

TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
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PRESS NOTE

All the Registered Political Parties with Telangana State Election Commission without reserved Symbol are hereby, informed that, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 243-K and 243-ZA of the Constitution of India, the State Election Commission has amended the paragraph 6A in Part-III of Symbols Order, 2018 vide Notification No.2915/TSEC-L/2019, dated 30.12.2019 as follows:

6A – Concession to candidates set up by registered political parties without a reserved symbol.

The candidates set up by a registered political party without a reserved symbol at the ordinary election to the MPTCs / ZPTCs or Ward Members of Municipal Bodies, may be allotted a common symbol from the list of free symbols for a period of five years from the date of allotment of the Symbol, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions, namely –

- (i) A Registered Political Party sets up candidates at least in 10% (ten percent) of the total number of MPTCs or ZPTCs or Ward Members of Urban local bodies in ordinary elections as the case may be, in the State and give an application to the State Election Commission also with an undertaking to that effect within five clear days of the date on which the Symbol notification has been issued.
- (ii) The registered political party shall submit to the Commission a demand draft for Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) drawn in the name of Secretary, Telangana State Election Commission, Hyderabad as deposit which refundable subject to clause (iv);
- (iii) The Registered Political Party shall give the names of ten symbols, in order of preference, from out of the list of free symbols notified by the Commission for that election;

- (iv) The Registered Political Party shall also give an undertaking that if the party does not set up candidates in the minimum number of the constituencies as prescribed in condition (i) above, it shall lose the common symbol for subsequent elections and in addition agrees to the forfeiture of the deposit amount by the Commission, referred to in clause (ii);

Explanation: For the removal of doubt, it is hereby clarified that-

- (i) The concession of allotment of common symbol to the candidates of a registered political party without a reserved symbol under this paragraph shall be for a period of five years from the date of allotment of common symbol. After allotment of common symbol if the party fails to contest in 10% of total seats in any subsequent ordinary elections, the party will lose its common symbol for further elections and also cannot apply afresh till the completion of five years period from the date of allotment of common symbol and forfeit the deposit amount.
- (ii) Common symbol is one of the free symbols notified by the State Election Commission and is not a reserved symbol. Consequently the allottee will only have preference for its allotment and no other benefits. The symbol allotted as a common symbol to the candidates of a party under this paragraph shall be available for allotment to candidates set up by the other parties or independent candidates in those other constituencies in which that party has not set up its candidates;
- (iii) If two or more parties give preference for the same symbol, then the question of allotment of the symbol to one of such parties shall be decided by draw of lots;
- (iv) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (iii) a political party has been allowed to contest with a particular common symbol in last general elections to the Telangana Legislative Assembly or House of the People, ordinary elections to Local Bodies in the State of Telangana that political party shall have the preference for allotment of the same symbol.

Provided those symbols are existing in the free symbols list notified by the State Election Commission.

- (v) If it is not possible for the Commission for any reason to allot a common symbol to the candidates of a registered political party from out of the list of symbols it has given its preference under this paragraph, some other symbol from the list of free symbols may be allotted to that party in consultation with that party.

It is further informed that, in pursuance of Section 197 of Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019 and paragraph 10 of the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2018 as amended from time to time in connection with conduct of ordinary elections to Municipalities and Municipal Corporations in the State, the State Election Commission has issued Symbol Notification No.3075/TSEC-L/2019, dated 31.12.2019 notifying the free symbols for ordinary elections to Municipalities and Municipal Corporations.

In this regard, it is informed that, any Registered Political Party with Telangana State Election Commission without reserved Symbol obeying to above conditions can apply for allotment of a common symbol to their Party to contest in ordinary elections to Local Bodies within five clear days from the date of issuance of Symbol notification, i.e., upto 04.01.2020, if desires so.



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