

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi -110 001.

No. 3/4/2010/SDR
To

Dated:- 10th March, 2010

The Chief Electoral Officers of
all States/Union Territories

Subject:- Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 – Return of Election in Form 21 E -
regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Your attention is invited to Rule 64 of the Conduct of Electors Rules, 1961, wherein the Returning Officer is required to issue a Return of Election in Form 21E. The Rules do not prescribe the order of arrangement of the names of the candidates in Form 21E. It is, however, seen that different States follow different procedures in the preparation of Form 21E. In some States, the names are arranged in the descending order of the number of votes polled while others follow the same order as in Form 7A (list of contesting candidates) and the ballot paper (the order of arrangement of names is the same in Form-7 and the ballot paper).

2. To ensure uniformity in the order of names in all documents/forms and to avoid confusion, the Commission has directed that for all future elections, the arrangement of names in Form 21E may be done in the same order as in the list of contesting candidates and in the ballot paper.

Yours faithfully,


(ASHISH CHAKRABORTY)
UNDER SECRETARY

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