

ELECTION IMMEDIATE

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No.3/ER/2011/SDR/

Dated: 16th March, 2011.

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of all
States and Union Territories.

Subject:- Affidavits filed by the candidates with their nomination paper – revised
format – checking – regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the Commission's letter of even number dated 25th February, 2011, forwarding the revised format of Affidavit to be filed by the candidates with their nomination paper for all future elections to declare details about criminal background, assets, liabilities and educational qualifications.

2. The Commission's instruction already exist that the affidavits filed by the candidates at the time of filing of nomination, should preferably be typed out, and if hand-written, the entries should be clearly and legibly written. Further, no columns are to be left blank. If there is no particular to be indicated against any item, 'NIL', or 'NOT APPLICABLE' as may be appropriate, should be written. It has been decided by the Commission that in order to ensure that the candidates, in their Affidavits give all the requisite information and do not leave any column blank, the affidavit should be checked when it is filed by the candidate. For this, Returning Officer may take the assistance of one suitable officer exclusively to check that the Affidavit is filed in the revised format and all columns are filled up legibly. In case any candidate files the Affidavit in pre-revised format or has left some column of the affidavit blank or the information given is vague or illegible then the same should be pointed out immediately and the candidate should be advised to rectify the defect. If the Affidavit is in the pre-revised format, the candidate should be asked to file a fresh Affidavit in revised format with all columns filled up by 3.00 p.m. on the last date of filing nominations. The above instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned including the Returning Officers and all the political parties based in your State, for strict compliance.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Ashish Chakraborty)
Under Secretary