

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

- (1) The Chief Electoral Officer,
Meghalaya,
Shillong.
- (2) The Chief Electoral Officer,
Nagaland,
Kohima.
- (3) The Chief Electoral Officer,
Tripura,
Agartala.

Sub: Handbook for Returning Officers, 2012 – Corrections.

Sir,

In the Handbook for Returning Officer, 2012, hosted on the Commission's website, the following corrections/clarifications with regard to the instructions in Chapter-V (Nominations), Paras 5.16 and 5.79 may be noted :-

- (i) Para 5.16 - There is no requirement in the Law that the proposers should necessarily appear before the Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer at the time of presentation of nomination paper. However, the question of asking one or more proposer to appear before the RO may arise in cases where there is complaint/dispute regarding any proposer, their signature etc.
- (ii) Para 5.79 – There is a mention in this para (printed in bold italics) that Forms A & 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."

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. However, in the case of a substitute candidate, it will suffice if the photocopy of Form-B which would be filed by/on behalf of the main candidate is submitted with the nomination paper of the substitute candidate."

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.

2. The above corrections/clarifications may be brought to the notice of all District Election Officers and Returning Officers. This may also be brought to the notice of all political parties.

Yours faithfully,



(K.F.WILFRED)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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