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PRESS RELEASE

Press Council of India advises media to abide by the provisions of Section 126A of Representation of the People Act, 1951 during upcoming State Legislative Assembly Elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, 2024

In wake of the upcoming State Legislative Assembly Elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand and bye-elections in Parliamentary/Assembly constituencies of various states the Press Council of India advises the print media to refrain from publishing news which in any way whatsoever predict the results of the elections during the prohibited period under Section 126A of the RP Act, 1951 to ensure free, fair and transparent election:

The Council is of the view that forecast of results of elections in any form or manner by way of predictions etc. by Astrologers, Tarot Readers, Political Analysts or by any persons during the prohibited period is violation of the spirit of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which aims to prevent constituencies going to polls from being influenced in their voting by such predictions about the prospects of the various political parties.

The Print Media is hereby advised not to publish/publicise any such news of results, during the period of 48 hours before the hour fixed for conclusion of poll in State Legislative Assembly Elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand prior to the date of State Legislative Assembly Elections in Maharashtra on 20.11.2024 and in Jharkhand on 13.11.2024 and 20.11.2024, to ensure free and fair elections.

