

**“General Elections, 2018” /**  
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**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana**

South 'H' Block, Secretariat, Hyderabad. \_

Memo. No.3147/Elecs.D/2018-1

Dated:26.10.2018.

Sub:- General Elections to Telangana State Legislative Assembly,  
 2018 - Certain Instructions on Nominations etc., – Reg.

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All the Collectors & District Election Officers, and Commissioner, GHMC, & D.E.O., Hyderabad is informed that ECI has announced the schedule for General Elections to Telangana State Legislative Assembly, 2018. The Notification will be issued **on 12.11.2018 (Monday)**. The Returning Officer should issue public Notice of Election on the same day i.e. 12-11-2018 as prescribed under section 31 of the representation of the people act, 1951 read with rule 3 of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 in **Form-I** appended to the said rules. Nominations shall be accepted from **12.11.2018** onwards between 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and arrange to send a report regarding publication of **Form-I** Notice by 13.00 hours on **12.11.2018 (Monday)** along with a copy of **Form-I** Notice both in English and Telugu issued by the R.O. to this office through Fax No. **23450515** & e-mail

All the District Election Officers are informed that at the time of filing nominations by the candidates, the Returning Officer should follow the instructions as mentioned in the Hand Book for Returning Officer, 2014 as detailed below:

**Public Holiday – Effect on Election Programme:**

As per the Hand Book for R.O., 2014 at para **5.5.1**, a candidate may present his nomination paper on the very day of the public notice, or on any of the following days fixed for filing of nominations, which is not a public holiday.

As per para 5.5.2 of the H.B. for R.O., ‘Public holiday’ is defined in section 2(h) of the R.P Act, 1951 to mean a day which is a Public Holiday for the purpose of Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. The R.O., may bear in mind that the Saturday’s of the month where these are observed as holidays for government offices, are not to be treated as “Public holidays” under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, unless the same are specifically declared as such holidays under Negotiable Instruments act. Similarly local holidays observed in a State are also not public holidays.

**Number of proposers for Nomination:**

As per para 5.5.2. of the H.B. for R.O., Under Section 33 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the nomination of a candidate at election to the House of the People or a State Legislative Assembly shall be required to be subscribed by-

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- (i) One elector of the constituency, as proposer, if the candidate has been set up either by a recognized national party or by a recognized state party in the state or states in which it is recognized as state party (see Part-I of Forms 2A and 2B);
- (ii) Ten (10) electors of the constituency, as proposers, if the candidate has been set by a registered un-recognized political party or if he is an independent candidate (see Part-II of the Forms 2A and 2B).

As per para 5.8.2 of the H.B. for R.O., If a State Party recognized in one State contests election in another State in which it is not so recognized, the nomination of candidate(s) set up by that party in such other State will also be required to be subscribed by ten (10) electors of the constituency, as proposers, even if the party is granted concession under para 10 of the Symbol Order to use its reserved symbol.

#### **Affidavit in Form-26:**

The ECI in its Lr. No. 3/4/2017/SDR/Vol.II, dt.10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 (copy enclosed) has stated that the candidates at all elections are required to file affidavit in Form-26, along with nomination paper, declaring information about criminal cases, assets, liabilities and educational qualifications. Form-26 has now been amended vide Ministry of Law & Justice Notification No. H.11019(4)/2018-Leg.II, dated 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. The amendments made in Form-26 are in pursuance of the directions in the judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition(C) No. 784 of 2015 (Lok Prahari Vs. Union of India & Others) and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.). A copy of the updated Form-26 is enclosed herewith. **The candidates are now required to file the affidavit in the amended Form-26.** The same are already communicated by this office to all the DEOs vide Memo. No.2732/Elecs.D/2018, dt.12.10.2018.

The candidates are now required to file the affidavit in the amended Form-26 and shall fill up all columns as directed by the Commission. The provisions for the additional affidavit in respect of dues against Govt. accommodation, if any, have now been incorporated in Form-26 itself under Item (8) relating to liabilities to Public Financial Institutions and Govt. Therefore, the candidates shall give the requisite declaration/particulars in this regard in Item (8) of Form-26. Accordingly, the candidates are now not required to file the additional affidavit prescribed under the Commission's Order No.509/11/2004-JS-I, dt.3.2.2016, as the provisions are now part of Form-26 itself.

#### **Time and place of filing nomination papers:**

As per para 5.10.1. of the H.B. for R.O., the Nomination papers may be presented either before Returning Officer or before the Assistant Returning Officer specified by the R.O., in the Public Notice, on any of the notified days at the place or places specified in the notice at any time between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m., and not at any other place and not at any other time. If a candidate or his proposer seeks to present a nomination paper either before 11.00 a.m. or after 3.00 p.m., the Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer should not accept the nomination paper saying that under the provisions of the law neither the candidate has the right to deliver, nor the Returning Officer has the right to accept, a nomination paper outside the hours prescribed for the purpose.

The Returning Officer may, however, point out that if he so desires, he may present it within the prescribed hours the following day, provided it is one of the days notified for presenting nomination papers.

**Restriction on Number of Vehicles and people at the time of Nominations:**

As per para 5.11.1. of the H.B. for R.O., large number of vehicles and people accompanying some of the candidates at the time of filing nominations were causing serious concern about general law and order in the offices of the Returning Officers. Keeping this in view, the maximum number of vehicles in the convoy of a candidate or accompanying him to be allowed to come within a periphery of 100 meters of ROs/AROs office has been **restricted to three vehicles** and the maximum number of persons who can be allowed to enter the office of ROs/AROs at the time of filing nomination has been limited to **five (including the candidate)**.

**Who can file nomination papers:**

As per para 5.12.1. of the H.B. for R.O., all nomination papers are required to be presented in person before the Returning Officer or of the specified assistant Returning Officer either by the candidate or by his proposer or any one of the proposers of his nomination paper and by no one else at the place specified in the public notice between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on any of the notified days other than a public holiday.

**Number of nomination papers:**

As per para 5.13.1. of the H.B. for R.O., under sub-section (6) of Section 33 of the R.P. Act 1951, a maximum of **four** nomination papers only can be presented by or on behalf of any candidate or accepted by R.O. for election in the same constituency. Returning officer must, therefore, ensure that the same candidate does not file nomination papers for the same constituency in excess of this number. If a candidate seeks to present any nomination paper or papers in excess of this number, returning officer must not accept such nomination paper or papers saying that under the provisions of the law neither the candidate has the right to present, nor the Returning Officer has the right to accept, any nomination paper or papers in excess of four. These can be filed either together or separately.

As per para **5.14.2** of the H.B. for R.O., when a number of nomination papers are delivered to Returning Officer in a bunch, Returning Officer must assign serial numbers to them in the order in which you deal with them one after the other.

According to the amendment to the Representation of the People Act, 1951, **Security deposit** for the candidates contesting for Assembly elections is **Rs.10,000/-** and for candidates belonging to SC/ST, the rate being half of the above amount (copy enclosed for ready reference.)

All the Returning Officers should also see the list of disqualified candidates as communicated by the E.C.I. during filing the nomination papers by the candidates.

