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Sub:- AIS – Appointment as Election Observer – Clarifications – reg.

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 324 of the Constitution of India and Section 20B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission of India appoints officers of Government as Observers (General Observers and Election Expenditure Observers) for Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies. These are statutory appointments and officers so appointed report directly to the Commission.

It has come to notice of the Government that the All India Service Officers appointed by the Election Commission of India as Observers are seeking further permission from the State Government to relieve them from their assigned duties in the State Government so as to discharge the duties of Observer in the respective constituencies.

In this context it is clarified that, once the officer is appointed by the Election Commission of India as Observer, his/her service conditions are under the control of Election Commission of India, and he/she is obliged to perform the assigned duties in the respective constituencies in accordance with the orders of the Election Commission of India.

Officers so selected shall report the matter of their selection sufficiently early for arranging charge arrangement. Thereafter, no specific orders of the State Government is required, and the officer may undertake the tour under intimation to his/her Department.

Paul Antony,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

All IAS/IPS/IFS officers working in the Cadre.
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