

**PRESS RELEASE**

As per Explanation 1(a) under sub-section (1) of Section 77 of the Representation of the People 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, for the purpose of the said Section. The benefit provided under the said Explanation 1(a) 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, 2009 for the 39 Parliamentary Constituencies in Tamil Nadu has been published on 17-4-2009. 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 24-4-2009.** 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 in the campaigns prior to the date of nomination and during the election process will be required to be included in the account of election expenses of the candidates concerned.

-Chief Electoral Officer-  
Tamil Nadu

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