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The Commission has issued instructions regarding "Printing of Ballot papers – Photograph of candidate to be also printed along with the other particulars" (.). The Returning Officer is requested to collect the photograph from the candidates as per specifications given in the ECI instructions in their Lr. Nos.576/3/2015/SDR, dt.16.03.2015 & 576/3/2015/SDR, dt.19.01.2016 along with nomination paper (copies enclosed).

All the District Election Officers /Returning Officers are further informed that information on the following stages of the election should be communicated to the Chief Electoral Officer by Fax & e-mail Fax No. **23450515** (.).

- A. **Daily Report:** Every day from **12.11.2018 to 19.11.2018** immediately after 3.00 p.m. the names of all those who filed nominations on the day (if, no nominations are filed 'nil' report) should be communicated in the proforma prescribed i.e., in **Form-3A** by 4.00 p.m.
- B. **Report of nominations:** On the Last date for filing nominations i.e., on **19.11.2018** in addition to daily report immediately after 3.00 p.m., the names of all those who have filed nominations should be communicated in the prescribed form appended at page 75 of the Hand Book for Returning Officers, 2014 duly following the guidelines mentioned at paras from 5.30.1 to 5.30.5 of Chapter-V of the Hand Book for Returning Officers, 2014.
- C. **List of Valid Nominations:** On the day of scrutiny of nominations i.e., on **20.11.2018** the names of all those whose nominations are found valid should be communicated in **Form-4**. The list of names of all those whose names have been rejected by the Returning Officer with the reasons for rejection, should also be enclosed. The names shall be arranged in alphabetical order in Telugu under three categories as in the case of **Form-7A**.
- D. **List of withdrawals:** On the last day of withdrawals of candidatures i.e., on **22.11.2018**, the list of candidates who have withdrawn their candidatures should be communicated in **Form-6**.
- E. **List of contesting candidates:** On the last day of withdrawal of candidatures i.e., on **22.11.2018 (Thursday)**, the names of contesting candidates with party affiliations, if any, and symbols allotted with correct spelling in **Form-7A** should be communicated. The names of contesting candidates in **Form-7A** have to be arranged under three categories i.e., (i) Candidates of recognized National and State political parties; (ii) Candidates of registered, un-recognized political parties and (iii) other (independent) candidates. The names of candidates have to be arranged in the said list and also on the ballot papers in the same order under these categories and the names have to be arranged in Telugu alphabetical order in each of the above mentioned three categories separately. Translated version of **Form-7A** in English shall also be communicated.

The list in **Form-7A** has to be prepared both in Telugu and English and other language prescribed if any by ECI for displaying on the notice board of the office of the Returning Officer and at other places where it is considered necessary by the Returning Officer.

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The ECI vide Lr. No. 576/3/2017/SDRJ, dated: 18-10-2017 (copy enclosed) has invited their Letter No. 576/3/2015, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, regarding directions for printing **Photographs of candidates** also in the ballot papers and directed that, **photographs of candidates** shall also be printed against their names in the list of contesting candidates in **Form-7A** as per Commission directions vide ECI Lr. No. 576/3/2017/SDRJ, Dated: 18-10-2017, as the case may be. Thus, the copy of the said forms to be supplied to each contesting candidate should contain the photographs of the candidates. The same format with photographs of candidates shall be used for publishing of the form in the gazette as well as for displaying copies thereof in the polling stations.

The ECI has also stated that a clarification was sought as to whether 'NOTA' is to be printed in Form-7A. The ECI has clarified that since Form-7A denotes list of contesting candidates, 'nota' is not to be printed therein.

**Six copies of Form-7A each in Telugu & English and other language prescribed if any by ECI in original (Ink signed) and also a soft copy** shall be sent through a responsible officer to reach the Chief Electoral Officer's office on the same night and one copy in English to the E.C.I. The names of the political parties and symbols shall be correctly indicated in the said form. It is also necessary to prepare the list of contesting candidates even in the case of un-contested election and publish it on the notice board of the Office of the Returning Officer and ensure that the complete addresses of the candidates are indicated correctly in the list of validly nominated and contesting candidates. Intimate the total number of voters and polling stations in the constituency as on the last date of filing of nominations.

All the District Election Officers / Returning Officers are requested to follow up the official ECI website for day to day updates and also arrange to furnish all the reports and returns promptly on due dates. The above instructions are not exhaustive. For detailed instructions the Hand Book for Returning Officers, other Hand Books and latest instructions of the E.C.I. issued from time to time should be referred and followed.

DR. RAJAT KUMAR,  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &  
E.O. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
All the Collectors & D.E.Os., (w.es.)  
The Commissioner, GHMC & D.E.O., Hyderabad.(w.es.)

**Copy to :**

All the Returning Officers of Assembly Constituencies  
through concerned D.E.Os (w.es.)

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SECTION OFFICER  
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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 -

No. 3/1/2009/SDR

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2010

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
all States and Union Territories

Subject: The Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009 -  
regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy each of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009 as published in an Extraordinary issue of the Gazette of India dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009 along with the Notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice appointing the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2010 as the date on which the provisions of the said Amendment Act have come into force.

2. It may be noted that by this Amendment Act, Section 24 (relating to appellate authority) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and Sections 8A (relating to disqualification on corrupt practices), 34 (relating to security deposit), 123(7) (relating to the corrupt practice of obtaining assistance of government servants) of Representation of the People Act 1951 have been amended. In addition, two new Sections 126A and 126B (relating to restrictions on Exit Polls) have been inserted in the Act.

3. The important consequences of the amendments are following:

- (i) Appeal against the order of the Electoral Registration Officer (during continuous updation) under Section 22 or 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 will now lie before the DM/ADM/ Executive Magistrate/District Collector. A further appeal against the order of DM/Collector will now lie before the Chief Electoral Officer of the State. The corresponding amendment to (Rule 27) the Registration of Electors' Rules,


1960 is yet to be carried out. As and when the amendment is made and notified you will be informed accordingly.

- (ii) Security deposit for the candidates has been increased to Rs. 25,000/- for Lok Sabha election and Rs. 10,000/- for Assembly election (the rate being half this amount for candidates belonging to SC/ST). Consequently the security deposit for candidates contesting elections to the Council of States and State Legislative Councils will be Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 5,000/- for candidates belonging to SC/ST. (vide Section 39 of Representation of the People Act, 1951).
- (iii) Conducting exit polls and publishing/publicizing/disseminating results of exit polls in any manner would be prohibited during the period specified in the new Section 126A. The Commission will issue specific instructions notifying such period during the elections.

4. The provisions of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2009, may be brought to the notice of all election authorities in your State/Union Territory for their information and compliance. All political parties in your State/Union Territory may also be informed accordingly.

5. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Ashish Chakraborty)  
Under Secretary

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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
**Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001**

No. 3/4/2017/SDR/Vol.II

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

**Sub:- (i) Supreme Court's Judgment on the petition regarding people  
with criminal antecedents contesting elections;**

**(ii) Amendments in Form-26 (Format of affidavit by candidates).**

Sir/Madam,

The candidates at all elections are required to file affidavit in Form-26, along with nomination paper, declaring information about criminal cases, assets, liabilities and educational qualifications. Form-26 has now been amended vide Ministry of Law & Justice Notification No. H.11019(4)/2018-Leg.II, dated 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. The amendments made in Form-26 are in pursuance of the directions in the judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition(C) No. 784 of 2015 (Lok Prahari Vs. Union of India & Others) and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.). A copy of the said notification along with a copy of the updated Form-26 is enclosed herewith. The candidates are now required to file the affidavit in the amended Form-26.

