI since January 1, 2024.
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The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. As per the Voluntary Code Of Ethics dated 23rd September 2019, Point 1 on Page 2, ***“Participants and the ECI have developed a notification mechanism by which the ECI can notify the relevant platforms of potential violations of Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and other applicable electoral laws in accordance with procedures established by law. These valid legal orders will be acknowledged and/or processed within 3 hours for violations reported under Section 126 as per the Sinha Committee recommendations. All other valid legal requests will be acted upon expeditiously by the Participants, based on the nature of reported violation.”***

Please provide the following information regarding the same —

- a. Provide internal as well as inter-departmental/ministerial file notings on the identification of content violating Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and other applicable electoral laws since January 1, 2024.
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The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. Provide the following information about the **pre-certificates** issued by ECI and/or Media Certification & Monitoring Committee (MCMC) of the ECI to the political advertisers in relation to election advertisements that feature names of political parties, candidates from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024. (refer Point 4 of 'Voluntary Code of Ethics', Page 68, Hand Book on Media matters of CEOs & DEOs) —
 - a. Total number of applications that came for pre-certificates by the political advertisers.
 - b. Total number of pre-certificates issued by ECI.
 - c. Total number of applications that came for pre-certificates by each of these political parties —
 - i. Bharatiya Janata Party
 - ii. Indian National Congress
 - iii. Communist Party of India (Marxist)
 - iv. Communist Party of India
 - v. Aam Aadmi Party
 - vi. Samajwadi Party
 - vii. Bahujan Samaj Party
 - d. Total number of pre-certificates issued by ECI to each of these political parties
 - i. Bharatiya Janata Party
 - ii. Indian National Congress
 - iii. Communist Party of India (Marxist)
 - iv. Communist Party of India
 - v. Aam Aadmi Party
 - vi. Samajwadi Party
 - vii. Bahujan Samaj Party
 - e. Total number of pre-certificates issued by ECI for each of these social media platforms —
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. Whatsapp
 - iii. Instagram
 - iv. X (previously known as 'Twitter')
 - v. YouTube.

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The information needed pertains to the Election Commission of India (ECI), as per details given below:-

1. Provide the following information about the notifications sent by ECI to social media platforms, from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, flagging the running political advertisements that are not pre-certified by MCMC. (refer Point 4 of ‘Voluntary Code of Ethics’, Page 68, Hand Book on Media matters of CEOs & DEOs.) —
 - a. Total number of notifications sent by ECI to the following social media platforms, from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, flagging the running political advertisements that are not pre-certified by MCMC —
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. Whatsapp
 - iii. Instagram
 - iv. X (previously known as ‘Twitter’)
 - v. YouTube.
 - b. Provide copies of all the notifications sent by ECI to following social media platforms, from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, flagging the running political advertisements that are not pre-certified by MCMC —
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. Whatsapp
 - iii. Instagram
 - iv. X (previously known as ‘Twitter’)
 - v. YouTube.
2. Provide the details of all the actions taken by the following social media platforms, as intimated to ECI from March 1, 2024 to June 4, 2024, on the notifications received about the political advertisements that are not pre-certified by MCMC —
 - a. Facebook
 - b. Whatsapp
 - c. Instagram
 - d. X (previously known as ‘Twitter’)
 - e. YouTube.

3. Provide a copy of all the emails forwarded by Social Media Nodal Officers in CEO office of all the States/UTs to ECI Social Media Nodal Officers on following e-mail id: media-division@eci.gov.in regarding the complaints/violations of Model Code of Conduct and other electoral laws *wrt* 2019 and 2024 General Elections.
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1. Provide the copies of all the accounts maintained under 'Details of election expenses incurred on Virtual Campaigns' tables (refer Page 70, Hand Book on Media matters of CEOs & DEOs) for every national political party including —
 - vi. Bharatiya Janata Party
 - vii. Indian National Congress
 - viii. Communist Party of India (Marxist)
 - ix. Communist Party of India
 - x. Aam Aadmi Party
 - xi. Samajwadi Party
 - xii. Bahujan Samaj Party
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