



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग  
Election Commission of India

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No:-437/UP-HP/2019

Dated:- 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

## ORDER

Whereas, the Commission had issued a show cause notice number 437/UP-HP/2019 dated 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to Sh. Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for violation of certain provisions of Model Code of Conduct and Representation of the People Act, 1951 by making some objectionable statements during a public rally on 09.04.2019 at Meerut in 10-Meerut PC; and

Whereas, the Commission has received a reply to the aforesaid Notice on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 through the Chief Electoral Officer, Uttar Pradesh; and

Whereas, the Commission has carefully gone through the contents and averments made in the aforesaid letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, of Sh. Yogi Adityanath, wherein he has *inter-alia* accepted using the reference of “हरा वायरस”; and

Whereas, he has also accepted using the reference to “बजरंग बली”; and

Whereas, the Commission observes that being the Chief Minister of a State Sh. Yogi Adityanath has an added responsibility to not only uphold the basic tenets, including Secularism, of the Constitution of India but also to display the same in his public appearances/meetings/speeches as well.; and

Whereas, the Commission has again seen the video recording of his impugned speech and is convinced that he has made highly provocative speech which has the tone and tenor to aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred between different religious communities, and thus violative of aforesaid provisions of Model Code of Conduct; and

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Whereas, the Commission in another matter, *vide* its Order no. 437/उ०प्र०-  
लो०स०/2019, dated 05<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 had advised Sh. Yogi Adityanath to be more  
careful in public utterances; and

Whereas, the Commission observes that being a senior leader, Sh. Yogi  
Adityanath should have desisted himself in making statements that have the  
undertone and propensity to polarize the elections, which is not confined to the  
constituency only where the statement is made, but to the other parts as well due to  
fast dissemination of information in this digital age; and

Whereas, the Commission, while deliberating this matter on 14.04.2019,  
expressed its concern on such public utterances, which contaminate the electoral  
process; and

Whereas, the Commission is also of the view that Sh. Yogi Adityanath in his  
impugned speech has appealed to secure votes on religious lines that tantamount to  
violation of provisions of para 3 and para 4 of part I '**General Conduct**' of "**Model  
Code of Conduct, for the guidance of Political Parties and Candidates**" which  
specify that:-

(3) *There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.....*

(4) *All parties and candidates shall avoid scrupulously all activities which are  
"corrupt practices" and offences under the election law, such as bribing of voters,  
intimidation of voters....'; and that he has disobeyed the Hon'ble Supreme Court's  
judgement made in Civil Appeal No 37 of 1992 (Abhiram Singh vs C. D.  
Commachen and others), with Civil Appeal No.8339 of 1995;*

Now, therefore, the Commission, without prejudice to any Order/Notice  
issued or to be issued in the matter relating to MCC violations to him, hereby,  
**strongly condemns** the impugned statements made by him during election  
campaign held at Meerut and **censures** Sh. Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar  
Pradesh for the above said misconduct. The Commission, under Article 324 of the  
Constitution of India and all other powers enabling in this behalf, bars him from

holding any public meetings, public processions, public rallies, road shows and interviews, public utterances in media (electronic, print, social media) etc. in connection with ongoing elections for 72 hours from 06:00 am on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (Tuesday).

By Order,



(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To

Sh. Yogi Adityanath ji,  
Chief Minister, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,  
Lucknow.