2. In the judgement in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 536 of 2011, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has, inter alia, given the following directions:-

- " (i) Each contesting candidate shall fill up the form as provided by the Election Commission and the form must contain all the particulars as required therein.
- (ii) It shall state, in bold letters, with regard to the criminal cases pending against the candidate.
- (iii) If a candidate is contesting an election on the ticket of a particular party, he/she is required to inform the party about the criminal cases pending against him/her.

- (iv) The concerned political party shall be obligated to put up on its website the aforesaid information pertaining to candidates having criminal antecedents.
- (v) The candidate as well as the concerned political party shall issue a declaration in the widely circulated newspapers in the locality about the antecedents of the candidate and also give wide publicity in the electronic media. When we say wide publicity, we mean that the same shall be done at least thrice after filing of the nomination papers."

3. In pursuance of the abovementioned judgement, the Commission, after due consideration, has given the following directions to be followed by candidates at elections to the Houses of Parliament and Houses of State Legislatures who have criminal cases against them, either pending cases or cases of conviction in the past, and to the political parties that set up such candidates :-

(a) Candidates at elections to the House of the People, Council of States, Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council who have criminal cases against them – either pending cases or cases in which candidate has been convicted, shall publish a declaration about such cases, for wide publicity, in newspapers with wide circulation in the constituency area. This declaration is to be published in **Format C-1** attached hereto, at least on three different dates from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidatures and upto two days before the date of poll. The matter should be published in font size of at least 12 and should be placed suitably in the newspapers so that the directions for wide publicity are complied with in letter and spirit.

*(Illustration: If the last date for withdrawal is 10<sup>th</sup> of the Month and poll is on 24<sup>th</sup> of the Month, the publishing of declaration shall be done between 11<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of that Month).*

(b) All such candidates with criminal cases are also required to publish the above declaration on TV channels on three different dates during the abovementioned period. But, in the case of the declaration in TV Channels, the same should be completed before the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll.

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(c) In the case of all-candidates who have criminal cases as per the declarations in Items 5 and 6 of Form-26, the Returning Officer shall give a written reminder about the directions herein for publishing declaration about the criminal cases in newspapers and TV channels for wide publicity. A standard format for such reminder to the candidates is annexed as **Format C-3**. The candidates shall submit the copies of newspapers in which their declaration in this regard was published to the District Election Officer, along with their account of election expenses.

(c) In the case of candidates with criminal cases set up by political parties, whether recognized parties or registered un-recognized parties, such candidates are required to declare before the Returning Officer concerned that they have informed their political party about the criminal cases against them. Provision for such declaration has been made in Form-26 in the newly inserted Item (6A).

4. The Political Parties – recognized parties and registered un-recognised parties, which set up candidates with criminal cases, either pending cases or cases of past conviction, are required to publish declaration giving details in this regard on their website as well as in TV channels and newspapers having wide circulation in the State concerned. This declaration by political parties is to be published in **Format C-2**, annexed hereto. Publishing of the declaration in newspapers and TV channels is required to be done atleast on three different dates during the period mentioned in Para-2(a) above. In the case of TV channels, it shall be ensured that the publishing should be completed before the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll for the election. All such political parties shall submit a report to the Chief Electoral Officer of the State concerned stating that they have fulfilled the requirements of these directions, and enclosing therewith the paper cuttings containing the declarations published by the party in respect of the State/UT concerned. This shall be done within 30 days of completion of

election. Thereafter, within the next 15 days, the Chief Electoral Officer should submit a report to the Commission confirming compliance by the parties concerned, and pointing out cases of defaulters, if any.

5. It may also be noted that the provisions for the additional affidavit in respect of dues against Govt. accommodation, if any, that may have been allotted to the candidates, have now been incorporated in Form-26 itself under Item (8) relating to liabilities to Public Financial Institutions and Govt. Therefore, the candidates shall give the requisite declaration/particulars in this regard in Item (8) of Form-26. Accordingly, the candidates are now not required to file the additional affidavit prescribed under the Commission's Order No. 509/11/2004-JS-I, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016, as the provisions are now part of Form-26 itself.

6. This letter may be circulated to all DEOs, ROs in the State/Union Territory for necessary action on their part. This shall also be circulated to all the political parties based in the State, i.e. the State Units of the recognized Parties and recognized State parties of other States and all registered un-recognized political parties with headquarters based in your State/Union Territory, with instructions to take note of the above directions and the amendments in Form-26.

7. Please acknowledge receipt and confirm action taken.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)

Sr. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



**Format C-1**

(for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of political party: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name of Constituency: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of candidate), a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	Pending criminal cases			Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
	Name of Court	Case No. and status of case	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	

\*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

Note: (i) Details should be given separately for each case in separate rows.  
(ii) The matter in newspapers should be in font size of atleast 12.

**Format C-2**

*(For political party to publish in website, newspapers, TV)*

**Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party**

*(As per the judgment dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)*

Name of Political Party: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Name of Election : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of State/ UT : \_\_\_\_\_

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed

**\*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.**

**Note:- (i) The above information shall be published State wise for each State/UT.**

**(ii) The matter in newspapers should be published in font size of at least 12.**

**Format C-3**

**Office of Returning Officer**

Name of Constituency : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of State : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Election : \_\_\_\_\_

It is informed that as per the judgment dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court, in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr., and the directions in the Commission's letter No. 3/ER/2018/SDR , dated 10-10-2018, all candidates with criminal cases – either pending cases or cases of conviction in the past, are required to publish declaration regarding such criminal cases in newspapers and TV channels on three occasions during the period from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidature and two days before the date of poll. Publishing declaration in TV channels should be completed before the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll.

