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According to the provisions of Section 77 of the Representation of the People's Act, 1951, the expenditure incurred by leaders of political parties on account of travel by air or any other means of transport for propagating programme of the political party is not deemed to be expenditure incurred or authorized by the candidate or his agent. **The benefit will be available if and only if the names of the leaders (maximum of 20 in the case of unrecognized political party and 40 for recognized political party) are communicated to the Election Commission of India and to the Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu within a period of 7 days from the date of notification for the election, as required under Explanation 2 under sub-section (1). The Notification for the General Elections to Lok Sabha and Bye-Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, 2019 will be published on 19.03.2019. The list of leaders for whom the parties desire to get exemption should be communicated to the Election Commission of India/ Chief Electoral Officer on or before 26.03.2019.** Apart from the travel expenses incurred by the Leaders whose names have been communicated to the Election Commission of India / Chief Electoral Officer, all other expenses of the political parties relating to the campaigns for the candidate will be required to be included in the account of election expenses of the candidates concerned. Also travel by a star campaigner for candidates of other parties are not exempt.

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