

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
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No. 576/3/PTG/2009/SDR
To

Dated: 10th February, 2009

The Chief Electoral Officers of all
States and Union Territories.

Subject:- Statutory – Non Statutory Forms – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to say that in connection with the ensuing general election to the House of the People, forms, formats, etc. to be used at various stages need to be got printed in advance. Some Chief Electoral Officers have sought clarification whether any change/amendment have been carried out in statutory forms, after the general election to the House of the People, 2004. In this connection, it is clarified that there is no change/amendment in any statutory forms. However, a modification has been made in the format of notice to the candidates regarding filing of affidavits vide the Commission's letter No. 3/ER/2005/JS-II, dated 17th January, 2006. It may be noted that the format of notice was modified to provide that the affidavits should be filed by 3.00p.m on the last date of filing nomination. This amendment may be taken note of. Further, attention is invited to the letter No. 3/ER/2004/JS.II dated 9th March, 2004, (which was prior to the last Lok Sabha election), wherein a change made in the format of affidavit (on 'Govt.-dues' in the past relating to liabilities in the affidavit format prescribed vide order dated 27th March, 2003) was communicated. A copy of each of the aforesaid letters is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

All statutory forms are available in Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 while the non-statutory have been reproduced in Handbook for Returning Officers and in the Compendium of Instructions. It would be seen that several new non-statutory formats to be maintained at various levels/authorities as part of election management have been prescribed in the recent past. These may be got printed as per the requirement in the State.

Yours faithfully,

(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)
UNDER SECRETARY