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NOTIFICATIONS BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

ELECTION COMMISSION'S NOTIFICATION REGARDING EXIT POLL AT THE GENERAL ELECTIONS TO
TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2016.

No. SRO G-14/2016.

The following Notification of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001, dated 2nd April, 2016 is published:—

No. 576/EXIT/2016/SDR-Vol.I:— WHEREAS, the schedule for the General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry has been announced by the Commission *vide* Press Note No. ECI/PN/16/2016 dated 4th March, 2016; and

2. WHEREAS, as per the schedule so announced by the Commission, poll for the first phase of election in Assam and West Bengal is scheduled to be taken on 04-03-2016 and the poll for the last round of elections in the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry is to be taken on 16-05-2016; and

3. WHEREAS, as per the provisions of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, there shall be restrictions on conduct of any exit poll and publication and dissemination of result of such exit poll during such period. as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard;

4. NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers under sub-section (1) of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between 7.00 AM on 04-04-2016 and 18.30 Hours (6.30 PM) on 16-05-2016 as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner, whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the current General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry announced by the Commission *vide* Press Note dated 4th March 2016 shall be prohibited.

5. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll in each of the phases in connection with the aforesaid General Elections.

(By order)

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Chennai-600 009,
2nd April, 2016.

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