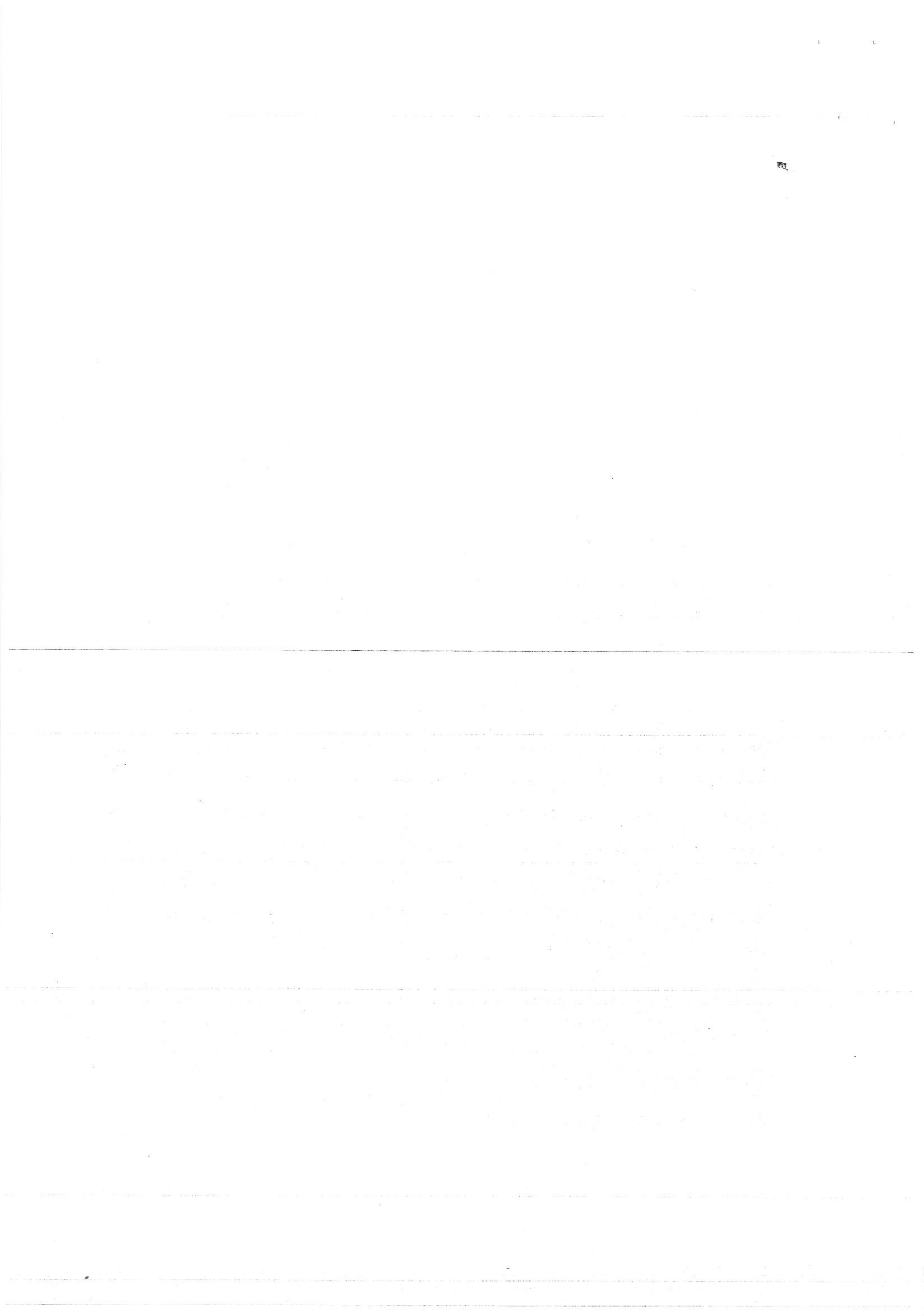
Since you, Sh/Smt./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ (mention the name of the candidate), a candidate nominated for the abovementioned election, have declared information about criminal cases in Items 5/6 of Form-26, you are required to publish information in newspapers having wide circulation in the constituency area and on TV channels on atleast three occasions each as mentioned above. The Format for publishing the information is enclosed herewith. It is also informed that copies of the newspapers publishing the information about criminal cases should be submitted to the District Election Officer along with the account of election expenses under Section 78 of Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the RO/ARO \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: One copy of this should be given to candidate and one copy retained with RO.*





FORM 26  
(See rule 4A)

Please affix your  
recent passport  
size photograph  
here

**AFFIDAVIT TO BE FILED BY THE CANDIDATE ALONGWITH  
NOMINATION PAPER BEFORE THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR ELECTION  
TO ..... (NAME OF THE HOUSE)  
FROM.....CONSTITUENCY (NAME OF THE  
CONSTITUENCY)**

PART-A

I.....\*\*son/daughter/wife of  
..... Aged.....years, resident of  
.....  
..... (mention full postal address), a candidate at the above election, do hereby  
solemnly affirm and state on oath as under:-

(1) I am a candidate set up by .....  
(\*\*name of the political party)/\*\*am contesting as an Independent candidate.  
(\*\*strike out whichever is not applicable)

(2) My name is enrolled in..... (Name of the constituency  
and the State), at Serial No.....in Part No.....

(3) My contact telephone number(s) is/are.....  
and my email id (if any) is .....  
and my social media account(s) (if any) is/are  
(i).....  
(ii).....  
(iii).....

(4) Details of Permanent Account Number (PAN) and status of filing of Income Tax return:

Sl. No.	Names	PAN	The financial year for which the last Income-tax return has been filed	Total income shown in Income-tax return (in Rupees)
1.	Self			
2.	Spouse			
3.	Dependent-1			
4.	Dependent-2			
5.	Dependent-3.....			

(5) Pending criminal cases

- (i) I declare that there is no pending criminal case against me.  
*(Tick this alternative if there is no criminal case pending against the Candidate and write NOT APPLICABLE against alternative (ii) below)*

OR

- (ii) The following criminal cases are pending against me:  
*(If there are pending criminal cases against the candidate, then tick this alternative and score off alternative (i) above, and give details of all pending cases in the Table below)*

Table

(a)	<b>FIR No. With name and address of Police Station concerned</b>			
(b)	<b>Case No. with Name of the Court</b>			

<b>(c)</b>	<b>Section(s) of concerned Acts/Codes involved</b> <i>(give no. of the Section , e.g. Section .....of IPC, etc.).</i>			
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Brief description of offence</b>			
<b>(e)</b>	<b>Whether charges have been framed</b> <i>(mention YES or NO)</i>			
<b>(f)</b>	<b>If answer against (e) above is YES, then give the date on which charges were framed</b>			
<b>(g)</b>	<b>Whether any Appeal/ Application for revision has been filed against the proceedings</b> <i>(Mention YES or NO)</i>			





**(6) Cases of conviction**

**(i) I declare that I have not been convicted for any criminal offence.**  
*(Tick this alternative, if the candidate has not been convicted and write NOT APPLICABLE against alternative (ii) below)*

**OR**

**(ii) I have been convicted for the offences mentioned below:**  
*(If the candidate has been convicted, then tick this alternative and score off alternative (i) above, and give details in the Table below)*

**Table**

<b>(a)</b>	<b>Case No.</b>			
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Name of the Court</b>			
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Sections of Acts/Codes involved</b> <i>(give no. of the Section, e.g. Section .....of IPC, etc.).</i>			
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Brief description of offence for which convicted</b>			
<b>(e)</b>	<b>Dates of orders of conviction</b>			
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Punishment imposed</b>			
<b>(g)</b>	<b>Whether any Appeal has been filed against conviction order</b> <i>(Mention YES or No)</i>			



(h)	If answer to (g) above is YES, give details and present status of appeal			
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(6A) I have given full and up-to-date information to my political party about all pending criminal cases against me and about all cases of conviction as given in paragraphs (5) and (6).

*[candidates to whom this Item is not applicable should clearly write NOT APPLICABLE IN VIEW OF ENTRIES IN 5(i) and 6 (i), above ]*

**Note:**

1. Details should be entered clearly and legibly in **BOLD** letters
2. Details to be given separately for each case under different columns against each item.
3. Details should be given in reverse chronological order, i.e., the latest case to be mentioned first and backwards in the order of dates for the other cases.
4. Additional sheet may be added if required.
5. Candidate is responsible for supplying all information in compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment in W.P (C) No. 536 of 2011.

