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PUBLIC NOTICE

Restriction on printing of pamphlets, posters by candidates / political parties / printing presses etc.

It is hereby informed to all concerned that the printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters, etc is governed by the provisions of Section 127A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. According to the said provision, no person shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any election pamphlet or poster

- (i) which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and the publisher thereof.
- (ii) Unless a declaration as to the identity of the publisher thereof, signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known, is delivered by him to the printer in duplicate.
- (iii) Unless, within a reasonable time i.e., within three days of the printing of the document, one copy of the declaration is sent by the printer, together with one copy of the document to the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi or the District Magistrate as the case may be.

For this purpose, any process for multiplying copies of a document, other than copying it by hand, shall be deemed to be printing and the expression "printer" shall be construed accordingly. 'Election pamphlet or poster' means any printed pamphlet, hand bill or other document distributed for the purpose of promoting or prejudicing the election of a candidate or group of candidates or any placard or poster having reference to an election. Any person who contravenes any of the above provisions shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

Reference is also invited to Section 77 (1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, according to which expenditure involved in advertisements in connection with the election of any candidate has to be added to the account of election expenses of the candidate, required to be maintained under that Section. Further, Section 171 H of IPC prohibits incurring of expenditure, inter alia, advertisement, circular or publication, for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of a candidate, without authority from the candidate. As such, in any advertisement / election matter for or against any political party or candidate in print media, during the election period, the name and address of the publisher should be given alongwith the matter / advertisement.

This is being issued for the guidance of all concerned especially political parties/candidates/ printing presses and to make the public aware of strict provisions of law relating to printing of posters, pamphlets etc. by the candidates and political parties.

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