

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA

South 'H' Block, Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Memo. No.2366/Elecs.D/2019

Dated:15.03.2019.

Sub:- General Elections to H.O.P. (Lok Sabha), 2019 – Printing of Ballot Papers – Photograph of candidate to be also printed along with the other particulars - Instructions – Issued -Regarding.

- Ref:-
1. ECI New Delhi Lr. No. 576/3/2015, dated 16.3.2015.
 2. ECI New Delhi Lr. No. 576/3/2015/SDR, dt.19.01.2016.
 3. ECI New Delhi Lr.No.576/3/2017/SDRJ, dt.18.10.2017.
 4. ECI Lr. No. 464/ECI/TERR/SOU3/TS/2018, dt.20.11.2018.
 5. ECI Lr. No. 576/3/2016/SDR, dt.29.04.2016.

The attention of all the Collectors and District Election Officers and the Commissioner, G.H.M.C. & D.E.O., Hyderabad is invited to the references cited regarding direction for printing of photograph of candidate on the Ballot paper.

2. In the reference 1st cited, the ECI has directed that 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 (Annexure-I) is enclosed for reference.

3. The above direction for printing of photograph of candidate on the Ballot paper shall also apply in relation to elections by Parliamentary constituencies.

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.x2.5 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.

4. The candidates required to submit their photograph confirming to the above requirements/specifications along with 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.

5. 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 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.

6. 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.

7. In the reference 2nd cited, the ECI has forwarded a format for the Notice to be given by the R.O. as referred at para 5 above for non-submission of Photograph of the candidate.

8. In the reference 3rd cited, the ECI has directed that, henceforth, **photographs of candidates shall also be printed against their names in the list of contesting candidates in Form-7A**. 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. A clarification has also been sought as to whether 'NOTA' to be printed in Form 7A. It is clarified that since Form-7A denotes List of Contesting Candidates, 'NOTA' is not to be printed therein. The correctness of the entries in the Form-7A shall be the responsibility of the Returning Officers.

9. In the references 5th & 6th cited, the ECI has clarified that, if the Returning Officer is satisfied that a candidate wears cap or dark glasses in normal course, then photograph with cap or dark glasses can be accepted in his case. However, there should not be any writing, slogan or mark pertaining to the candidate or his Party visible on the cap and ensure that no candidate wear party kanduvas in photographs.

DESIGNING OF BALLOT PAPERS FOR EVM :

10. As per para 11.24.1 of Hand Book of R.O. 2019, on every Balloting Unit of EVM, a ballot paper shall be displayed in the space meant thereof. Under rule 49B of the above referred rules, the ballot paper on the Balloting Unit [referred to as label) in sub- rule (4) of that rule] shall contain such particulars and shall be in such language or languages as the Election Commission may specify-

11. As per para 11.23.3 of Hand Book of R.O. 2019, the Commission has specified that the said ballot papers shall be in the following form and language(s): -

- i) The **total length** of the **ballot paper** will be **460 mm** and its **width** shall be **140 mm** in the case of machines manufactured by **ECIL**. For machines manufactured by **BEL**, the **length** of the **ballot paper** will be **461.5 mm** and the **width** will be **140 mm**.
- ii) At the **top** of the **ballot paper**, there shall be a space provided for indicating the particulars of the election and the name of the constituency, of the **size 12.7 mm (length) x 140 mm (width)** in the case of **ECIL** manufactured machines, and of the **size 7.5 mm x 140 mm** in the case of **BEL** manufactured machines.
- iii) In the space so provided, on the top left-hand corner, the serial number of the ballot paper shall be printed. On the top right-hand corner, the sheet number shall be printed if the ballot paper is printed on more than one sheet, where the number of contesting candidates exceeds fifteen. The particulars of the election shall also be printed in the said space. These particulars will contain the serial number and name of the Parliamentary or Assembly Constituency, as the case may be, the year of election and the nature of election and shall be printed in English alone. The following illustration will make the position clear:

(a) For General Election to the House of the People; '1-New Delhi PC. 2004-Genl.';

(b) For Bye-Election to the House of the People; '1-New Delhi PC. /2005-Bye"; (c) For General Election to the Legislative Assembly; '304-Etawah AC./2004-Genl;

(d) For Bye Election to the Legislative Assembly; '304-Etawah AC /2005-Bye'.

Provided that where the number of contesting candidates is less than fifteen, the above particulars may be printed either at the top or at the bottom most portion (space meant for the candidate at serial number sixteen), as may be considered convenient from the point of view of printing.

