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Sub: Regarding exemption of election duty to teachers of the University of Delhi and its constituent colleges for forthcoming Assembly Elections

Dear Madam/Sir,

You would be aware that some teachers of Delhi University colleges such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College and Bhaskracharya College of Applied Sciences, Dwarka, N Delhi have been assigned the duty to conduct the forthcoming Assembly Elections in Delhi region.

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DUTA is writing to you to convey our strong reservations about this step considering that teachers of Central Universities have always been exempted from election duty. It is also important to note that employees of the University of Delhi are permitted (as per Executive Council resolution of University of Delhi, notification attached) to contest and participate in General/State Assembly Elections and are free to become member/join /support the political parties.

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In light of the above, assigning election duties to the teachers of DU and its colleges will seriously compromise their political rights as they can become the part of any political party as well as contest elections. This has been witnessed on several occasions where DU teachers contested and got elected as MLAs, MPs etc. In the light of this, the very purpose of deputing teachers of DU and its colleges for carrying out official and unbiased duty may be defeated. In view of this, Delhi University and its Colleges were placed in the exemption list of 2019 Circular no. **F.CEO/Admn/104(26)/Circulars/DLAE/2019/73717-43, CD NO. 000584837 dated 18.12.2019 (see annexure).**

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Further, Faculty Members in the Universities have to fulfil their academic obligations such as teaching, evaluation, research activities, etc. and would affect their primary responsibilities, if they are diverted for election work.

DUTA requests you to exempt the election duty of DU and its colleges teachers.

Regards,

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President, DUTA

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Encl: 1. Exemption list of 2019 Circular no. F.CEO/Admn/104(26)/Circulars/DLAE/2019/73717-43, CD NO. 000584837 dated 18.12.2019.
2. Letter No. Estab.(T)/V/330/Misc./3376 of DU Assistant Registrar to Chief Electoral Officer dated 12th Feb, 2024,