

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI- 110001

No. 52/2015/SDR-Vol.I

Dated: - 18th September, 2015

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer of
All States and Union Territories.

Sub: - Particulars to be printed on the ballot papers-reg.

Sir,

In partial modification of the Commission's existing directions on printing of particulars on the ballot papers, the Commission has amended the particulars of postal ballot papers as follows: -

1. There would be separate particulars for the two types of postal ballot papers, i.e. (i) postal ballot papers for service voters and (ii) postal ballot papers for the other categories of electors entitled to vote by postal ballot. For service voters, the postal ballot paper shall continue to be as per the existing directions with the modification that the width of the ballot paper, when printed in one column, shall be between 4" and 5" as considered necessary. The particulars regarding names of candidate and party affiliation shall continue to be printed in the official language of the State and in English.
2. As for the postal ballot paper for the second category mentioned above, i.e., for those entitled to vote by postal ballot other than service voters, the election symbol allotted to the candidates shall also be printed thereon. The particulars on the ballot paper shall be printed only in the official language of the State. The width of ballot paper, when printed in one column, shall be between 4" and 5" as considered necessary. On all other aspects, the existing directions shall continue to apply.
3. On both types of postal ballot papers, the photographs of candidates shall be printed, as already directed by the Commission's letter No. 576/3/2015/SDR/Vol.II dated 21-05-2015

The above direction may be immediately conveyed to the District Election Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and Presiding Officer of all Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in the State/UT. This may also be brought to the notice of all political parties based in your State, including the State units of National and State recognised political parties.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(N.T.Bhutia)

Under Secretary

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DIRECTION

Dated: 18th September, 2015

No. 52/2015/SDR/Vol.I: In partial modification of the Commission's existing directions on the language and particulars on the ballot papers, the following modifications have been made:-

1. There shall be separate particulars for the two types of ballot papers-(i) postal ballot papers for service voters and (ii) the other categories of electors entitled to vote by postal ballots.

(i) For service voters, the postal ballot paper shall continue to be as per the existing directions, with the modification that the width of the ballot paper, when printed in one column, shall be between 4" and 5" as considered necessary. The particulars regarding names of candidates and party affiliation shall be printed in the official language of the State and in English.

(ii) For the postal ballot paper for other categories of electors i.e. for special voters, electors on preventive detention and the electors appointed for election duties, the election symbols allotted to the candidates shall also be printed. The election symbol shall be printed between the photograph of the candidate and the space for marking vote. The particulars on the postal ballot paper in this case shall be printed only in the official language of the State. The width of ballot paper, when printed in one column, shall be between 4" and 5" as considered necessary. On all other aspects, the existing directions shall continue to apply.

2. The above direction shall apply in relation to all elections to the House of the People, Legislative Assemblies to be held hereafter.

By Order,


(ANUJ JAIPURIAR)
Secretary