

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
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No.56/2009/PPS-II

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To

The President/General Secretary
Of all recognized **State** Parties.

Sub: Concession under paragraph 10 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 to use the reserved symbol of the State Party in other States.

Sir/Madam,

Under paragraph 10 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, a State Party can seek concession for allotment of its reserved symbol to the candidates set up by the party in States where the party is not recognized. It has been observed in the past that many of the State parties are not clear about the procedure for seeking concession under this paragraph.

2. The procedure to be followed by the parties is explained below for clarity and guidance :

- Application seeking concession should be submitted in the Commission's Secretariat by the **3rd day** after the notification of election. For example, if election is notified on 01-01-2009, the application seeking concession under para-10 should reach the Commission's Secretariat latest by 04-01-2009. Applications received after the prescribed period will not be considered under any circumstance.
- The application should clearly indicate the name(s) of constituency(ies) where the party is setting up candidate(s) and seeking concession for allotment of symbol to the candidate(s). For this purpose, a complete list of the constituencies in which concession is sought should be enclosed. Care should be taken that the number and name of constituencies is correctly mentioned.

- The application should be submitted to the Commission. No action will be taken on applications submitted to Chief Electoral Officers, District Election Officers, Returning Officers, etc.
 - The application should be made by the Central Office of the party from the headquarters as per the address registered with the Commission. Applications received from any other address/unit of the party will be rejected.
 - All procedural requirements of paragraph 13 of the Symbols Order should be fulfilled separately by the party/candidate in the matter of setting up of candidates in the constituency concerned.
3. The above clarifications may be noted and brought to the notice of the various units of the party.

Yours faithfully,

(K.F.WILFRED)
SECRETARY