(7) That I give herein below the details of the assets (movable and immovable etc.) of myself, my spouse and all dependents:

**A. Details of movable assets:**

- Note: 1. Assets in joint name indicating the extent of joint ownership will also have to be given.
- Note: 2. In case of deposit/Investment, the details including Serial Number, Amount, date of deposit, the scheme, Name of the Bank/Institution and Branch are to be given
- Note: 3. Value of Bonds/Share Debentures as per current market value in Stock exchange in respect of listed companies and as per books in case of non-listed companies should be given.
- Note: 4. 'Dependent' means parents, son(s), daughter(s) of the candidate or spouse and any other person related to the candidate whether by blood or marriage, who have no separate means of income and who are dependent on the candidate for their livelihood.
- Note: 5. Details including amount is to be given separately in respect of each investment

Sl.No.	Description	Self	Spouse	Dependent-1	Dependent-2	Dependent-3
(i)	Cash in hand					
(ii)	Details of deposit in Bank accounts (FDRs, Term Deposits and all other types of deposits including saving accounts), Deposits					

	with Financial Institutions, Non-Banking Financial Companies and Cooperative societies and the amount in each such deposit.					
(iii)	Details of investment in Bonds, debentures/shares and units in companies/Mutual funds and others and the amount.					
(iv)	Details of investment in NSS, Postal Saving, Insurance policies and investment in any Financial instruments in Post office or Insurance Company and the amount.					
(v)	Personal loans/advance given to any person or entity including firm, company, Trust etc., and other receivables from debtors and the amount.					
(vi)	Motor Vehicles/Aircrafts/Yachts/Ships (Details of Make, registration number etc. year of purchase and amount)					
(vii)	Jewellery, bullion and valuable thing(s) (give details of weight and value)					
(viii)	Any other assets such as value of claims/interest					
(ix)	Gross Total Value					

**B. Details of Immovable Assets:**

Note: 1. Properties in joint ownership indicating the extent of joint ownership will also have to be indicated.

Note: 2. Each land or building or apartment should be mentioned separately in this format

S. No.	Description	Self	Spouse	Dependent-1	Dependent-2	Dependent-3
(i)	Agricultural Land Location(s) Survey number(s)					
	Area (total measurement in acres)					
	Whether inherited property (Yes or No)					
	Date of purchase in case of self-acquired property					
	Cost of Land (in case of purchase) at the time of purchase					
	Any investment on the land by way of development, construction etc.					
	Approximate current market value					
(ii)	Non-Agricultural Land: Location(s) Survey number(s)					
	Area (total measurement in sq.ft.)					
	Whether inherited property (Yes or No)					
	Date of purchase in case of self-acquired property					
	Cost of Land (in case of purchase) at the time of purchase					
	Any investment on the land by way of development, construction etc.					
	Approximate current market value					
(iii)	Commercial Buildings (including apartments) -Location(s) -Survey number(s)					
	Area (total					

	measurement in sq.ft.)					
	Built-up Area (total measurement in sq.ft.)					
	Whether inherited property (Yes or No)					
	Date of purchase in case of self-acquired property					
	Cost of property (in case of purchase) at the time of purchase					
	Any investment on the property by way of development, construction etc.					
	Approximate current market value					
(iv)	Residential Buildings (including apartments): -Location(s) -Survey number(s)					
	Area (total measurement in sq.ft.)					
	Built up area (Total measurement in sq.ft.)					
	Whether inherited property (Yes or No)					
	Date of purchase in case of self-acquired property					
	Cost of property (in case of purchase) at the time of purchase					
	Any investment on the land by way of development, construction etc.					
	Approximate current market value					
(v)	Others (such as interest in property)					
(vi)	Total of current market value of (i) to (v) above					

(8) I give herein below the details of liabilities/dues to public financial institutions and government:-

(Note: please give separate details of name of bank, institution, entity or individual and amount before each item)

S. No.	Description	Self	Spouse	Dependent-1	Dependent-2	Dependent-3
(i)	Loan or dues to Bank/financial institution(s) Name of the Bank or financial Institution, Amount outstanding, Nature of Loan					
	Loan or dues to any other individuals/entity other than mentioned above Name(s), Amount outstanding, nature of loan					
	Any other liability					
	Grand total of liabilities					
(ii)	Government dues: Dues to Departments dealing with Government accommodation	<p><b>(A) Has the Deponent been in occupation of accommodation provided by the Government at any time during the last ten years before the date of notification of the current election?</b></p> <p><b>(B) If answer to (A) above is YES, the following declaration may be furnished namely: -</b></p> <p><b>(i) The address of the Government accommodation:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>(ii) There is no dues payable in respect of above Government accommodation, towards-</b></p> <p><b>(a) rent;</b></p> <p><b>(b) electricity charges;</b></p> <p><b>(c) water charges; and</b></p> <p><b>(d) telephone charges as on _____</b> <b>(date)</b></p> <p><b>[ the date should be the last date of the third month prior to the month in which the election is notified or any date thereafter].</b></p> <p><b>Note -- 'No Dues Certificate' from the agencies concerned in respect of rent, electricity charges, water charges and telephone charges for the above Government accommodation should be submitted.</b></p>				YES/NO <i>(Pl. tick the appropriate alternative)</i>



(iii)	Dues to department dealing with Government transport (including aircrafts and helicopters)					
(iv)	Income tax dues					
		Self	Spouse	Dependent-1	Dependent-2	Dependent-3
(v)	GST Dues					
(vi)	Municipal/Property tax dues					
(vii)	Any other dues					
(viii)	Grand total of all Government dues					
(ix)	Whether any other liabilities are in dispute, if so, mention the amount involved and the authority before which it is pending.					

(9) Details of profession or occupation:

- (a) Self.....  
(b) Spouse.....

(9A) Details of sources of income:

- (a) Self.....  
(b) Spouse.....  
(c) Source of income, if any, of dependents, .....

**(9B) Contracts with appropriate Government and any public company or companies**

- (a) details of contracts entered by the candidate .....
- (b) details of contracts entered into by spouse.....
- (c) details of contracts entered into by dependents.....
- (d) details of contracts entered into by Hindu Undivided Family or trust in which the candidate or spouse or dependents have interest....
- (e) details of contracts, entered into by Partnership Firms in which candidate or spouse or dependents are partners.....
- (f) Details of contracts entered into by private companies in which candidate or spouse or dependents have share.....

(10) My educational qualification is as under:-

.....  
(Give details of highest School/University education mentioning the full form of the certificate/diploma/degree course, name-of the School/College/University and the year in which the course was completed.)

