

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Jammu & Kashmir

"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

Notification No: CEO/ME/2020/04

Dated 18-11-2020

Whereas, it is necessary that Election to the Municipal Bodies are conducted in free, fair and peaceful manner and in order to ensure the fulfilment of aforementioned purpose every candidate is required to incur expenditure within specified limits;

Whereas, watch on the expenditure to be incurred by candidates need to be regulated and exercised by the Election Machinery and required to be recorded regularly by the candidates

Whereas, Chief Electoral Officer, J&K vide Notification dated 29-08-2018 has prescribed Rs 1,50,000/-, Rs 1,00,00/- and Rs 50,000/- as the maximum ceiling for incurring expenditure on contesting election as a member of Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees respectively, in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir;

Whereas, elections to the Municipal Bodies are being held on party lines, and a need has been felt to issue directions with regard to the expenditure incurred by the Political Parties who set up candidates at these elections:

Now therefore, in exercise of powers vested under Rule 76 of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Corporation (Election) Rules 2003 and Rule 81 of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Election Rules 2003, the Chief Electoral Officer, hereby directs that:-

1. The expenditure on travel incurred by **leaders of a political party** for propagating programme of that party shall not be treated as expenditure in connection with the election incurred/authorized by a candidate of that political party for the purposes of limits prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer, under Rule 76 of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Corporation (Election) Rules 2003 and Rule 81 of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Election Rules 2003 J&K.
2. The maximum number of leaders of a political party for the Municipal By-Elections, 2020 shall be 20 in case of Recognised Political Parties and 10 in case of registered unrecognised political parties.
3. The list of such names shall have to be submitted by the political party to the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K after the Notification(s) of the election.
4. A political party can nominate only those persons who are members of that party as its leaders for the purposes of clause at S. No. 1 of these directions.
5. Substitution of a name in the list is permitted only where any of the persons mentioned in the list dies or ceases to be a member of the political party concerned and not otherwise

Sd/-

Hirdesh Kumar, IAS
Chief Electoral Officer
Jammu and Kashmir
Dated: 18-11-2020

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1. All Financial Commissioners.
2. Director General of Police, J&K.
3. All Principal Secretaries to the Government.
4. Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor.

5. Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi.
6. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
7. All Commissioner/Secretaries to the Government.
8. Divisional Commissioner Jammu/Kashmir.
9. Chairperson, J&K Special Tribunal.
10. Director General, J&K Institute of Management & Administration & Rural Development.
11. Director, Information, J&K for publishing in leading newspapers of the UT.
12. All Deputy Commissioners.
13. All Heads of the Departments/Managing Directors/Secretary, Advisory Boards.
14. Secretary, PSC/SSB/J&K Academy of Art, Culture & languages.
15. Director, Estates.
16. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K.
17. Secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly.
18. General Manager, Government Press, Jammu.
19. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary.
20. Private Secretary to the Advisor (F)/(B) & (BK) to the Lieutenant Governor.

(Anil Salgotra)

Jt. Chief Electoral Officer
UT of Jammu & Kashmir