

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

No.56/Symbol/2011/PPS-II

Dated: 25th March, 2011

ORDER

Subject: General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala ,Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2011 – One time concession in the matter of allotment of a common symbol to the candidates set up by registered unrecognised political parties.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide Order dated 16-03-2011 in W.P. (C) No. 532 of 2008 with W.P.(C) Nos. 132, 315, 422, 426, 444, 447, 454, & 463 of 2009, S.L.P. (C) Nos. 23494 & 7379-80 of 2009 and W.P. (C) Nos. 111 & 117 of 2011 (filed by various registred unrecognised political parties seeking a common symbol to contest General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of the States of Assam, Kerala ,Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and UT of Puducherry, 2011) has observed that: -

“..... while we are not inclined to make any interim arrangement regarding the allotment of election symbols for the forthcoming General Assembly Elections, we make it clear that this is only a tentative view, which shall not, in any way, affect the final outcome of the pending Writ Petitions and Special Leave Petitions. We also make it clear that this order will not prevent the Election Comission from considering any representation that may be made by the political parties and from accommodating their prayer for a common symbol, to the extent practically possible...”

2. And whereas, after having considered the requests made to the Commission by various registered unrecognised political parties seeking allotment of a common symbol to the candidates being set up by them at the above mentioned general elections, the Commission decided to make an interim arrangement, and solely

applicable to the present ongoing General Elections in four States and Union Territory of Puducherry, that a registered unrecognised political party will be allowed a common election symbol for its candidates, provided the party sets up candidates in atleast 10%(ten percent) of the total number of assembly constituencies in the State Legislative Assembly concerned, viz., 29 in West Bengal, 23 in Tamil Nadu, 14 in Kerala and 13 in Assam, or at least 5 (five) assembly constituencies in the Union Territory of Puducherry, or more;

3. And whereas, twenty eight parties, (as per Annexure-I), made such requests to the Commission and they were asked by the Commission vide letters dated 19-03-2011(to 25 parties), 21-03-2011(to two parties) and 22-03-2011(to one party) that, in case they intended to avail of the above one-time concession, they should give in writing to the Commission the numbers and names of assembly constituencies in each State/UT of Puducherry in which those parties propose to set up their candidates, alongwith a list of three symbols, in order of preference, from the list of free symbols, which they desire to be allotted to their candidates at these general elections, on or before 3.00 P.M. on 23rd March, 2011, without fail;

4. And whereas, in response to Commission's said letters, fourteen registered unrecognised political parties replied and only eight such registered unrecognised political parties mentioned in column (2) of the Table below, have confirmed that their candidates would be contesting the ongoing elections mentioned above as per the above prescribed condition of minimum number of constituencies in the respective State/Union Territory and have also given the details of those constituencies as mentioned in column (4) of the said Table against the names of those parties;

TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Party	State/UT	No. and Name of assembly constitutncies	List of three Symbols given in order of preference	Common symbol to be allotted in constituencies mentioned in col.(4)
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	Indiya Jananayaka Katchi	Tamil Nadu	All ACs from 01 to 234	1. Ring 2. Bat 3. Kite	Ring
		Puducherry	4 Mangalam 5 Villianur 6 Ozhukarai	1. Ring 2. Bat 3. Kite	Ring

			10 Kamraj Nagar 14 Raj Bhavan 15 Oupalam 18 Mudaliarpet 19 Ariankuppam 20 Manavelly		
02	Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam	Tamil Nadu	1 Gummidipoondi. 3 Tiruttani 16 Egmore (SC) 22 Virugampakkam 28 Alandur 32 Chengalpattu 39 Sholingur 44 Anaikattu 54 Veppanahalli 55 Hosur 59 Dharmapuri 62 Chengam (SC) 67 Arani 70 Gingee 76 Tirukkoyilur 78 Rishivandiyam 81 Gangavalli (SC) 85 Mettur 89 Salem (North) 93 Senthamangalam (ST) 96 Tiruchengodu 98 Erode (East) 109 Gudalur (SC) 116 Sular 129 Athoor 142 Thiruverumbur 143 Lalgudi 148 Kunnam 151 Tittakudi (SC) 152 Vriddhachalam 154 Panruti 161 Mayiladuthurai 176 Pattukkottai 177 Peravurani 193 Madurai Central 195 Thiruparankundram 201 Cumbum 206 Virudhunagar 210 Tiruvadana 228 Radhapuram 232 Padmanabhapuram	1.Nagara 2.Basket 3.Coconut	Nagara
03	All India N.R. Congress	Puducherry	All ACs from 01 to 30	1. Ring 2. Jug 3. Electric Pole	Jug
04	Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi	Tamil Nadu	27 Shozhinganallur 29 Sriperumbudur (SC) 34 Cheyyur (SC) 38 Arakkonam (SC) 48 Ambur 51 Uthangarai (SC) 61 Harur (SC) 62 Chengam (SC) 77 Ulundurpettai 80 Kallakurichi (SC) 82 Attur(SC)	1. Star 2. Bell 3. Candles	Candles