PART-B

(11) ABSTRACT OF THE DETAILS GIVEN IN (1) TO (10) OF PART-A:

1.	Name of the candidate		Sh./Smt./Kum.			
2.	Full postal address					
3.	Number and name of the constituency and State					
4.	Name of the political party which set up the candidate (otherwise write 'Independent')					
5.	Total number of pending criminal cases					
6.	Total number of cases in which convicted					
7.		PAN of	Year for which last income Tax return filed	Total income shown		
	(a) Candidate					
	(b) Spouse					
	(c) Dependents					
8.	Details of Assets and Liabilities in Rupees					
	Description	Self	Spouse	Dependent-I	Dependent-II	Dependent-III
A.	Moveable Assets (Total value)					
B.	Immovable Assets					
	I.	Purchase Price of self-acquired immovable property				
	II.	Development/ construction cost of immovable property after purchase (if applicable)				
	III.	Approximate Current market price-				
		(a) self-acquired assets (Total Value)				
		(b) inherited assets (Total Value)				
9.	Liabilities					

	(i)	Government dues (Total)					
	(ii)	Loans from Bank, Financial Institutions and others (Total)					
10.	Liabilities that are under dispute						
	(i)	Government dues (Total)					
	(ii)	Loans from Bank, Financial Institutions and others (Total)					
11.	Highest educational qualification:  (Give details of highest School/University education mentioning the full form of the certificate/diploma/degree course, name of the School/College/University and the year in which the course was completed.)						

**VERIFICATION**

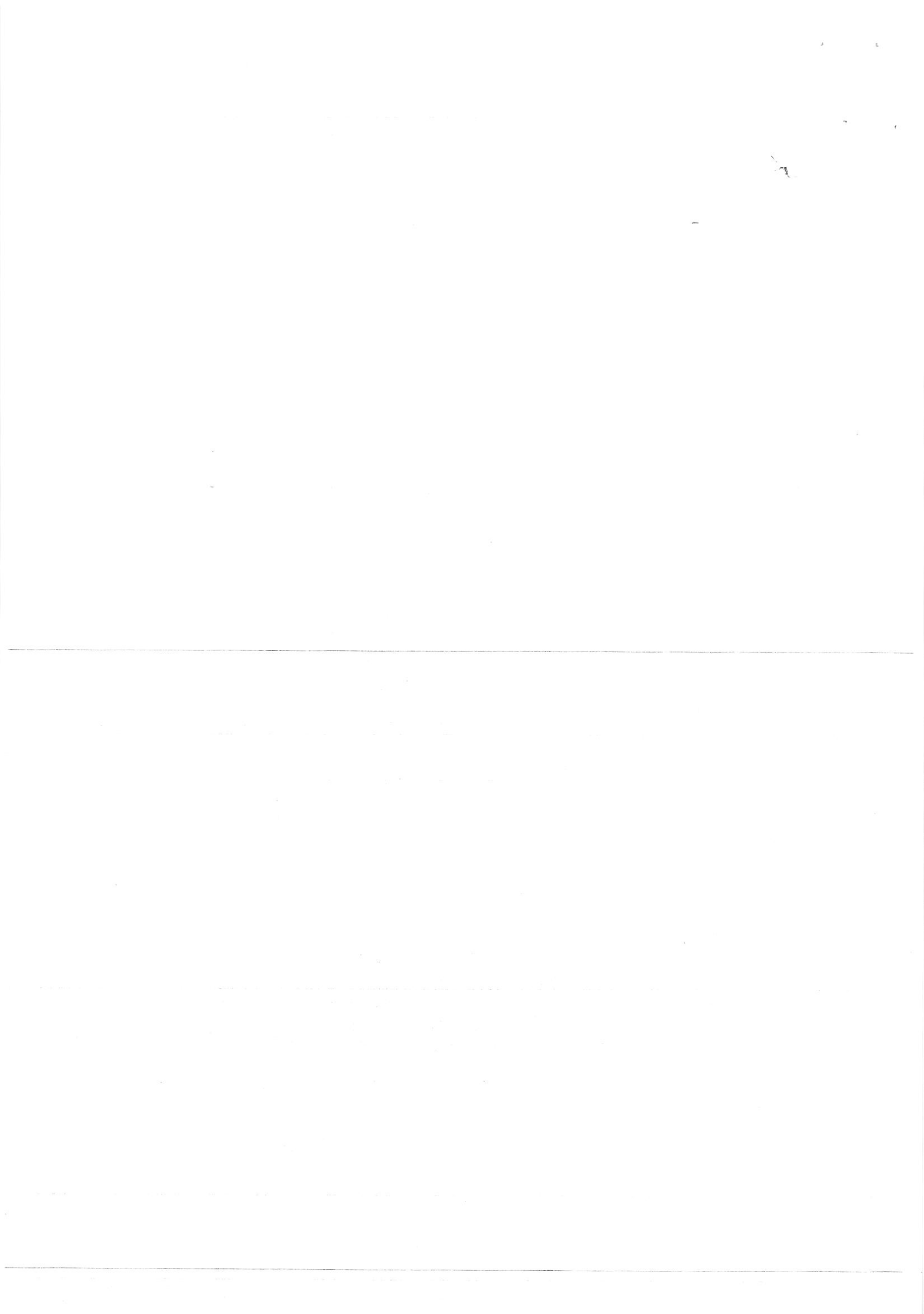
I, the deponent, above named, do hereby verify and declare that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed there from. I further declare that:-

- (a) there is no case of conviction or pending case against me other than those mentioned in items 5 and 6 of Part A and B above;
- (b) I, my spouse, or my dependents do not have any asset or liability, other than those mentioned in items 7 and 8 of Part A and items 8, 9 and 10 of Part B above.

Verified at.....this the .....day of.....

**DEPONENT**

- Note: 1. Affidavit should be filed latest by 3.00 PM on the last day of filing nominations.
- Note: 2. Affidavit should be sworn before an Oath Commissioner or Magistrate of the First Class or before a Notary Public.
- Note: 3. All column should be filled up and no column to be left blank. If there is no information to furnish in respect of any item, either "Nil" or "Not applicable" as the case may be, should be mentioned,
- Note: 4. The Affidavit should be either typed or written legibly and neatly.



Original/ duplicate

(Original to be kept with nomination paper and Duplicate to be handed over to candidate)

**Check List of documents in connection with filing of nomination**

Name of constituency .....

Name of the candidate .....

Date and time of filing nomination paper .....

Sl. No. of nomination paper .....

S No	Documents	Whether filed (write yes/no) (if there is any defect/shortcoming in the documents, the same should be specified.
1	Affidavit in Form 26 (a) Whether all columns are filled up (b) If not, which are blank column(s) (please specify). (c) Whether the affidavit is sworn before an oath Commissioner or Magistrate of First Class or before a notary Public.	
2	'No dues Certificate' from the agencies concerned in respect of rent, electricity charges, water charges and telephone charges for the Government accommodation.	
3	Certified extract of electoral roll (when candidate is an elector of a different constituency)	
4	Forms A and B (applicable in the case of candidates set up by political parties)	
5	Copy of caste certificate from competent authority (if the candidate claims to belong to SC/ST)	
6	Security deposit (whether made)	
7	Oath/affirmation (whether taken)	

**The following documents which have not been filed should be filed as indicated below:**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ should be filed latest by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Above mentioned columns in the Affidavit in Form 26 have been left blank. You must submit a fresh affidavit with columns duly filled up before the commencement of scrutiny of nominations, failing which the nomination paper will be liable to be rejected.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ should be filed latest by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Received**

(Signature of candidate)

(Signature of RO/ARO)

Date & time:

Place:

**N.B.**

1. The Affidavit in Form 26, Forms A & B have to be filed latest by 3.00 P.M. on the last date of filing nominations.
2. The nomination paper will be rejected if a candidate fails to fill the blanks in Form 26 even after reminder by RO by the hour fixed for scrutiny of nomination paper.
3. Oath has to be taken after filing nomination paper and before the date fixed for scrutiny.
4. Certified extract of electoral roll can be filed up to the time of scrutiny.
5. Security deposit should be made either before filing of nomination paper or at the time of filing of nomination paper. Therefore, there is no question of issuing notice for making the security deposit.
6. If the columns in the affidavit are blank and incomplete, the candidate should file an affidavit complete in all respects instead of filing an affidavit in respect of only the blank columns and the second affidavit which would be the complete one will be disseminated through the web site.



