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Ministry of Communications (Sanchar Mantralaya) Department of Telecommunications (Doorsanchar Vibhag) Sanchar Bhawan, Room no. 521, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 1

Dated: 12. 01.2021

CIRCULAR

Subject: Calling of nominations of IP&T AFS officers for appointment as Expenditure Observers in the Forthcoming General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, 2021 - reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 464/ECI/LET/EEM/Exp.Obs./EEPS/2021/Vol.I/58 dated 11.01.2021 received from the Election Commission of India regarding requisition of IP&T AFS Gr 'A' Officers for appointment as Expenditure Observers in the Forthcoming General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, 2021.

Willing officers in the grade of SAG/JAG/STS of Indian IP&T AFS Group 'A' (Preferably from 2001 to 2014 batch) may send their nominations in the enclosed proforma latest by 5.00 P.M. on 18.01.2021 on email adgsea1.hq-dot@nic.in to enable this office to forward the same to the Election Commission of India.

Encl: As above.

(R.C. Kumar) 13/01/2021

Assistant Director General (SEA)

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- 1. Addl. CGCA O/o CGCA, New Delhi.
- 2. All Pr. CsCA/CsCA/DG NICF
- 3. Sr. DDG (PAF), Department of Posts, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi, for taking necessary action please.
- 4. Additional Administrator (USOF), DOT Hqrs.
- 5. All DDsG of Finance & Accounts side, DOT Hqrs.
- 6. Director (SEA), DoT Hgrs.
- 7. Under Secretary (SEA-II) for uploading this circular on the DoT website.
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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Raod, New Delhi-110001 No. 464/ECI/LET/EEM/Exp. Obs./EEPS/2021/Vol. I

To

Sh. Abhay Kumar Singh, Dy. Director General (Establishment & Training), Department of Telecommunications, M/o Communications, Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.

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Sub:- Forthcoming General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, 2021-Requisition of Expenditure Observers-Regarding.

Sir.

As you are aware the terms of Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are due to expire in May/June, 2021. Apart from these elections, a number of bye-elections may held in various states in coming months. Deployment of Expenditure Observers for close observation of process of elections at the constituency level has become an integral part of election management in order to check the abuse of money power during elections. As micro management is now a proven methodology, the role of Expenditure Observers for ensuring free and fair election in the country has become extremely important in recent times.

After careful consideration of all aspects, the Election Commission of India has now decided to seek a **list of 10 IP&TAFS** officers to be recommended for appointment as Expenditure Observers. The Department of Telecommunications, M/o Communications is requested to keep the following points in view while nominating officers to be appointed as Expenditure Observers:-

 The names of the officers who are on long leave, who are on long term training, within the country or overseas, or who are having a medical condition which prevents them from doing field election duty during this period are not to be considered for nomination.

2) The names of the officers who have less than 3 years for retirement or who had earlier been removed by the Commission from various election related duties and

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- against whom any criminal case is pending in any court of law should not be sponsored.
- 3) Officers falling within allotment year 2001 to 2014 may only be considered for nomination.

The information in enclosed proforma from your department may be sent in hard as well as soft copy for the Commission's consideration and decision latest by 20th January, 2021. Any change in the contact/posting details of the officers sponsored may be informed to the Commission.

The Election Commission further desires that a nodal officer may be appointed by Department of Telecommunications, M/o Communications for co-ordinating the flow of information and other aspects of deployment of Expenditure Observers and the nodal officer's name, designation, mobile number, office phone number, fax number and e-mail ID may be communicated to the Election Commission of India at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

(AVINASH KUMAR) SECRETARY

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Note: Any change in the posting, contact details etc. of the officers should be intimated to the Commission.

