

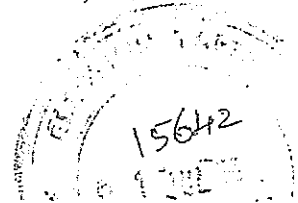
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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001.**

F.No. 56/2016/PPS-II

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

To,  
All the Recognized political parties



Sub:- Clarification regarding Form A and Form B- Regarding.

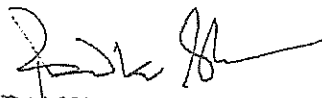
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968, regarding the conditions to be fulfilled for treating a candidate as one set up by political party. One of the conditions stipulated therein is that Form A duly filled up and signed by the party authorized representative must be submitted to both the Chief Electoral Officer and the Returning Officer of the constituency, and Form B duly filled up and signed by the party representative as authorized in Form A, should be submitted to the Returning Officer of the respective constituency. Both Form A and Form B are required to be submitted before 3 p.m on the last date for making nominations. Both the Forms should bear signature in original. Authorization in Form A should be signed by an office bearer in the Central office of the party. Form A signed by regional/lower level units of the party will not be treated as valid for the purposes of Paragraph 13.

2. It is reiterated that it is the responsibility of the party/candidates concerned to submit Form A to CEO, and Forms A and B to the Returning Officers. In the past, some parties seem to have taken the stand that in so far as Form A is concerned, the CEO will forward the said Form to the ROs, which is not the correct position. It is not the responsibility of the CEO to forward Form A to ROs. Submission of the Form to CEO alone will not amount to compliance of the requirements of Paragraph 13. Unless and until both the two Forms A and B are submitted to the respective ROs as per the requirements of the said Para, the candidates concerned shall not be treated as candidates set up by the party.

The above guidelines may be noted and also brought to the notice of all lower units of the party so that cases of rejection of nomination of candidates/ authorization as party candidate on the above ground are avoided.

Yours faithfully,

  
(PRAMOD KUMAR SHARMA)  
SECRETARY

Copy to: The Chief Electoral Officers of all states. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all political parties based in your State/Union Territory, including the registered unrecognized parties.