

Letter no: ADR04/RTI-EC/Seizure-02

Date: 21-10-2014

To

Shri Avinash Kumar  
Under Secretary  
Secretariat of the Election Commission of India  
Nirvachan Sadan  
New Delhi – 110 001

Sub: Application for Information under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 on seizures by ECI during Maharashtra Assembly Elections, Oct 2014

Dear Sir,

With respect to various media reports (attached herewith) on cash seizure of Rs 50 lakhs on 9<sup>th</sup> October by the Officials of Election Commission of India from a car belonging to BJP candidate Ms Manisha Chaudhary (Dhaisar constituency Mumbai Suburban), kindly provide the following information:-

1. According to the Returning Officer, Mr Tushar Mhatkar, the candidate Ms Manisha Chaudhary's driver and a BJP party worker alleged that the seized cash was part of party fund (BJP). Has the ECI made enquiries towards the claim?
2. If an enquiry was conducted by the ECI, kindly share a copy of the final report on this cash seizure of Rs 50 lakhs
3. Has an FIR been filed by the Returning Officer/ authorised person from the ECI on Ms Chaudhary/ Bharatiya Janata Party?
4. If yes, kindly provide a copy of the First Information Report filed

I have attached a postal order for Rs 10/- (bearing number: 23F 486090) towards payment of application fees as prescribed. Kindly intimate to me the additional fees payable, if any. I would like to receive the aforesaid information by registered post on my office address given below.

Enclosure – Media report in The Hindu newspaper dated 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2014  
Media report in DNA newspaper dated 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2014

Yours sincerely

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