Provided further that where the number of contesting candidates is fifteen or more, the above particulars may be printed in a vertical column, on the left-hand side of the ballot paper, with a thick line dividing the said column and the panels containing the serial numbers and names and photo of the contesting candidates and option of NOTA.

- iv) Below the space provided at the top for printing the particulars of the election, there shall be a **thick black line of 2.1 mm** in the case of machines manufactured by **ECIL** and of **1.00 mm** in the case of machines manufactured by **BEL**.
- v) Below this line, there shall be printed the serial number of each contesting candidate, his/ her name and photograph and the symbol allotted to him/her, in a separate panel for each candidate. And after the panel containing the name and symbol of the last candidate, there shall be a panel below the said panel with the words "None of the Above" written therein. Against "None of the Above", the symbol for "None of the Above" option as specified by the Commission shall be printed. [Instruction no. 576/3/2014/SDR/Vol.II dated 18.09.2015]
- vi) The size of the panel for each contesting candidate shall be **25.4 mm (length) x 140 mm (width) in the case of ECIL** – manufactured machines and **27.5 mm (length) x140 mm (width) in the case of BEL** – manufactured machines.
- vii) **The panels of the candidates shall be separated from each other by a thick black line of 2.1 mm in the case of ECIL** – manufactured machines and **1.00 mm in the case of BEL** – *manufactured machines*.
- viii) The names of the contesting candidates shall be arranged on the ballot paper in the same order in which their names appear in the list of contesting candidates.
- ix) The names of not more than fifteen candidates shall be arranged on one sheet of a ballot and NOTA option will come after the last name of the panel. If the number of contesting candidate together with NOTA option is less than sixteen, the space below the panel after this shall be kept blank, except where the particulars of election, etc., are printed at the bottom under clause (iii) above.
- x) If the number of contesting candidates exceeds fifteen, the ballot paper shall be printed on two sheets of the above-mentioned size and dimensions. If the number of candidates exceeds thirty-one, on three sheets and if the number of contesting candidates exceeds forty- seven, on four sheets. 383 candidates can be arranged on 24 balloting units.
- xi) In such cases where the ballot paper is printed on more than one sheet, the names of the contesting candidates from S. No. 17 to 32 shall be printed on the second sheet, from S. No. 33 to 48 on the third sheet and from 49 onwards on the fourth sheet. If the number of candidates is less than 32, the space below the panel from the last contesting candidate in the second sheet, after NOTA shall be kept blank. Similarly, for the third and fourth sheets of the ballot papers.

- xii) On each such sheet, in the space provided for indicating the particulars of the election, its number shall be indicated in bold words and letters, e.g., 'Sheet No.1', 'Sheet No.2', etc.
- xiii) The names of the contesting candidates including NOTA option shall be printed in the same language or languages in which the list of contesting candidate panel has been prepared. The serial number of the candidate shall be indicated in the international form of Indian
- xiv) Serial number and the name and photograph of the candidate panel shall be printed on the left-hand side and his symbol on the right-hand side in the panel meant for him. 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 2cm x 2.5 cm (2 cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm. in height). (ECI No. 576/3/2015/SDR dated 16.3.2015 and 576/3/2015/SDR Vol II dated 21.05.2015)
- xv) After the panel containing the name, photograph and symbol of the last candidate, there shall be a panel below the said last panel with the words "None of the Above" and its specified symbol therein, for the benefit of those electors who may wish to exercise the option of not voting for any of the candidates in the fray. These words shall be written in the same language or languages as used in the case of names of candidates. The size of the panel for "None of the Above" shall be the same as for the candidates. For example, if there are 12 candidates contesting the election, there shall be provided the 13th panel with the words "None of the Above" and its specified symbol and the ballot button against such 13th panel shall also be kept open. If there are sixteen candidates in the fray, an additional Balloting Unit shall be attached to the first Balloting Unit for the 'None of the Above" panel. Thus, in case more than one Balloting Unit is used, "None of the Above" panel shall be only in the last Balloting Unit below the panel for the last candidate.
- xvi) Unless otherwise directed by the Election Commission in any particular case, the ballot papers shall be **printed for Parliamentary elections on white paper** and for Assembly elections on pink paper.

12. Copies of the references cited are once again sent herewith to all the Collectors & D.E.Os., and Commissioner, GHMC & DEO, Hyderabad and they are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of all concerned i.e., Returning Officers / Asst. Returning Officers and election related authorities concerned for strict compliance.

