

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHIMLA**

No.MCS/Comm./Election Code of Conduct/GA/2026- 1105

Dated: 13/05/26

From

Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Shimla.

To

The State Election Commissioner,  
State Election Commission Himachal Pradesh,  
Armsdale, Shimla-171002.

**Subject:- Clarification regarding applicability of Model Code of Conduct in Municipal Corporation Shimla.**

Sir,

Kindly With reference to the following two notifications issued by the State Election Commission, Himachal Pradesh Notification No. SEC.(F)1/49/2025 dated 21<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 — whereby the Model Code of Conduct was imposed in the territorial jurisdiction of those Municipalities which are annexed as Annexure-I, in exercise of powers under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 281 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994 and Section 9 of the HP Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. Notification No. SEC(F)1-45/2024 dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 whereby the Model Code of Conduct was imposed in the entire State with immediate effect till the completion of the election process, in exercise of powers under Article 243K of the Constitution of India read with Section 160 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, for conduct of seventh general elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions.

In view of the aforesaid two notifications, the undersigned seeks the following clarifications from the State Election Commission:

- (a) Model Code of Conduct imposed vide Notification dated 21<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 (Municipal elections) is not applicable to Municipal Corporation Shimla, particularly when MC Shimla does not figure in the Notification-I appended thereto;
- (b) Whether the State-wide imposition of Model Code of Conduct vide Notification dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 (Panchayat elections) operates independently and is applicable to the territorial jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation Shimla, regardless of the applicability of the first notification;
- (c) Whether both notifications operate concurrently in MC Shimla, and if so, whether the restrictions and prohibitions under both are to be complied with separately or the later notification supersedes the former to that extent as the territorial limits of MC Shimla are concerned.

A prompt clarification in the matter is requested to enable this office to ensure strict compliance with the Model Code of Conduct and to avoid any inadvertent violation thereof.

Yours faithfully,

(Bhupender Kumar Attri)  
Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation Shimla