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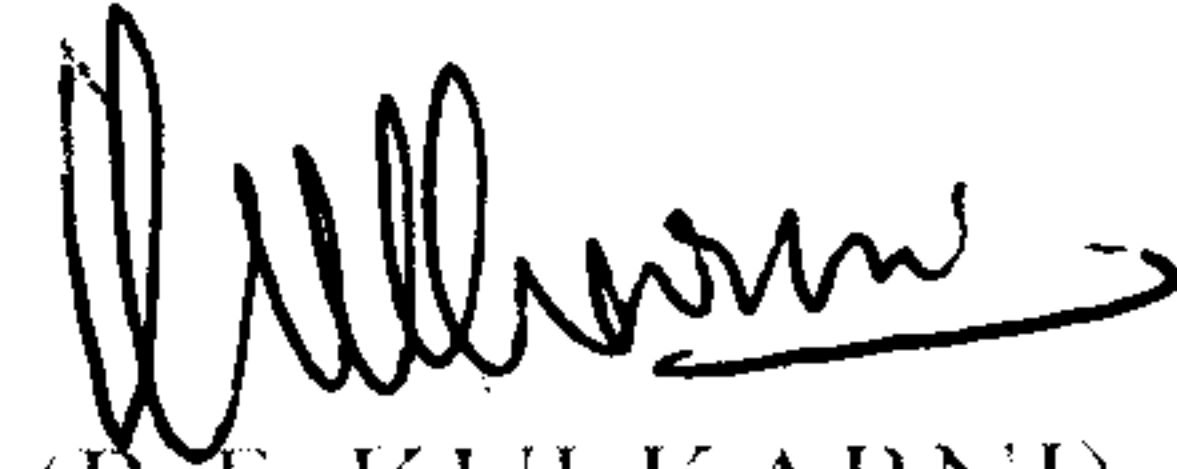
Sub: Use of Loudspeakers for Election Campaign –reg.

Ref: 1) This office Circular of even number dated:
13-03-2014.
2) ECI letter No.3/8/2000-J.S.II, dated: 26-12-2000.

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1. The Election Commission of India permits use of loudspeakers for election campaigning, subject to applicable restrictions on timings and permission of the RTAs. Any external modification of vehicles including fitting of loudspeakers there on would be subject to the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act / Rules and any other local Act / Rules. Vehicles with modification and special campaign vehicles video rath etc., can be used only after obtaining the requisite permission from the competent authorities under the Motor Vehicles Act.
2. A public address system or loudspeaker or any sound amplifier, whether fitted on vehicles of any kind whatsoever, or in static position used for public meetings for electioneering purposes **shall not be used at night between 10.00pm and 6.00 am.**
3. All loudspeakers whether used for general propaganda or for public meetings or for procession, and whether used on moving vehicles or otherwise, shall be used during the restricted hours only and never beyond. All loudspeakers used beyond permitted hours shall be confiscated along with all the apparatus connected with the use of these loudspeakers.
4. All political parties, candidates and any other persons using any loudspeakers on moving vehicles including but not restricted to trucks, tempos, cars, taxis, vans, three wheeler scooters, cycle, rickshaws, etc., shall intimate the registration identification numbers of those vehicles to the authorities granting permission to use loudspeakers and such registration identification numbers of the vehicles shall be indicated on the permits granted by the authorities concerned. Any vehicle on which loudspeaker is used without the said written permit shall be confiscated forthwith along with the loudspeakers and all the apparatus used along with it.
5. All political parties, candidates and even other persons using loudspeakers either on a moving vehicle or at a fixed place shall submit an application with complete details (for mobile loudspeakers, the registration identification numbers of the vehicles shall also to be provided) to the Single Window Agency set up at Deputy Commissioner / District Election Officer's level / police commissioner level / ACP and Tahasildar level as applicable and obtain permission for the same (for mobile loudspeaker vehicles registration number shall be mentioned in the permit).

6. No loudspeakers fitted on vehicles of any kind or in other manner whatsoever shall be permitted to be used during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed the conclusion of the poll.
7. In the light of above instructions, and in view of the need to facilitate reasonable campaigning, District Election Officers being Chairpersons of Regional Transport Authorities may consider permitting use of loudspeakers, posters and Flags with stipulations on vehicles as per rule 127(1) of Karnataka Motor Vehicle Rules, which states-
"No advertising device, figure or writing shall be exhibited on any transport vehicle save as may be specified by the Regional Transport Authority by general or special order"
8. RTA can fix rates for advertisement and the same can be collected by the Single Window Agency and remit the same to RTA head of account.
9. Permits will be given subject to strict enforcement of timings for use of loudspeakers. It is necessary to keep a watch on indiscriminate and unfettered use of loudspeakers at very high volumes which have the effect of disturbing peace and tranquility and causing annoyance to the general public which cannot be permitted.



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To,

- 1) The Director General and Inspector General of Police, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore.
- 2) The Commissioner for Transport, MS Building, Bangalore.
- 3) The Commissioner of Police, Bangalore, Hubli-Dharwad, Mangalore and Mysore.
- 4) The District Election Officer, Bangalore District and Commissioner, BBMP, Bangalore.
- 5) The Additional District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban district, Bangalore.
- 6) The District Election Officers of all districts.
- 7) The Superintendent of Police of all districts.
- 8) The Additional District Election Officers and Addl. Commissioners, BBMP-North, South and Central.
- 9) All National and Recognized Political parties.
- 10) SGF / Spare Copies