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Sh. D. V. Seetharama Rao, Secretary General, The National Rifle Association of India, "NRAI House", 51-B, Tughlakabad, Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110062.

Subject: Exemption from depositing of Firearms during elections by the members National Rifle Association of India and Rifle Clubs – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 regarding exemption from the depositing of Arms and Ammunition to the members of NRAI. In this connection, I am directed to invite your attention to the Commission's letter No. 464/INST/2009/EPS dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2009 regarding Preventive Law and Order action to ensure conduct of peaceful, free and fair poll during the General/Bye Elections and deposit of Arms, wherein the Commission has already exempted the sportsmen who are the members of National Rifle Association, at different levels and have to participate in various sporting events. It is reiterated that above said standing instructions of the Commission are applicable in every General Election to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly.

Yours faithfully,

(Sanjeev Kumar Prasad) Under Secretary

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 The Chief Electoral Officers of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal.