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All District Election Officers,
(Deputy Commissioners)
UT of J&K

No: CEO-SVEEP/2023-24/3060-79

Dated: 08-04-2024

Subject: Smoke-Free Polling Stations in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed herewith letter No: DHSK/TCP/2024/203-07 dated: 02.04.2024 received from Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir regarding the subject cited above. In this connection, all public places including election booths are to be declared as smoke free as the Government of India had passed new rules on May 30, 2008 for effective realization of the objectives of smoke free environments as stipulated under the Indian law and the WHO-FCTC under this act Protection from exposure to second-hand smoke. These rules are implemented since October 2, 2008.

Keeping in view the dangerous effect of passive smoking on general public especially on women and PwD voters, I am directed to request you that smokefree polling stations may kindly be ensured in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As above

Akhtar Hussain Qazi (JKAS)
Nodal Officer (SVEEP)
UT of J&K, Jammu

Copy to the:-

1. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for kind information.
2. Secretary to Government of J&K, H&ME J&K for kind information.
3. All Deputy District Election Officers of UT of J&K for information and necessary action.
4. Nodal Officer, Kashmir National Tobacco Control Program, DHSK for information.