

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.576/3/2015/SDR

Dated: 22nd January, 2016

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers
of all States/UTs.

Subject: - Printing of photographs of the candidates and NOTA symbol on the ballot papers in case of elections to the Council of States and State Legislative Councils-regarding.

Sir,

As per the instructions in the Commission letter no. 576/3/2015/SDR, dated 16th March, 2015 photograph of candidates is required to be printed on ballot paper. The Commission has directed that in case of elections to Rajya Sabha and to Legislative Councils, against 'None of the Above' (NOTA) in the last panel on the ballot paper, the symbol specified by the Commission for NOTA (vide its letter No. 576/3/2014/SDR/Vol.II, dated 18-09-2015) shall be printed in the column meant for photograph of candidates.

This instruction may be brought to the notice of the Returning Officers and other authorities concerned with the above elections for compliance in all further elections.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY