

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal
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Memo No. 1568 / Home (Elec)

Dated: 29.03.2024

From : Chief Electoral Officer,
West Bengal.

To : The Additional Director General of Police (Legal), West Bengal
& State Police Nodal Officer for Election

Sub : Regarding engagement of professional 'Fact Check Agency'
for Lok Sabha Election 2024

Ref : Your office memo no 172/CORD CELL/ELEC Dated 22/03/2024

Sir,

With reference to above Memo, this is to inform you that necessary action be taken from your end for engagement of a professional, unbiased 'Fact Check Agency' to deal with fake, misleading, provocative and false news during the ensuing Loksabha Election 2024 following all financial norms.

You are also requested to sign an agreement of 'Confidentiality and Non-disclosure' (format enclosed) from your end with the selected agency, as received from ECI. It is also to ensure that the agency or their management should not belong to any political party or should not be a known sympathizer or supporter or close relations of any contesting candidates or leader of any political party and should not have been hired by any political party or contesting candidates. This is essentially to ensure complete political neutrality.

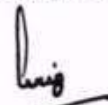
A committee may please be formed for finalization of the agency where Dr Kakali Mukherjee, Deputy CEO may be included as a member.

Appropriate financial proposal / budget with justification may kindly fixed beforehand by this committee.

Necessary compliance is requested early.

Enclo : As stated.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Electoral Officer
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