

By Speed Post/E- Mail

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No.576/3/2015/SDR

Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

To,

The Chief Electoral Officers  
of all States/UTs.

Sub: - Printing of ballot papers-photograph of candidate to be also printed along with the other particulars-reg.

Sir,

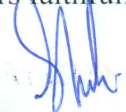
I am directed to invite reference to the Commission's letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 on the subject cited above. In paragraph 8 of the said letter it has been directed that if the photograph of the candidate is not submitted alongwith nomination paper, the RO shall give a notice asking the candidate to submit the photograph latest by the date of scrutiny of nomination.

There have been some suggestions that a format for this notice to be given, as referred to above, should also be prescribed by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission has now prescribed a standard format for such notice. Copy of the format approved for this purpose is enclosed.

This may be brought to the notice of all DEOs, ROs and other authorities concerned for compliance to all future election. The political parties based in the States may also be informed.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,



( N.T. Bhutia )  
Under Secretary

**Notice by Returning Officer for non-submission of Photograph of the candidate**

Name of constituency .....  
Name of the candidate .....  
Date and time of filing nomination paper .....  
Sl. No. of nomination paper .....

As per the direction of the Election Commission, photograph of the candidate is required to be printed on the ballot paper.

It is hereby brought to your notice that you have not submitted your photograph for this purpose.

You are required to submit your photograph by 3 P.M. on \_\_\_\_\_ (date fixed for scrutiny of nominations).

The specifications for the photograph are as follows:

- (i) Candidates are required to submit their recent photograph (taken during the preceding period of 3 months before the date of notification).
- (ii) Photographs should be of stamp size 2cm. X 2.5 cm. (two cm. in breadth and 2.5 cm. in height) in white/off white background, with full face view directly facing the camera, neutral facial expression with eyes open. The Photo may be in colour or black and white as may be convenient for the candidate.
- (iii) Photo graph should be in normal clothing. Photograph in uniform is not permitted. Caps/hats should be avoided. Dark glasses has also to be avoided.

The photograph has to be submitted along with the declaration in the enclosed format.

It may be noted that if photograph is not submitted by the time mentioned above, your photo will not be printed on the ballot paper.

**Received**

.....

(Signature of candidate)

Date & time:  
Place:

.....

Signature of RO/ARO

