



Election Commission of India

TOPIC –WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION



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Introduction

Validly nominated candidate may withdraw his candidature by giving a notice in the prescribed Form (Form-5 appended to 1961-Rules) to that effect up to 3:00 pm on the last date fixed for withdrawal of candidatures in the programme notification. Notice in any other form shall not be taken cognizance of.

Commission has clarified that candidatures may be withdrawn on any intervening day during normal working hours of the Office of RO and not necessarily upto 3.00 pm on those days.

No provision for retirement from contest after last date fixed for withdrawals;



How is notice of withdrawal given by candidate

How to give

- In form -5, Signed by the candidate.
- To be submitted only in person by-
 - The candidate.
 - any of his proposers.
 - Election agent of the candidate.
- Between working hours and latest by 3 pm on the last date for withdrawal.

Whom to give

- Proposers, or election agent can submit withdrawal notice only along with a written authorization letter from the candidate authorizing the proposer or the election agent to submit the notice.



How is notice of withdrawal given by candidate

Till when to give

- **After Scrutiny process is over.**
- **before 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the last date fixed for such withdrawal.**
- **Not on public holiday.**
- **On any intervening day during normal working hours of the Office of RO and not necessarily upto 3.00 pm on those days.**
- **Any withdrawal after the last hour is invalid and has no legal effect.**



Steps to follow once form-5 is received

NOTE: A VALID WITHDRAWAL CANNOT BE CANCELLED & IS IRREVOCABLE.

Check the validly received withdrawal in form-5.

Handover the filled detachable receipt towards the end of the form to the person who delivers the notice of withdrawal.

Fill in the other particulars in the notice of withdrawal below the signature of the candidate as a record of withdrawal for the RO.

A Valid notice of withdrawal has to be published as notice thereof in Form 6 on RO notice board.



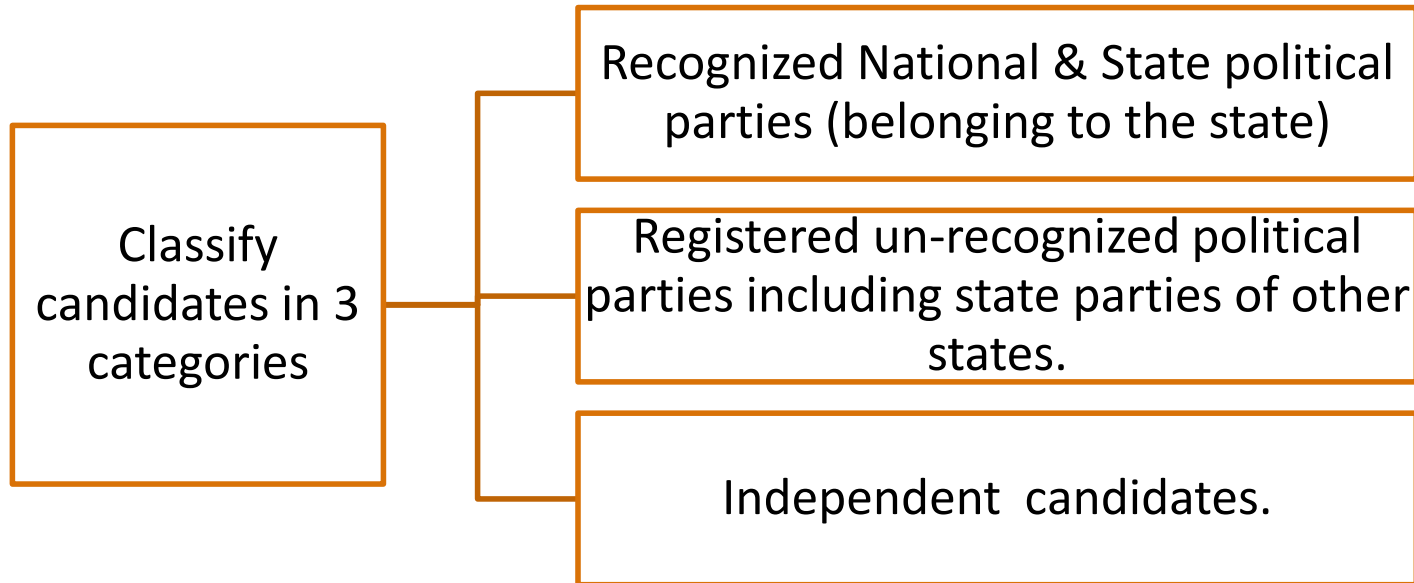
Instructions on drawing list of contesting candidates.

