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Dear Friend,

* We are sending you herewith five copies of Election Commission's Press note dated the 26th September, 1967 regarding the recognition of Political Parties for allotment of election symbols. These are being sent for your information and records.

Yours sincerely,

(V.P. Bhatia)

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MULTI-STATE STATUS FOR SEVEN POLITICAL PARTIES
VOTES POLLED AT LAST ELECTIONS ANALYSED

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The Election Commission has analysed the votes polled by various political parties at the last general elections to Parliament and Legislative Assemblies for the purpose of recognising them in States and Union Territories as eligible for reserved election symbols.

The criterion adopted by the Commission for recognising a party in any State or Union Territory is the same as before, namely, that its candidates should have secured not less than four per cent of the total valid votes cast in that State or Union Territory either at the parliamentary elections or at the assembly elections. In this assessment the votes gained by party candidates who have forfeited their security deposits at the elections are not taken into account.

Seven parties have, on this basis, qualified for recognition as "multi-State parties". These are:

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| (i) Indian National Congress | - All States (except Nagaland) and all Union Territories (except Goa, Daman and Diu) and the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands). |
| (ii) Swatantra Party | - Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madras, Mysore, Orissa, Rajasthan, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh. |
| (iii) Bharatiya Jana Sangh | - Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh. |
| (iv) Samyukta Socialist Party | - Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Manipur. |
| (v) Communist Party of India | - Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, West Bengal, Manipur and Tripura. |
| (vi) Communist Party of India (Marxist) | - Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Madras, West Bengal, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Tripura. |
| (vii) Praja Socialist Party | - Assam, Bihar, Mysore and Orissa. |

REPUBLICAN PARTY LOSES MULTI-STATE RECOGNITION

The Republican Party of India which at the last general elections was recognised in Maharashtra, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, has now obtained recognition only in one State Maharashtra. Consequently, it ceases to be a multi-State party. The 16 single-state parties are:-

- (1) All Party Hill Leaders' Conference (Assam)

- (ii) J&K National Conference (Jammu & Kashmir)
- (iii) Kerala Congress (Kerala)
- (iv) Muslim League (Kerala)
- (v) Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (Madras)
- (vi) Republican Party (Maharashtra)
- (vii) Peasants and Workers Party (Maharashtra)
- (viii) Janata Paksha (Mysore)
- (ix) Naga Nationalist Organisation (Nagaland)
- (x) Jana Congress (Orissa)
- (xi) Shiromani Akali Dal (Sant Fateh Singh Group) (Punjab)
- (xii) Bangla Congress (West Bengal)
- (xiii) Forward Bloc (West Bengal)
- (xiv) Maharashtrawadi Gomantak (Goa, Daman and Diu)
- (xv) United Goans (Sequeira Group) (Goa, Daman and Diu)
- (xvi) People's Front (Pondicherry)

Janata Paksha in Mysore, Jana Congress in Orissa and Bangla Congress in West Bengal are three new parties which have secured recognition. Shiromani Akali Dal (Master Tara Singh Group) in Punjab, the Democratic National Conference in Jammu and Kashmir and Frente Populare and the United Goans (Furtado Group) in Goa, Daman and Diu have failed to obtain sufficient electoral support and their recognition has been withdrawn.

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (1) of rule 5 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and in supersession of its notification No. 56/66, dated the 1st December, 1966 (S.O. 3367), the Election Commission notifies as follows:

1. In this notification:-

- (a) 'recognised Party' means any political party for which a symbol is reserved in one or more States according to the Table below:
- (b) 'multi-State party' means any of the following recognised parties, namely (i) the Indian National Congress, (ii) The Swatantra Party, (iii) The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, (iv) Communist Party of India, (v) the Samyukta Socialist Party, (vi) the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and (vii) the Praja Socialist Party; and
- (c) 'reserved symbol' means in relation to any recognised party specified in column 4 of the Table below, the symbol specified against that party in column 3 thereof.

2. The choice of symbols to be made by candidates at any election in a parliamentary or assembly constituency in a State specified in column 1 of the Table shall be made from the free symbols specified in column 2, or from the reserved symbols specified in column 3, of the Table against that State:

Provided that any such candidate sponsored by a recognised party specified against that State in column 4 of the Table shall choose, and shall be allotted, the reserved symbol of that party and no other symbol:

Provided further that any such candidate sponsored by a multi-State party not specified against that State in column 4 of the Table may choose, and may be allotted, the reserved symbol of that party.

3. Any other candidate shall choose, and shall be allotted, one of the free symbols specified against the state in column 2 of the Table, and no other symbol.

Provided that if two or more of such candidates have indicated their first preference for the same free symbol, the returning officer shall:-

- (a) If one of them is a sitting member of the House of the People or of the State Legislative Assembly, as the case may be, and was allotted that symbol at the previous election when he was chosen as such member, allot the symbol to that candidate, and
- (b) in any other case, decide by lot of which of the candidates the symbol shall be allotted.

4. For the purposes of paragraph 2 of this notification, a candidate shall be deemed to be sponsored by a particular recognised party if, and only if,

- (a) the candidate has made a declaration to that effect in his nomination paper,

- (b) a notice in writing to that effect has, not later than 3 p.m. on the last date for withdrawal of candidatures been delivered to the returning officer of the constituency, and
- (c) the said notice is signed by the president, secretary or other office-bearer of the party who is authorised by the party to send such notices and whose name and specimen signature have been communicated in advance to the said returning officer and to the chief electoral officer of the State.

