

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

(1) The Chief Electoral Officer,
Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla.

(2) The Chief Electoral Officer,
Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

Sub: Submission of Form-A and Form-B by political parties- correction in the instructions in the Handbook for ROs.

Sir/Madam,

In the Handbook for Returning Officers (2012), in Chapter-V, paragraph-5.79 (under the heading `Intimation by political parties about their authorized candidates'), it is mentioned that Form-B must be signed in blue ink. The instruction reads as follows:-

"Printed, cyclostyled and photocopies of form `B' may be used by political parties, but these must be signed in blue ink by authorized office bearer(s) of the political party concerned. Similarly, fax copies of such forms are not acceptable. Photocopy of Form B submitted for the main candidate can be used for the substitute candidate."

2. The above instructions have been modified as follows:-

"Printed, cyclostyled and photocopies of form `B' may be used by political parties, but these must be signed in ink by authorized office bearer(s) of the political party concerned. Similarly, fax copies of such forms are not acceptable. Photocopy of Form B submitted for the main candidate can be used for the substitute candidate."

3. It may be noted that by this modification, the provision that signature must be in blue ink has been deleted. Accordingly, Forms-A & B signed in original in ink of any colour would be acceptable provided the Forms are submitted as per the requirements laid down in the Symbols Order.

4. This correction may be brought to the notice of all District Election Officers and Returning Officers. Further, CEO, Gujarat is requested to bring this to the notice of State units of recognized political parties and other registered un-recognized political parties based in the State.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY