

Public (Elections-III) Department

PRESS RELEASE

The Election Commission of India has stated that in pursuance of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Commission, after due consideration, has given the directions to be followed by candidates at elections to the Houses of Parliament and Houses of State Legislatures who have criminal cases against them, either pending cases or cases of conviction in the past, and to the political parties that set up such candidates. The candidates shall publish a declaration for wide publicity in the newspapers and in TV Channels. Declaration is to be published at least on three different dates from the day following the last date for withdrawal of candidatures and upto two days before the date of poll. The Election Commission of India has prescribed the Formats as follows:-

- i) **Format C-1** for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV
- ii) **Format C-2** for political party to publish in website, newspapers, TV
- iii) **Format C-3** for Office of Returning Officer
- iv) **Format C-4** for Report by Candidate about publishing of declaration regarding criminal cases
- v) **Format C-5** for Report by Political Party about publishing of declaration regarding Criminal cases

The political parties (Recognised Parties and Registered un-recognised Parties) which set up candidates with criminal cases are required to publish declaration giving details in this regard for wide publicity on their website as well as in TV channels and newspapers.

The detailed instructions of the Election Commission of India along with the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the above subject is available in the website, i.e. www.elections.tn.gov.in.

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