TABLE

State/Union territory	Free symbols	Reserved symbols	Party for which symbol is reserved
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Scales 5. Spade 6. Two leaves	1. Two Bullocks with yoke on 2. Star 3. Ears of corn and sickle 4. Hammer, Sickle and Star	Indian National Congress Swatantra Party Communist Party of India Communist Party of India (Marxist)
2. Assam	1. Bicycle 2. Boat 3. Lion 4. Scales 5. Spade 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Hut 3. Ears of corn and sickle 4. Flower	Indian National Congress Praja Socialist Party Communist Party of India All Party Hill Leaders' Conference
3. Bihar	1. Flower 2. Horse 3. Lion 4. Rising sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Tree 3. Ears of corn and sickle 4. Lamp 5. Hut	Indian National Congress Samyukta Socialist Party Communist Party of India Bharatiya Jana Sangh Praja Socialist Party.
4. Gujarat	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Lion 4. Rising Sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves 7. Horse	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Star	Indian National Congress Swatantra Party
5. Haryana	1. Bicycle 2. Hand 3. Horse 4. Rising Sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Lamp 3. Star	Indian National Congress Bharatiya Jana Sangh Swatantra Party

1	2	3	4
6. Kerala	1. Bicycle 2. Boat 3. Flower 4. Scales 5. Spade and stoker 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Hammer, sickle and star 3. Tree 4. Ears of corn and sickle 5. Ladder 6. Horse	Indian National Congress Communist Party of India (Marxist) Samyukta Socialist Party Communist Party of India Muslim League Kerala Congress
7. Madhya Pradesh	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Lion 5. Rising Sun 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Lamp	Indian National Congress Bharatiya Jana Sangh
8. Madras	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Lion 4. Scales 5. Spade 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Rising Sun 3. Star 4. Hammer, sickle and star	Indian National Congress Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam Swatantra Party Communist Party of India (Marxist)
9. Maharashtra	1. Bicycle 2. Horse 3. Lion 4. Rising Sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Elephant 3. Cart 4. Ears of corn and sickle 5. Lamp 6. Tree	Indian National Congress Republican Party of India Peasants' and Workers' Party Communist Party of India Bharatiya Jana Sangh Samyukta Socialist Party
10. Mysore	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Lion 4. Rising sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Star 3. Hut 4. Scales	Indian National Congress Swatantra Party Praja Socialist Party Janata Paksha
11. Orissa	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Lion 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Star 3. Hut 4. Tree 5. Ears of Corn and sickle 6. Scales	Indian National Congress Swatantra Party Praja Socialist Party Samyukta Socialist Party Communist Party of India Jana Congress
12. Punjab	1. Bicycle 2. Horse	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Scales	Indian National Congress Shiromani Akali Dal (Sant Fateh Singh Group)

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	3. Lion 4. Flower 5. Two leaves 6. Rising Sun	3. Lamp 4. Ears of corn and sickle	Bharatiya Jana Sangh Communist Party of India
13. Rajasthan	1. Bicycle 2. Camel 3. Flower 4. Horse 5. Rising Sun 6. Scales	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Star 3. Lamp 4. Tree	Indian National Congress Swatantra Party Bharatiya Jana Sangh Samyukta Socialist Party
14. Uttar Pradesh	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Lion 5. Rising Sun 6. Scales	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Lamp 3. Tree	Indian National Congress Bharatiya Jana Sangh Samyukta Socialist Party
15. West Bengal	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Rising Sun 4. Scales 5. Spade and stoker 6. Two leaves 7. Horse	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Hammer, sickle and star 3. Plough 4. Ears of corn and sickle 5. Lion	Indian National Congress Communist Party of India (Marxist) Bangla Congress Communist Party of India Forward Bloc
16. Delhi	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Lion 4. Rising Sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves 7. Horse	1. Lamp 2. Two bullocks with yoke on	Bharatiya Jana Sangh Indian National Congress
17. Goa, Daman and Diu	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Scales 5. Spade 6. Two leaves	1. Lion 2. Hand	Maharashtrawadi Gomantak United Goans (Sequeira Group)
18. Himachal Pradesh	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Lion 4. Rising Sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Lamp 3. Star	Indian National Congress Bharatiya Jana Sangh Swatantra Party
19. Manipur	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Lion 5. Scales	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Ears of corn and sickle 3. Tree	Indian National Congress Communist Party of India Samyukta Socialist Party

1	2	3	4
	6. Two leaves		
20. Pondicherry	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Spade 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Elephant	Indian National Congress People's Front
21. Tripura	1. Bicycle 2. Flower 3. Horse 4. Rising Sun 5. Scales 6. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Hammer, Sickle and Star 3. Ears of corn and sickle	Indian National Congress Communist Party of India (Marxist) Communist Party of India
22. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1. Bicycle 2. Boat 3. Scales 4. Two leaves 5. Rising Sun	1. Two bullocks with yoke on	Indian National Congress
23. Chandigarh	1. Bicycle 2. Horse 3. Scales 4. Two leaves	1. Lamp 2. Two bullocks with yoke on 3. Star	Bharatiya Jana Sangh Indian National Congress Swatantra Party
24. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1. Bicycle 2. Horse 3. Scales 4. Two leaves	1. Two bullocks with yoke on 2. Hammer, sickle and Star	Indian National Congress Communist Party of India (Marxist)
25. Laccadive, Minicoy & Amindivi Islands	1. Bicycle 2. Boat 3. Scales 4. Two leaves		

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By order,

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