			112 Avanashi (SC) 130 Nilakkottai (SC) 138 Manapparai 151 Tittakudi (SC) 159 Kattumannarkoil(SC) 160 Sirkazhi (SC) 166 Thiruthuraipoondi(SC) 177 Peravurani 184 Karaikudi 209 Paramakudi (SC) 220 Vasudevanallur (SC) 211 Ramanathapuram 221 Kadayanallur 228 Radhapuram		
05	Social Democratic Party of India	Kerala	2 - Kasaragod 3 - Udma 5 - Trikaripur 7 - Kalliasseri 8 - Taliparamba 10 -Azhikode 11 -Kannur 13 -Thalassery 14-Kuthuparamba 15 -Mattannur 17-Mananthavady (ST) 19 -Kalpetta 20 -Vadakara 21 -Kuttiadi 22 -Nadapuram 24 -Perambra 25 -Balusseri (SC) 28 -Kozhikode South 29 -Beypore 30 -Kunnamangalam 31 -Koduvally 35 -Nilambur 36 -Wandoor (SC) 37- Manjeri 38 -Perinthalmanna 39 -Mankada 40 -Malappuram 41 -Vengara 44 -Tanur 45 -Tirur 47 -Thavanur 48 -Ponnani 49 -Thrithala 50-Pattambi 51 -Shornur 52 -Ottappalam 56 -Palakkad 58 -Chittur 59 -Nemmara 61 -Chelakkara (SC) 63 -Guruvayoor 64 -Manalur 74- Perumbavoor 76 -Aluva 77 -Kalamassery 80 -Kochi 83 -Thrikkakara 84 -Kunnathunad (SC)	1. Umbrella 2. Spectacles 3. Television	Television

			87 -Kothamangalam 88 -Devikulam (SC) 89 -Udumbanchola 90 -Thodupuzha 92 -Peerumade 99 -Changanassery 101-Poonjar 104-Alappuzha 105-Ambalappuzha 107-Haripad 111-Thiruvalla 115-Adoor (SC) 116-Karunagappally 118-Kunnathur (SC) 124-Kollam 127-Varkala 128-Attingal (SC) 130-Nedumangad 131-Vamanapuram 132-Kazhakootam 134-Thiruvananthapuram 136-Aruvikkara 138-Kattakkada 139-Kovalam 140-Neyyattinkara		
06	United Minorities Front (Assam)	Assam	22. Salmara South 23. Dhubri 26. Bilasipara West 27. Bilasipara East 34. Abhayapuri North 35. Abhayapuri South (SC) 38. Goalpara West 39. Jaleswar 40. Sorbhog 41. Bhabanipur 43. Barpeta 44. Jania 45. Baghbar 46. Sarukhetri 47. Chenga 48. Boko (SC) 49. Chaygaon 60. Barkhetry 68. Dalgaon 81. Laharighat 83. Dhing 85. Rupohihat 90. Jamunamukh 91. Hojai	1. Boat 2. Ladder 3. Vanity Bag (Ladies Bag)	Lady Purse
07	Ambedkar People's Movement	Tamil Nadu	20 Thousand Lights 23 Saidapet 28 Alandur 59 Dharmapuri 69 Vandavasi (SC) 74 Viluppuram 76 Tirukkoyilur 77 Ulundurpettai 79 Sankarapuram 80 Kallakurichi (SC) 81 Gangavalli (SC) 88 Salem (West)	1. House 2. Ladder 3. Street Light	Electric Pole

