

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# The Chief Election Commissioner & Commissioners,

Election Commission of India, Ashok Road, New Delhi – 110001

# Subject: Violation of Electoral laws and anti-India remarks by Shri Akhilesh Yadav

Dear Sir,

We are writing this to bring to your notice a grave violation of the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India by Shri Akhilesh Yadav.

On 7th April 2024, Shri Akhilesh Yadav while addressing the media had made unverified and distorted allegations against the Union of India. In his press briefer while addressing about the death of Muktar Ansari, he said that India has been accused of killing the citizens of Canada and America.

To quote him - "The general public is not considering it a natural death. The Government of India has been accused of similar incidents in America and Canada. Mukhtar Ansari has been a public servant and in democracy he used to share in the suffering of the people".

## इसी तरह जेल में रखकर जेल में जहर नहीं दे दिया गया?

आप सोचो भारत सरकार पर आरोप नहीं लगा क्या आप हमारे देश में हत्या कर रहे हो क्या कनाडा के प्राइम मिनिस्टर ने भारत पर आरोप नहीं लगाया **क्या अमेरिका में आपने जीस को सुपारी दी थी?** 

वो नहीं पकड़ा गया एक अधिकारी और एक व्यापारी मिलकर के एक हत्या कराना चाहते थे अमेरिका में वो व्यापारी का जेल में नहीं है सोचो आप क्या कल्पना करोगे आप कहती हैं हम बनेंगे क्या विकसित भारत की ये डेफिनेशन होगी ये **हम दूसरे देश में जा करके हत्या करा देंगे क्या भारत में हत्या का आरोप** 



### नहीं है एक व्यापारी उस ने \$1,00,000 देने की बात की और हत्या करने की प्रयास किया दूसरे देश में पकड़ा गया जेल में हैं भारत सरकार का अधिकारी शामिल था

The Link of video is given here:

#### https://x.com/meghupdates/status/1776928477700395095?s=12

A grotesquely false statement, without any evidence or proof made so casually is rife with international repercussions. Such fulminations, though rooted in their own frustrations of staring into humiliating defeat in the elections, have the potential of impacting India's relations with countries that are strategically important to us. It also can create a false international narrative that countries hostile to India would be quick to pick on.

Therefore, the statement of Shri Akhilesh Yadav has violated the guidelines issued in the *letter No.437/6/INST/ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024 Dated 1st March 2024, which* 

# prohibits False, unquantifiable, unsubstantiated, incorrect and unverified allegations of any nature against any individual or entity.

Allegations against any nation, mainly those as severe as accusing a government of involvement in extrajudicial actions or unlawful killings, must be approached with caution, substantiated by evidence, and weighed against the broader context of international relations and legal frameworks. Accusing India of such actions without concrete evidence not only undermines the country's reputation but also risks damaging diplomatic relations and perpetuating misinformation.

Shri Akhilesh Yadav has no authority to speak on a subject related to foreign affairs and diplomacy. His acts coincide with and support the alleged accusations by foreign powers who are hell-bent on tarnishing the image of a country. The naivety shown by the leader who happened to be the Chief Minister of U.P has immensely serious repercussions on the Indian diaspora living abroad.

The statements made by Shri Akhilesh Yadav falls under the ambit of the following laws:

#### Indian Penal Code:



#### Section 499 – Defamation

### Section 505. Statements conducing to public mischief.—

[(1)] Whoever makes, publishes or circulates any statement, rumour or report, -

(b) with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public, or to any section of the public whereby any person may be induced to commit an offence against the State or against the public tranquility; or

shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

### IPC Section 171G-False statement in connection with an election –

Whoever with intent to affect the result of an election makes or publishes any statement purporting to be a statement of fact which is false and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, in relation to the personal character or conduct of any candidate shall be punished with fine.

#### Model Code of Conduct -

General Conduct - (2) Criticism of other political parties, when made, shall be confined to their policies and program, past record and work. Parties and Candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of the leaders or workers of other parties. Criticism of other parties or their workers based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided.

Here are several key reasons why such an allegation against India is wrong:

Lack of Evidence: The cornerstone of any credible accusation is evidence. Accusing a government of involvement in unlawful activities without presenting concrete evidence undermines the credibility of the allegation. In the absence of verifiable proof, such accusations remain baseless and unsubstantiated.

**Damage to Reputation:** Accusations of involvement in extrajudicial actions or human rights violations can severely damage a country's reputation on the global stage. India, like any other nation, values its reputation and standing in the international community.



Unsubstantiated allegations tarnish this reputation unjustly and can have lasting repercussions.

Undermining Rule of Law: Democracies like India pride themselves on upholding the rule of law and ensuring justice through transparent and accountable legal systems. Accusations that imply disregard for legal processes or involvement in extrajudicial actions undermine the very principles upon which democratic societies are built..

**Propagation of Misinformation**: Accusations made without evidence contribute to the spread of misinformation and falsehoods. In today's interconnected world, misinformation can spread rapidly through social media and other channels, leading to confusion and mistrust among the public. More importantly when the motivated statement is made by a leader who had been a Chief Minister of a State.

Legal Implications: Accusations of involvement in unlawful activities can have legal implications, both domestically and internationally.

**Impact on Civil Society**: Unsubstantiated allegations can erode public trust in institutions and sow seeds of discord within society. When political leaders make baseless accusations against their own government, it can undermine public confidence in the democratic process and fuel polarization.

**Responsibility of Political Leaders:** Political leaders have a responsibility to exercise caution and integrity in their public statements. Accusations made without evidence not only violate ethical standards but also betray a lack of accountability and leadership.

In conclusion, making allegations against India or any other nation without sufficient evidence is not only unjust but also irresponsible. Such accusations can have farreaching consequences, including damage to reputation, strained diplomatic relations, and erosion of public trust. It is imperative that accusations be based on credible evidence and adhere to principles of truthfulness, accountability, and respect for the rule of law.

Hence, we seek this Commission to

- 1. Direct Shri Akhilesh Yadav to tender an apology for insulting India with baseless allegations against the country.
- 2. Reprimand Shri Akhilesh Yadav for making the baseless allegations.



3. Direct registration of an FIR against Shri Akhilesh Yadav for making unfounded, mischievious and defamatory anti national statements.

Yours faithfully,

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