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

No: CEO-SVEEP/2024-25/2541-75

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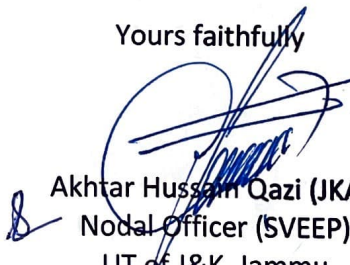
**Subject: Smoke-Free Polling Stations in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir in view of General Elections to Legislative Assembly 2024.**

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed herewith letter No: DHSK/TCP/2024/PS/2024/305-10 dated: 28.08.2024 received from Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir regarding the subject cited above. Cigarette and other tobacco products act (COTPA-2003) is in force in whole of India including Jammu and Kashmir. The Government of India 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 FCTC. This act gives Protection from exposure to second-hand smoke. These rules have been 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 kindly ensure that all Polling Stations in your respective district are **smokefree polling stations** in view of the General Elections to Legislative Assembly 2024. You are further requested to install a flexi signage board indicating **NO SMOKING AREA** at the main entrance of the Polling Stations on the day of election and no person should smoke inside Polling Stations.

Yours faithfully

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

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1. Additional Chief Electoral Officer, O/o CEO, J&K, Jammu for information.
2. Special Secretary, O/o CEO, J&K Jammu/Kashmir for information.
3. All Deputy District Election Officers of UT of J&K for information & necessary action.
4. All District Nodal Officers (SVEEP)/AC Nodal Officers (SVEEP) & Dedicated AEROs for n/a.
5. All Returning Officers of UT of J&K for information & necessary action.