			89 Salem (North) 90 Salem (South) 105 Anthiyur 107 Bhavanisagar (SC) 108 Udhagamandalam 109 Gudalur (SC) 110 Coonoor 124 Valparai (SC) 128 Oddanchatram 130 Nilakkottai (SC) 139 Srirangam 143 Lalgudi 153 Neyveli 159 Kattumannarkoil (SC) 161 Mayiladuthurai 175 Orathanadu 177 Peravurani 178 Gandharvakottai (SC) 180 Pudukkottai 181 Thirumayam 187 Manamadurai (SC) 190 Sholavandan (SC) 196 Thirumangalam 198 Andipatti 199 Periyakulam (SC) 200 Bodinayakanur 203 Srivilliputhur (SC). 204 Sattur 205 Sivakasi 206 Virudhunagar 209 Paramakudi (SC) 212 Mudhukulathur 215 Tiruchendur 216 Srivaikuntam 217 Ottapidaram (SC) 218 Kovilpatti 219 Sankarankovil (SC) 224 Tirunelveli 227 Nanguneri 228 Radhapuram 232 Padmanabhapuram 234 Killiyoor		
	Makkal Manadu Katchi	Tamil Nadu	3 Tiruttani 7 Maduravoyal 8 Ambattur 10 Tiruvottiyur 11 Dr.Radhakrishnan Nagar 14 Villivakkam 16 Egmore (SC) 19 Chepauk- 21 Anna Nagar 23 Saidapet 24 Thiyagarayanagar 25 Mylapore 26 Velachery 27 Shozhinganallur 28 Alandur 36 Uthiramerur 37 Kancheepuram, 39 Sholingur 41 Ranipet	1. Ring 2. Table Lamp 3. Table	Table Lamp

			42 Arcot 68 Cheyyar 69 Vandavasi (SC) 70 Gingee 164 Kilvelur (SC) 166 Thiruthuraiipoondi SC) 169 Nannilam 178 Gandharvakottai (SC) 180 Pudukkottai 182 Alangudi 183 Aranthangi		
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5. Now, therefore, after taking into account the above information furnished by the aforesaid parties and having due regard to the preferences for election symbols indicated by them, the Commission has decided that the candidates set up by these parties shall be allotted a common symbol mentioned in column (6) of the above Table against the name of each party.

6. The above allotment of symbols has been made by the Commission in deference to the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 16-03-2011 and in exercise of powers under Article 324 of the Constitution of India and para 18 of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 and all other powers enabling in this regard, as a one time concession for the aforementioned elections to four States and one Union Territory only.

7. The Returning Officers of the respective assembly constituencies are hereby directed to allot the above common symbol to the candidates set up by the said registered unrecognised parties on fulfillment of the provisions of para 13 of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 relating to setting up of candidates by such parties, and also ensure that the said common symbol allotted to the candidates of above mentioned registered political candidates is not allotted by oversight to any other candidate in that constituency of the respective State/Union Territory. However, these symbols shall be available for allotment as free symbols to other candidates in all other constituencies.

8. In the event of any of the above parties failing to set up their candidates from the assembly constituencies intimated by them to the Commission and also failing to meet the requirement of minimum number of candidates in the respective States/UT, then the said common symbol shall not be available to them. Consequently, the said symbol shall be treated as free symbol and allotted to other candidates subject to the fulfillment of

the provisions of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968.

9. In order to avoid any confusion in the matter of allotment of common symbols to these parties, the Chief Electoral Officer of the State/Union Territory concerned shall devise a mechanism to interact and coordinate with the Returning Officers and get from them the information about the candidates set up by the said registered unrecognised parties in the constituencies from where they have intimated to contest these elections immediately after the last date of nominations is over in the said constituencies. On the basis of such information received from the Returning Officers, the Chief Electoral Officers will come to know the exact number of assembly constituencies and candidates set up by these parties in the respective State/Union Territory and also whether the party has actually fulfilled the criteria of setting up of candidates in the minimum number of constituencies to become eligible to get the one time concession. He shall also make available this compiled information to the Commission as well as to the Returning Officers concerned before the last date for withdrawal of candidatures to enable the Returning Officers to allot symbols correctly.

By order,

(VARINDER KUMAR)
SECRETARY

(Annexure - I)

A list registered unrecognised political parties who were asked to give in writing the reply on or before 3.00 P.M. on 23rd March, 2011 in the matter of concession for allotment of a common symbol to their candidates at current general elections.

S.No	Name of the Registered unrecognised Party
1	All India N.R. Congress,
2	Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam,
3	Indiya Jananayaka Katchi
4	Kongu Nadu Munnetra Kazhagam,
5	Manithaneyya Makkal Katchi
6	Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi,
7	All India Party for the Protection of Civil Rights,
8	Democratic Socialist Party (Prabodh Chandra)
9	Rashtriya Deshaj Party,
10	Social Democratic Party of India,
11	Socialist Janata (Democratic)
12	Ulzaipali Makkal Katchi,
13	All India Minorities Front,
14	Bhartiya Inqalab Party,
15	Chhattisgarh Swabhiman Manch,
16	Janata Party ,

17	Jantantra Party,
18	Meydhaa Party
19	National Welfare Party,
20	Puthiya Tamilagam,
21	Rashtrawadi Sena.
22	Samajwadi Janata Party (Rashtriya)
23	Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist)
24	United Minority Front (Assam)
25	Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party,
26	Naki Bharatiya Ekta Party,
27	Ambedkar Peoples Movement,
28	Makkal Manadu Katchi