- ✓ Allotment of symbols has to be made before drawing the list of contesting candidates. Such list is prepared in [Form 7A](#)
- ✓ At an election to House of Parliament, the list is published in the Gazette of India and is also re-published in the official gazette of state concerned.
- ✓ For any election to a state legislature, it is published in the official Gazette of the State concerned.
- ✓ Copy of the list is to be furnished to each of the contesting candidates besides displaying it in the notice board and copies sent to Election Commission of India and CEO.
- ✓ Copy is also required to be displayed outside Polling Stations on the day of poll.



Instructions on drawing list of contesting candidates.

Step 1: Classification of candidates.





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Step 2: Arrangement of names in alphabetical order of names shall be made in each category separately; but serial numbers of names shall be run-on.

- ✓ List is to be prepared in the language(s) specified in the Commission's direction dated 16-09-2008 for Assembly Constituencies and direction dated 06-02-2009 for Parliamentary Elections
- ✓ Such determination shall be made with reference to the first letter of the name of the candidate as given by him in his nomination paper irrespective of whether the name given is the proper name or surname. Initials prefixed to a name shall be ignored.
- ✓ Election Commission has directed that in such cases, for distinguishing the names, "S/o-,D/o-,W/o- " shall be added to the name of the candidates concerned. In such case the arrangement of names of such candidates will be with reference to the distinguishing names of the candidates if in same category.



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Other Clarifications:

- ✓ No objection to the addition of any honorific, academic, hereditary, professional or any other title to the name of a candidate,
- ✓ However, such title should on no account be taken into consideration in the arrangement of names in alphabetical order.
- ✓ The Commission has directed that photographs of candidates shall also be printed against their names in Form-7A or 7B. (see ECI letter No. 576/3/ /2017/SDR/ dated 18th October 2017)
- ✓ Category headings should not appear on the ballot papers.



Preparation of list of contesting candidates.

Allot symbols first

- Allotment of symbols has to be made before drawing the list of contesting candidates

Prepare in form 7A

- In Form 7A.

Arrangement of names

- To be in accordance with the instructions as mentioned in the previous section.

Publishing of the list

- For election to House of Parliament -the Gazette of India and is also re-published in the official gazette of state concerned.
- For election to a state legislature-official Gazette of the State concerned.



Candidate Permitted To Show His Name by Which Popularly Known

- ✓ Normally, the name of each candidate in the list of validly nominated candidates shall be shown as it appears in his nomination paper (Rule 8(2), 1961-Rules).
- ✓ If a candidate considers that his name is incorrectly spelt or is otherwise incorrectly shown in his nomination paper or is different from the name by which he is popularly known, he may furnish in writing to the RO, the proper form and spelling of his name and the RO shall, if satisfied as to the genuineness of the request, make the necessary correction or alteration in the name of the candidate in the list of validly nominated candidates and also adopt that form and spelling in the list of contesting candidates.



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- ✓ Request for correction or alteration must be made to the RO before preparation of the list of contesting candidates.
- ✓ Any request after this not to be entertained.
- ✓ Further, in order to be satisfied about the genuineness of the request, he can require the candidate to produce such evidence in support of the request as may be considered appropriate by him.



Follow Up Steps After Preparation Of The List Of Contesting Candidates.

Distribution

- Copy of the list is to be furnished to each of the contesting candidate.
- Design of the symbol allotted to the candidate also to be given to the candidate concerned.

Display of Form 7A

- At the notice board
- Outside Polling Stations on the day of poll.

Official distribution

- Copies sent to Election Commission of India and CEO.



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