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Election Commission of India

D.O. No.437/PB-HP/2019/NS-I
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Dear

During the run up to the General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2019, a delegation of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) met the Commission on 22.03.2019 and handed over a memorandum by Shri Naresh Gujral, Member Parliament, Rajya Sabha, seeking action against Sh. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, IPS, IG, Member Special investigation Team (SIT) for allegedly misusing his official position by making sensational and political statement in connection with ongoing election process and cited some other instances to buttress their averments. The Commission sought a report from the CEO, Punjab. Based on the report dated 02.04.2019, the Commission directed You vide letter dated 05.04.2019 to the effect that Sh. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, IPS, IG(Member SIT) be relieved from his present post with immediate effect and also not given any post related to conduct of elections. Commission also directed that suitable action be initiated against the officer and the member SIT be directed not to air any views on progress of the investigation etc. during the period of MCC which have the potential of adversely affecting the fairness of the conduct of electoral process.

You furnished a compliance report vide letter dated 08.04.2019 informing inter alia that Sh. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, IPS, IGP stands relieved from his present post of IGP/Crime, Bureau of Investigations, Punjab and IGP/Organised Crime Control Unit and has been posted as IGP Counter Intelligence, Amritsar. It was also mentioned that Sh. Singh shall not be assigned or involved in any work related to the conduct of election and has been advised that he should not air any such content in future during the period of MCC which will affect the fairness of the conduct of election process.

Thereafter, the Commission received representations from various quarters seeking review of the aforesaid order of Commission and withdraw the transfer order of Sh. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh. In addition, the Commission also received a DO letter dated 10.04.2019 from Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab on the above subject confirming the transfer of Sh. Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh even while seeking the review of the Commission's decision on various counts.

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