

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

No.3/ER/2009/SDR

Dated : 21st March, 2009

To

The Chief Electoral Officer of
All States/Union Territories.

Sub: Affidavits filed by the candidates alongwith nomination paper.

Sir/Madam,

Your attention is invited to the Commission's letter No. 3/ER/2004/J.S.-II, dated 1st April, 2004 (copy enclosed). In the said letter, it has been directed that all entries in the two affidavits filed by the candidates at the time of filing of nomination, should be preferably 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 particulars to be indicated against any item, 'NIL', or 'NOT APPLICABLE' as may be appropriate, should be written.

There have been complaints that in many cases, the affidavits filed by the candidates contain vague and illegible entries, and some columns are even left blank. It is requested that 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.

The scanning and uploading of the affidavits on the website should be done as early as possible after the nomination is received, and in any case, not later than 24 hrs., so that it serves the intended purpose of providing information to the electors to enable them to make an informed choice. Copy of affidavits should also be made available to anyone desiring it.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and direct the Returning Officers to follow it scrupulously.

Yours faithfully,

(K.F. WILFRED)
SECRETARY

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All recognized National and State political parties.