

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 56/2014/PPS-I

Dated : 19th May, 2014

ORDER

Sub: Registration of political parties – choice of name for political party.

Whereas, in connection with registration of political parties under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Commission has directed that the names of political parties seeking registration should not have any religious connotation and that the names should not be similar to the names of existing political parties that may lead to confusion; and

Whereas, it has been noticed that in some cases new political parties seeking registration under Section 29A have adopted names that are translated versions of names of existing political parties; and

Whereas, the Commission has received complaints that permitting new political parties to be registered under translated versions of names of prominent parties is bound to adversely affect the interests of the existing parties and enable the new parties adopting such names to derive undue advantage out of the goodwill and popularity enjoyed by the former;

Now, therefore, having considered all aspects of the matter, the Commission has decided that henceforth political parties with names which are translated versions, either in Hindi, English or any regional language, of the names of existing recognized National or State Political Parties shall not be granted registration under Section 29A of RP Act, 51, and such parties shall have to suitably change/modify their names for seeking registration.

By Order,



(K.F.WILFRED)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY