

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

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PRESS NOTE

Subject: General Election to Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh 2017-Allotment of Broadcast/Telecast time to National/State Political Parties -regarding.

A copy of the Order No.437/TA-LA/2017/Communication, dated 11th January, 2017 issued by the Commission regarding allotment of Broadcast/Telecast time to National/State political parties in the General Election to Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh 2017 is enclosed for the information of the general public.

(Dhirendra Ojha)
Director

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ORDER

At the time of General Elections to the Lok Sabha in 1998, a new initiative for State funding of recognized political parties through free use of the State owned Television and Radio was introduced under directions of the Commission vide its Order, dated 16th January, 1998. The said scheme was subsequently extended in all the General Elections to the State Assemblies held after 1998 and General Elections to the Lok Sabha in 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014.

With the amendments to the Representation of People Act, 1951 vide "Election and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Act, 2003" and the rules notified thereunder, equitable time sharing for campaigning by recognized political parties on electronic media now has statutory basis. In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of the Explanation below section 39A of the Representation of People Act, 1951, the Central Government has notified all such broadcasting media which are owned or controlled or financed wholly or substantially by funds provided to them by the Central Government as the electronic media for the purposes of that section. Therefore, the Commission has decided to extend the said scheme of equitable time sharing on electronic media through Prasar Bharati Corporation to the ensuing General Election to the State Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh -2017.

The facilities of use of broadcast time and telecast time will be available only to 'National Parties' and 'Recognized State Parties' in respect of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh.

THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SCHEME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The facilities will be available from the Regional Kendra of the All India Radio and Doordarshan and in the headquarters of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh and relayed by other stations within the above mentioned States/UTs.

Time allotted for Telecast/Broadcast:

2. A base time of 45 minutes will be given to each National Party and Recognized State Party (recognized in respect of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh) uniformly on the Regional Kendras of Doordarshan network and All India Radio network in the above mentioned States/UTs.
3. The additional time to be allotted to the parties has been decided on the basis of the poll performance of the parties in the last assembly election from the respective above mentioned States/UTs.
4. In a single session of broadcast, no party will be allocated more than 15 minutes.

Date of Telecast/Broadcast:

5. The period of broadcast and telecast will be between the last date of filing the nominations for the first phase of poll and two days before the date of poll (in each phase) in the respective of above mentioned States/UTs.

6. The Prasar Bharati Corporation in consultation with the Commission will decide the actual date and time for broadcast and telecast. This will be subject to the broad technical constraints governing the actual time of transmission available with the Doordarshan and All India Radio.

Submission of Transcripts in advance:

7. The guidelines prescribed by the Commission for telecast and broadcast will be strictly followed. **The parties will be required to submit transcripts and recording in advance.** The parties can get this recorded at their own cost in studios, which meet the technical standards prescribed by the Prasar Bharati Corporation or at the Doordarshan/All India Radio Kendra. They can, in the alternative, have these recorded in the studios of Doordarshan and All India Radio by advance requests. In such cases, the recordings may be done at the State Capital and at timings indicated by Doordarshan/All India Radio in advance.

Panel Discussions and Debate:

8. In addition to the broadcast by parties, the Prasar Bharati Corporation will organize a maximum of two panel discussions and/or debates on the Kendra/Station of Doordarshan/All India Radio. Each eligible party can nominate one representative to such a programme.
9. The Election Commission of India will approve the names of coordinators for such panel discussions and debates in consultation with the Prasar Bharati Corporation.

Guidelines for observance in Telecasts/Broadcasts:

10. The telecasts/broadcasts on Doordarshan/AIR will not permit:
 - a) Criticism of other countries;
 - b) Attack on religions or communities;
 - c) anything obscene or defamatory;
 - d) incitement of violence;
 - e) anything amounting to contempt of court;
 - f) aspersion against the integrity of the President and Judiciary;
 - g) anything affecting the unity, sovereignty and integrity of the Nation;
 - h) any criticism by name of any person;

Time Vouchers for Parties:-

11. will be available in the denomination of 5 minutes with one voucher having time allotment from 1 to 4 minutes and the parties will be free to combine them suitably. The allotment of time to different political parties is given in a statement enclosed herewith.

By order,

(Dhirendra Ojha)
Director

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOA 2017**

*Time available to National Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State	Name of National/ State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>	<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>
GOA	AITC	53	53	10 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minute)	10 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minute)
	BJP	205	205	41 (5 minutes each)	41 (5 minutes each)
	BSP	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	CPI	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	CPI (M)	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	INC	187	187	37 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)	37 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
	NCP	64	64	12 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)	12 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)
	MG	76	76	15 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minutes)	15 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minutes)
Total		720	720	720	720

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANIPUR 2017**

*Time available to National Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State	Name of National/ State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>	<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>
MANIPUR	AITC	129	129	25 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minute)	25 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minute)
	BJP	55	55	11 (5 minutes each)	11 (5 minutes each)
	BSP	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	CPI	74	74	14 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)	14 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)
	CPI (M)	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	INC	254	254	50 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)	50 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)
	NCP	81	81	16 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minutes)	16 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minutes)
	NPF	82	82	16 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes each)	16 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
	PDA	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
Total		810	810	810	810

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUNJAB 2017**

*Time available to National Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State	Name of National/ State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>	<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>
PUNJAB	AITC	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	BJP	78	78	15 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)	15 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)
	BSP	65	65	13 (5 minutes each)	13 (5 minutes each)
	CPI	49	49	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)
	CPI (M)	46	46	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	INC	231	231	46 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	46 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	NCP	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	AAP	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	SAD	206	206	41 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	41 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
Total		810	810	810	810

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF UTTARAKHAND 2017**

*Time available to National Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State	Name of National/ State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>	<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>
UTTARA- KHAND	AITC	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	BJP	176	176	35 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	35 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	BSP	93	93	18 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)	18 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)
	CPI	46	46	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	CPI (M)	46	46	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	INC	178	178	35 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)	35 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)
	NCP	46	46	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
Total		630	630	630	630

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF UTTAR PRADESH 2017**

*Time available to National Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State	Name of National/ State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>	<i>Broadcast</i>	<i>Telecast</i>
UTTAR PRADESH	AITC	47	47	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	BJP	117	117	23 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	23 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	BSP	169	169	33 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)	33 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)
	CPI	46	46	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	CPI (M)	45	45	9 (5 minutes each)	9 (5 minutes each)
	INC	101	101	20 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	20 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	NCP	47	47	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	9 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	RLD	56	56	11 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)	11 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minutes)
	SP	184	184	36 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)	36 (5 minutes each) + 1 (4 minutes)
Total		812	812	812	812

**LIST OF POLITICAL PARTIES (GOA, MANIPUR,
PUNJAB, UTTARAKHAND & UTTAR PRADESH)**

Sl.No.	Abbreviation	Status	Name of Party
1	AITC	National Party	All India Trinamool Congress
2	BSP	National Party	Bahujan Samaj Party
3	BJP	National Party	Bharatiya Janata Party
4	CPI	National Party	Communist Party of India
5	CPI (M)	National Party	Communist Party of India (Marxist)
6	INC	National Party	Indian National Congress
7	NCP	National Party	Nationalist Congress Party
8	MG	State Party	Maharashtrawadi Gomantak
9	NPF	State Party	Naga Peoples Front
10	PDA	State Party	People's Democratic Alliance
11	AAP	State Party	<u>Aam Aadmi Party</u>
12	SAD	State Party	Shiromani Akali Dal
13	RLD	State Party	<i>Rashtriya Lok Dal</i>
14	SP	State Party	<i>Samajwadi Party</i>