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No. 4/RTI/42/2024/Communication

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To

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Subject: Right to information under RTI Act, 2005 (Reg no. 29342) -reg.

Madam,

I am to refer to your RTI application dated 18.10.2024 and to furnish the item wise information, as under:

Information sought	Reply
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: - 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 Provide internal as well as inter-departmental/ministerial file noting 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.	The information requested is not available in the compiled form and would disproportionately divert the resources and therefore, you may refer to Section 7(9) of the R.T.I. Act, 2005. Further, In a similar previous case Vihar Dhurve vs CPIO, Election Commission of India (CIC/ECOMM/A/2022/653217 dt. 14.07.2023, where applicant had sought details of all the correspondences made by ECI with Twitter(X), Facebook (Meta), YouTube etc, Hon'ble Central Information Commission in the case, gave its decision that an appropriate response as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided by the Respondent as personal information of third parties exempted u/s 8 (1) (j) cannot be disclosed to information seekers and no larger public interest warranting its disclosure has been justified.

2. If you are not satisfied with the information supplied, you may prefer an appeal with the First Appellate Authority within thirty days of receiving of this information. Detail of First Appellate Authority is as under:

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Principal Secretary & First Appellate Authority,
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Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Kumar Singh)
Under Secretary& CPIO