13. All the Returning Officers are requested to assess actual requirement of the Ballot Papers to be used for "**ECIL**" and "**BEL**" manufactured machines as per the allotment of machines supplied in the Constituency for Lok Sabha Elections, 2019 including reserve machines and tender ballot paper along with Form 7-A.

14. The above instructions are not exhaustive. For detailed instructions in respect of 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 particulars to be printed, also specification on other aspects, such as, size of the ballot paper, size of panels, number of columns, etc., have been given in the Hand Book for Returning Officer, 2019 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., of Telangana State **(w.es.)**
The Commissioner, GHMC & D.E.O., Hyderabad. **(w.es.)**

Copy to:

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

The Collector, Hyderabad & R.O. for 9-Hyderabad P.C. **(w.es.)**

The Joint Collector, Hyderabad & R.O. for 8-Secunderabad P.C. **(w.es.)**

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// FORWARDED: BY ORDER //


SECTION OFFICER

By E-mail/ Camp Bag

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 464/ECI/TERR/SOU3/TS/2018

dated 20th November, 2018

To

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Subject: General Elections to Telangana State Legislative Assembly, 2018 –
Announcement of schedule by the ECI – Conduct of Meeting with
Political Parties - reg.

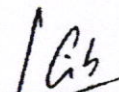
Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. 3987/Elecs.D/2018-3 dated 11th November, 2018 on the subject cited above and to convey clarifications to the points, raised in the aforesaid letter, as under:-

- (i) **Submission of Form-A:** Form-A and Form-B, originally signed, are required to be submitted to each RO under Para-13 of the Symbols Order. This can't be dispensed with.
- (ii) **Language of Manifesto:** No particular language is required.
- (iii) **Photograph of Candidate with Cap on:** The ECI has already clarified (copy of the letter no. 576/3/2016/SDR dated 29th April, 2016 is enclosed) that accessories that are part of the normal/daily attire may be permitted in photo as well.
- (iv) **Common Manifesto:** The ECI has no objection if a group of parties draw up a common manifesto.
- (v) **Allowing BLAs to accompany with the BLOs during the distribution of Photo Voters' Slip:** BLAs are allowed to accompany the BLOs during distribution of PVSs; however, during the process, the BLOs themselves will distribute the PVSs, the BLAs shall only keep a watch on the process. In case of any irregularity, the ERO concerned may be informed by BLAs.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Yours faithfully,


(K. H. Singh)
Under Secretary

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

No. 576/3/2016/SDR

Dated : 29th April, 2016

To

The Chief Electoral Officer,
Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sub: Instructions regarding printing of photograph of candidates on the ballot paper- clarification-regarding.


Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to the Commission Direction No. 576/3/2015/SDR, dated 21st May, 2015, regarding printing of photograph of candidates on ballot paper. One of the specifications for the photograph mentioned in the said Direction is that caps/hats and dark glasses should be avoided while taking the photograph.

2. The Commission has received a representation on behalf of Sh. M. Rajagopalan, a candidate, stating that he has been wearing cap as part of his attire due to health problems, and therefore the cap has become a part of his identity, and hence in his case cap should be permitted in the photograph to be printed on the ballot paper.

3. It is clarified that if the Returning Officer is satisfied that a candidate wears cap or dark glasses in normal course, then photograph with cap or dark glasses can be accepted in his case. However, there should not be any writing, slogan or mark pertaining to the candidate or his Party visible on the cap.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Copy to the Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry and the Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

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

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,

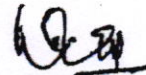
Reference is invited to the Commission's letter No. 576/3/2015, dated 16th March, 2015, regarding directions for printing photographs of candidates also in the ballot papers.

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

By Speed Post/E- Mail

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No.576/3/2015/SDR

Dated: 19th 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 16th 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

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

No.576/3/2015/ SDR

Dated: 16th March, 2015

To,

The President/General Secretary/Chairperson/Convenor,
All recognized National & State Parties.

Sub: Printing of ballot papers- photograph of candidate to be also printed alongwith the other particulars on the ballot paper.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Commission has directed that for the elections to be held from 1st May, 2015 onwards, the ballot papers at all elections to the Houses of Parliament and State Legislatures shall contain, in addition to the existing particulars, the photograph of the candidate also printed thereon. The photograph will be printed on the right side of the name of the candidate in between his name and his symbol (where applicable). A copy of the instructions issued in this regard, vide letter dated 16-03-15 addressed to the Chief Electoral officers, is enclosed for your information.

2. It may be seen that for the purpose of printing the photograph of candidate on the ballot paper, the candidates are required to submit their latest photograph (stamp size- 2 cm in breadth and 2.5 cm in height) to the Returning Officer along with their nomination paper and, in any case, latest by the date fixed for scrutiny of nominations. The specifications for the photograph have been prescribed in the instructions referred to above.

