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BLD poll symbol in 'due course'

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The Election Commission has recognised the Bharatiya Lok Dal (BLD) as a national party for the purposes of allotment of a permanent election symbol.

An election symbol will be allotted to the BLD in consultation with the party in "due course," an announcement by the Election Commission said here today.

The BLD was recently formed as a result of the merger of Swatantra, the Bharatiya Kranti Dal, the Utkal Congress and some other political parties.

Besides announcing its decision to allot and reserve an election symbol to the BLD under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, the Election Commission also announced withdrawal of election symbols of "Star," "Haldhar" and "water wheel and plough" (halchaka) already allotted and reserved for the Swatantra, the Bharatiya Kranti Dal and the Utkal Congress respectively.

The Election Commission, by an order issued today in regard to the dispute among the three factional groups of the Bharatiya Kranti Dal, declared Mr. Charan Singh's group as the real Bharatiya Kranti Dal which has now merged into the Bharatiya Lok Dal.