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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.576/3/2015/ SDR

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers  
of all States and UTs.

Sub: Printing of ballot papers- photograph of candidate to be also printed along with the other particulars.

Madam/Sir,

Under Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, the ballot paper to be displayed on the balloting unit of the EVM shall contain such particulars as the Commission may specify. Similarly, Rules 22 and 30 provide, inter alia, that the particulars on the postal ballot paper and ordinary ballot paper shall be as specified by the Commission.

2. In terms of the abovementioned Rules 22, 30 and 49B, the Commission has specified the particulars to be printed on the ballot paper to be displayed on the balloting unit and the postal ballot paper. The particulars so specified at present are the serial numbers for the candidates, names of candidates and the election symbol allotted to each candidate and a panel for 'None of the Above' after the name of the last candidate. The existing directions which apart from the particulars to be printed, also contain specifications on other aspects, such as, size of the ballot paper, size of panels, number of columns, etc., have been given in the Handbook for the Returning Officers.

3. The Commission has noted that there are many cases where candidates with same or similar names contest from the same constituency. Although appropriate suffixes are added to the names of candidates in the event of two or more candidates having same name, the Commission considers that additional measures are required for removing confusion in the minds of electors at the time of voting. There is also a writ petition on this very subject pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court [ WP ( C ) No. 541 of 2014- Akash Gahlot Vs. Election Commission of India & another].

4. Having considered all aspects of the matter, the Commission in partial modification of its existing directions under Rule 22, Rule 30 and Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby specifies that for elections to be held from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 onwards, the

postal ballot papers, the ordinary ballot papers and the ballot papers to be displayed on the balloting unit of EVM shall, in addition to the particulars as per the existing directions, also contain the photograph of the candidate. The photograph of the candidate shall be printed in the panel for the name of the candidate and shall appear on the right side of the name in between the name and symbol of the candidate. The size of the photograph printed on the ballot paper shall be 2 cm.X 2.5 cm. ( two cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm. in height). A sample ballot paper for election to Lok Sabha is enclosed for reference (Annexure-1).

5. The above direction for printing of photograph of candidate on the ballot paper shall also apply in relation to elections by Assembly members and elections from Council constituencies. In respect of the said elections, the directions are in exercise of powers under Rule 30 as made applicable to these elections by Rule 70 of the said Rules.

6. The specifications for the photograph are as follows:

- (i) Candidates are required to submit their recent photograph (taken during the preceding period of 3 months before the date of notification) .
- (ii) Photograph should be of stamp size 2 cm.X 2.5 cm. ( two cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm. in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial expression with eyes open. The photo may be in colour or black and white as may be convenient for the candidate.
- (iii) Photograph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps/hats should be avoided. Dark glasses also to be avoided.

7. The candidates at every election shall be required to submit their photograph conforming to the above requirements/specifications alongwith their nomination papers and, in any case, latest by the date fixed for scrutiny of nominations. The photograph should bear the signature of the candidate/election agent on the reverse side of the photograph. When the photograph is submitted, the candidate/election agent/proposer submitting the photograph shall be asked to give a declaration stating that the photograph being submitted is that of the candidate (mentioning the name and address) taken during the period of preceding 3 months. A printed format for the declaration as annexed (Annexure-2)to this letter shall be kept with the RO/ARO for this purpose.

8. When the nomination is filed, if the photograph of the candidate is not submitted, the RO shall give a notice asking the candidate to submit the photograph latest by the date of

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scrutiny of nomination. In the same Notice, it shall also be added that if the photograph is not submitted, his/her photograph will not be printed on the ballot paper. If any candidate still fails or refuses to give his photograph, that candidate will not have his photograph printed on the ballot paper. It may be added that non-submission of the photograph by the candidate shall **NOT** be a ground for rejection of the nomination of the candidate.

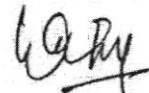
9. The Returning Officer shall display a list of validly nominated candidates with the photographs of the candidates against their names on the day following the date fixed for scrutiny of nominations. The Returning Officer shall inform the candidates at the time of scrutiny that the photographs to be printed on ballot paper will be displayed on his notice board on the next day (time may also be specified). If there is any error in the photograph or other particulars, the candidates/others will get an opportunity to point out the same to the Returning Officer for rectifying the error.

10. These directions may be brought to the notice of all DEOs, ROs and other election authorities in the State/UT. These may also be brought to the notice of all political parties based in your State, including the State Units of recognized parties. A press release may also be given for wider dissemination of the directions.

11. Please note that as mentioned in paragraph 4 above, these directions shall be applicable for elections to be held from 01-05-2015.

11. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY









Declaration by candidate/election agent/proposer while submitting the photograph of the candidate

Subject – Election to \_\_\_\_\_ (mention the name of the House) from \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the constituency)/election to Council of States/Legislative Council by Assembly Members.

I \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and address), Son/daughter/wife of Sh. \_\_\_\_\_, nominated as candidate for the abovementioned election, am submitting herewith my photograph for the purpose of printing the same on the ballot paper. I declare that the photograph has been taken during the last 3 months before the date of notification of election.

*(fill up this part when the candidate himself is submitting the photograph).*

OR

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name), election agent/proposer of Sh. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, (name and address of the candidate), son/daughter/wife of Sh \_\_\_\_\_, a candidate for the abovementioned election, hereby submit the photograph of the said candidate for the purpose of printing the same on the ballot paper. I declare that the photograph has been taken during the last 3 months before the date of notification of election.

*(fill up this part when the election agent/proposer is submitting the photograph).*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_





By Speed Post/E- Mail

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No.576/3/2015/SDR

Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers  
of all States/UTs.

Sub: - Printing of ballot papers-photograph of candidate to be also printed along with the other particulars-reg.

Sir,

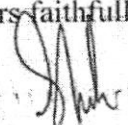
I am directed to invite reference to the Commission's letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 on the subject cited above. In paragraph 8 of the said letter it has been directed that if the photograph of the candidate is not submitted alongwith nomination paper, the RO shall give a notice asking the candidate to submit the photograph latest by the date of scrutiny of nomination.

There have been some suggestions that a format for this notice to be given, as referred to above, should also be prescribed by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission has now prescribed a standard format for such notice. Copy of the format approved for this purpose is enclosed.

This may be brought to the notice of all DEOs, ROs and other authorities concerned for compliance to all future election. The political parties based in the States may also be informed.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,



( N.T. Bhutia )  
Under Secretary



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Original/Duplicate  
(Original to be kept with nomination paper and  
Duplicate to be handed over to candidate)

**Notice by Returning Officer for non-submission of Photograph of the candidate**

Name of constituency .....  
Name of the candidate .....  
Date and time of filing nomination paper .....  
Sl. No. of nomination paper .....

As per the direction of the Election Commission, photograph of the candidate is required to be printed on the ballot paper.

It is hereby brought to your notice that you have not submitted your photograph for this purpose.

You are required to submit your photograph by 3 P.M. on \_\_\_\_\_ (date fixed for scrutiny of nominations).

The specifications for the photograph are as follows:

- (i) Candidates are required to submit their recent photograph (taken during the preceding period of 3 months before the date of notification).
- (ii) Photographs should be of stamp size 2cm. X 2.5 cm. (two cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm. in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial expression with eyes open. The Photo may be in colour or black and white as may be convenient for the candidate.
- (iii) Photo graph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps/hats should be avoided. Dark glasses has also to be avoided.

The photograph has to be submitted along with the declaration in the enclosed format. It may be noted that if photograph is not submitted by the time mentioned above, your photo will not be printed on the ballot paper.

**Received**

.....  
(Signature of candidate)

.....  
Signature of RO/ARO

Date & time:  
Place:



Declaration by candidate/election agent/proposer while submitting the  
photograph of the candidate

Subject – Election to \_\_\_\_\_ ( mention the name of  
the House) from \_\_\_\_\_(name of the  
constituency)/election to Council of States/Legislative Council by  
Assembly Members.

I \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and address), Son/daughter/wife of Sh. \_\_\_\_\_, nominated as  
candidate for the abovementioned election, am submitting herewith my  
photograph for the purpose of printing the same on the ballot paper. I declare that  
the photograph has been taken during the last 3 months before the date of  
notification of election.

*(fill up this part when the candidate himself is submitting the photograph).*

OR

I \_\_\_\_\_ ( name), election agent/proposer of  
Sh. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, (name and address of the candidate), son/daughter/wife of  
Sh \_\_\_\_\_, a candidate for the abovementioned election,  
hereby submit the photograph of the said candidate for the purpose of printing the  
same on the ballot paper. I declare that the photograph has been taken during the  
last 3 months before the date of notification of election.

*(fill up this part when the election agent/proposer is submitting the photograph).*

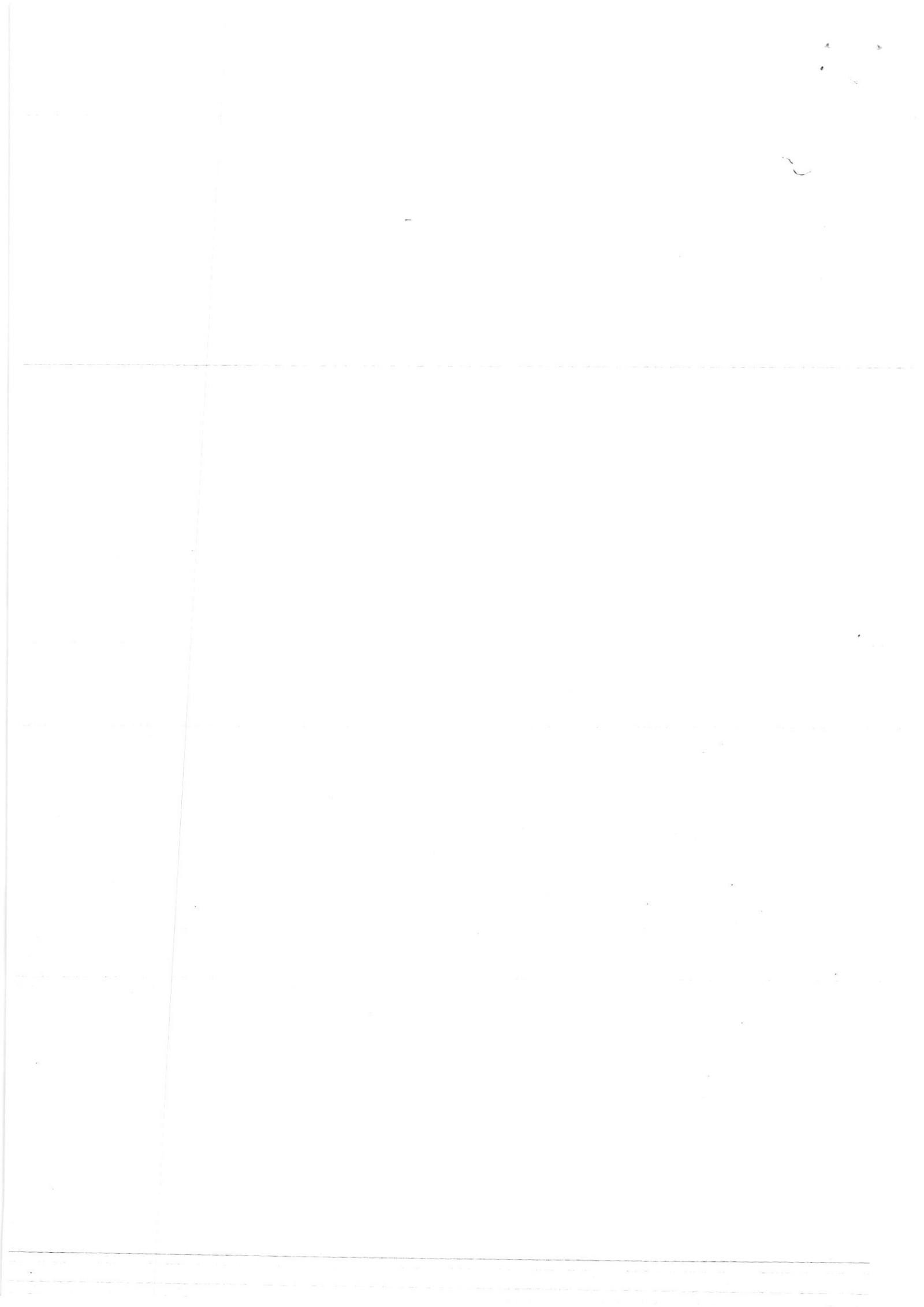
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_





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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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No. 576/3/2017/SDR/

Dated: 18-10-2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

**Sub: List of contesting candidates in Form 7A/7B- displaying therein photographs of candidates against their names.**

Sir/Madam,


Reference is invited to the Commission's letter No. 576/3/2015, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, regarding directions for printing photographs of candidates also in the ballot papers.

2. The Commission has now directed that, henceforth, photographs of candidates shall also be printed against their names in the list of contesting candidates in Form-7A or 7B, as the case may be. Thus, the copy of the said forms to be supplied to each contesting candidate should contain the photographs of the candidates. The same format with photographs of candidates shall be used for publishing of the Form in the Gazette as well as for displaying copies thereof in the polling stations.

3. A clarification has also been sought as to whether 'NOTA' is to be printed in Form 7A and 7B. It is clarified that since Form 7A/7B denotes list of contesting candidates, 'NOTA' is not to be printed therein.

4. This direction may be conveyed immediately to all Returning Officers including the Returning Officers for Rajya Sabha election and Legislative Council elections.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)

SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