3. You are advised to communicate these instructions to all the lower level units of the party for briefing the candidates of the party appropriately for compliance in elections to be held from 01-05-2015.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F.WILFRED)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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

No.576/3/2015/ SDR

Dated: 16th 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 1st May, 2015 onwards, the

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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.

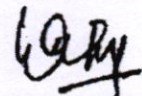
9. The Returning Officer shall display a list of validly nominated candidates with the photographs of the candidates against their names on the day following the date fixed for scrutiny of nominations. The Returning Officer shall inform the candidates at the time of scrutiny that the photographs to be 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,



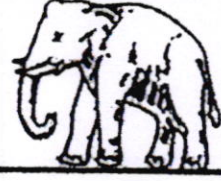
(K.F. WILFRED)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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అశోక్ కుమార్, కె.



2. శాన్పాఖా, యం.
చాన్భాషా, ఎం.
చాన్భాషా, ఎం.



3. శిన్న పిల్లప్ప, పి.
చిన్నపిల్లప్ప, పి.
చిన్నపిల్లప్ప, పి.



4. శిశిలక్రమాగ్, లాక్డగ్. ఆ.
శెల్లకుమార్, డాక్టర్. అ.
శెల్లకుమార్, డాక్టర్. అ.



5. కల్పలా, యన్. యస్. యం.
గౌడ. ఎన్. ఎస్. ఎం.
గౌడ, ఎన్. ఎస్. ఎం.



6. శుభ్రరమ్, యస్.
సుందరం, ఎస్.
సుందరం, ఎస్.



7. మణి, టి. కె.
మణి, టి. కె.



8. మునిరాజ్, కె.
మునిరాజ్, కె.



9. ఆశోక్ కుమార్, య.
అశోక్ కుమార్, య.



16. మేధక్రాణ్ణమ్ నరగణిల్
యవరూమిలయెల
పైన శెలిస వక్తులర్ ఎవరుశెరు.
మేల శెలియ వక్తులర్ యరూలె.

NOTA

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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By Speed Post/E- Mail

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No.576/3/2015/SDR Vol II

Dated: 21st May, 2015

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers
of all States/UTs.

Subject - Printing of photographs of the candidates on the postal ballot papers, the ordinary ballot papers in the ballot papers to be displayed on the balloting unit of EVMs- Forwarding of the Commission's Direction-regarding.

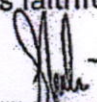
Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the Commission's Direction No.576/3/2015/SDR dated 21st May, 2015 with the request that this may be published in an extraordinary issue of the gazette of the State and a copy thereof may be sent to the Commission for its record.

The above direction may be immediately conveyed to the District Election Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and Presiding Officers of all Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in the State/ UT. This may also be brought to the notice of all political parties based in your State, including the State units of National and State recognised political parties.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


(N.T. Bhutia)
Under Secretary

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

DIRECTION

Dated 21st May, 2015

No. 576/3/2015/SDR : Whereas, under Rules 22, 30 and 49B read with Rule 70 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, the ballot paper to be displayed on the balloting unit of the EVM, ordinary ballot papers, and postal ballot papers shall contain such particulars as the Election Commission may specify; and

1. Whereas, in terms of abovementioned Rules, 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, and on ballot papers for elections from Council Constituencies and at elections by Assembly members; and

2. Whereas, the Commission has noted that there are many cases where candidates with same or similar names contest from the same Constituency, and 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, and further, the Commission considers that photographs of candidates on ballot paper will facilitate the electors in casting their votes and also the candidates in their campaign:

3. Now, therefore, after having considered all aspects of the matter, the Commission, in partial modification of its existing directions under Rule 22, Rule 30 and Rule 49B read with Rule 70 of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961, issued from time to time, hereby specifies that for all elections to be held from 1st 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 candidates printed thereon. The photograph of the candidates shall be printed in the panel for the name of the candidates and shall appear to the right side of the name in between the name and symbol of the candidate or the column for marking vote/preference, as the case may be. The specification for the photograph shall be as follows:-


(a) The candidates are required to submit their recent photograph (taken during the preceding period of 3 months before the date of notification.)

(ii) The photograph should be of stamp size 2 cm. X 2.5 cm. (2 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 are to be avoided.

4. The above direction shall apply in relation to all elections to the House of the People, Council of States, Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council to be held hereafter:

By Order



Secretary
(Anuj Jaipuria)