ALL CONTESTING CANDIDATES

It has been observed that some of the candidates are mentioning the areas of practice / specialization in their circulars / manifestos being circulated to the members pursuant to Rule 42 of the Company Secretaries (Election to the Council) Rules, 2006. Such information not only creates visibility but also amounts to indirect solicitation of work as the circulars / manifestos are also sent to the members in employment and, hence, are in contravention of Clause (6) & (7) of Part I of the First Schedule.

In order to help the Institute in conducting free and fair elections, the candidates are advised to ensure that the circulars / manifestoes do not contravene the aforesaid provisions. We have already issued a ‘Show Cause Notice’ to a candidate for violating the aforesaid provision.

It has also been observed that the candidates are issuing SMS regarding 'Good Morning' 'Good Evening' and like. Even though the candidates are not indicating their candidature in the aforesaid SMS, however, it brings visibility about the candidates in the minds of the voters. The candidates are advised to refrain from sending such type of SMS.

Some of the candidates have sent SMS requesting the members to vote for them. The contents of the SMS have been found different from the circular / manifesto issued by the candidate. Such SMS constitute different circular / manifesto in terms of Clause (xxi) of the Election Code of Conduct and hence, contravene the said code. The candidates are advised in their own interest to refrain from sending such SMS to the members.

The Institute has received some communications from the members of the Institute or other persons condemning or praising some candidates. The
members/other persons are hereby advised to refrain from sending such communications. The candidates may also request such persons not to send any such communications, in particular, the appreciation / recommendation/ adverse communications about the candidates.

Regards,

(N K Jain)
Returning Officer and
Secretary & CEO