

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

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No. 576/3/2017/SDR/

Dated: 18-10-2017

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States and Union Territories.

**Sub: List of contesting candidates in Form 7A/7B- displaying therein photographs of candidates against their names.**

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to the Commission's letter No. 576/3/2015, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, regarding directions for printing photographs of candidates also in the ballot papers.

2. The Commission has now directed that, henceforth, photographs of candidates shall also be printed against their names in the list of contesting candidates in Form-7A or 7B, as the case may be. Thus, the copy of the said forms to be supplied to each contesting candidate should contain the photographs of the candidates. The same format with photographs of candidates shall be used for publishing of the Form in the Gazette as well as for displaying copies thereof in the polling stations.

3. A clarification has also been sought as to whether 'NOTA' is to be printed in Form 7A and 7B. It is clarified that since Form 7A/7B denotes list of contesting candidates, 'NOTA' is not to be printed therein.

4. This direction may be conveyed immediately to all Returning Officers including the Returning Officers for Rajya Sabha election and Legislative Council elections.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F. WILFRED)

SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY