MEMORANDUM

For the purpose of ensuing General Elections to Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committees, 2016 the matter of entitlement/ allotment/ preference regarding symbols and the process thereof needs to be elaborated and clarified.

2. As per provision under Rule 18 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, the recognized Political Party means: "a Political Party recognized by the Election Commission of India as a National Party or a State Party of this State".

3. As per provision of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 17 of the said Rules, a reserved symbol is a symbol which is reserved by the Election Commission of India for a recognized Political Party for exclusive allotment to a contesting candidate or candidates set up by that Party.

4. Keeping in view the Notification No.F.56/2014/PPS-II dated 10-03-2014 of ECI and Letter No.56/Review/2013/PPS-II dated 26-05-2014 addressed to CEO Tripura by ECI, the following are the National and State Political Parties in the State of Tripura, and shall be treated as recognized Political Party for the purpose of the aforesaid Rules.

**TABLE-I - National Parties**

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Name of Party</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Bahujan Samaj Party</td>
<td>Elephant</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Bharatiya Janata Party</td>
<td>Lotus</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Communist Party of India</td>
<td>Ears of Corn and Sickle</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Communist Party of India (Marxist)</td>
<td>Hammer, Sickle and Star</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Indian National Congress</td>
<td>Hand</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Nationalist Congress Party</td>
<td>Clock</td>
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**TABLE-II - State Parties for the State of Tripura**

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<td>All India Trinamool Congress</td>
<td>Flowers and Grass</td>
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4.1 Accordingly, in terms of Sub-Rule (2) 17 and Rule 20 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996 the symbols as indicated in Table-I and Table-II above shall be treated as reserved symbols.

4.2 In terms of Rule 20 & Rule 21 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, a candidate set up by recognized Political Party (as per Table-I and Table-II above) shall be allotted symbol reserved for that party provided the following conditions are met:-

i). The candidate(s) shall make a **declaration**, to the respective Returning Officers, in his/her Nomination paper that he/she is set up by the said party.

ii). A Notice in writing shall be submitted in the format prescribed by the State Election Commission to that effect so as to reach **not later than the closing time of making nomination** being delivered to the Returning Officers.
ii). The said notice is to be signed by the President, Chairman or General Secretary, the Secretary of the concerned recognized Political Parties or if there is no General Secretary, the Secretary of the State Unit of the recognized Political Party or by any member of such recognized Political Party duly authorized by the President, Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary as the case may be.

iv). Authorization letter in the prescribed Form (Annexure-II) for authorizing persons to send Notice regarding names of candidates proposed by the Party shall be sent to the Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.

v). The duly attested Specimen signatures, as per Sub-Rule (2) of Rule-21 of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, are to be sent in the prescribed Form (Annexure-III) to the respective Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.

5. The State parties recognized in other States and having their units in the State of Tripura, may make an application (request) to the State Election Commission for allotment/ reservation of symbol. The State Election Commission would thereafter, reserve the symbol (as allotted to the said party by ECI as a State Party in other State) for common use of the candidates set up by the said party for the aforesaid election subject to the following conditions:

A. Related documents to be submitted to the State Election Commission:
   i). The request in this regard is made by the concerned Political Party in the prescribed Form (Annexure A1).
   ii). The aforesaid request is to reach State Election Commission not later than 3(three) days after date of Notification issued under Rule 4 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996 regarding the appointed date of Poll.
   iii). Further, a final order is to be passed by the SEC in this regard.

B. Related documents to be submitted to Returning Officer:
   i). The candidate(s) shall make a declaration, to the respective Returning Officers, in his/her Nomination paper that he/she is set up by the said party.
   ii). A Notice, regarding names of contesting candidates, in writing shall be submitted in the prescribed Form (Annexure-I) not later than 3 PM on the last date for making nominations to be delivered to the Returning Officer. A copy of this notice shall also be delivered to the concerned DEO (DM & Collector).
   iii). The said notice is to be signed by the President, Chairman or General Secretary (or if there is no General Secretary, the Secretary of the State Unit or by any member of such party duly authorized by the President, Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary as the case may be) of the concerned political party.
   iv). Authorization letter in the prescribed Form (Annexure-II) for authorizing persons to send Notice regarding names of candidates proposed by the Party shall be sent to the Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.
   v). Duly attested Specimen signatures, as per Sub-Rule (2) of Rule-21 of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee...
(Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, are to be sent in the prescribed Form (Annexure-III) to the respective Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.


7. Registered unrecognized Political Parties having their units in the State of Tripura and are setting up their candidates for the General-Election to Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committees would get preference in allotment of symbol over the other independent candidates subject to the following conditions:
   i). Candidates set up by these Parties have to choose symbols out of the list of free symbols notified by the Commission, vide No.572-632, dated 20-01-2016.
   ii). The candidate(s) shall make a declaration, to the respective Returning Officers, in his/her Nomination paper that he/she is set up by the said party.
   iii). A Notice, regarding names of contesting candidates, in writing shall be submitted in the prescribed Form (Annexure-I) not later than 3 PM on the last date for making nominations to be delivered to the Returning Officer. A copy of this notice shall also be delivered to the concerned DEO (DM & Collector).
   iv). The said notice is to be signed by the President, Chairman or General Secretary (or if there is no General Secretary, the Secretary of the State Unit or by any member of such party duly authorized by the President, Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary as the case may be) of the concerned Political Party.
   v). Authorization letter in the prescribed Form (Annexure-II) for authorizing persons to send Notice regarding names of candidates proposed by the Party shall be sent to the Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.
   vi) Duly attested Specimen signatures, as per Sub-Rule (2) of Rule-21 of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996 are to be sent in the prescribed Form (Annexure-III) to the respective Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.

8. Besides, the Candidates, if any, sponsored by the parties other than the parties mentioned above, and are registered by the Election Commission of India, they would also get preference in allotment of symbols over the other independent candidates provided the conditions mentioned in Para- 7 (i) to 7 (vi) are fully met.

9. Printed, cyclostyled and photocopies of Annexure I, II, III and Annexure A1 & Annexure B1 may be used by Political Parties; but these must be signed in ink by authorized person of the Political Party concerned. Similarly, fax copies of such forms are not acceptable.

The Annexure I, II, III and Annexure A1 & Annexure B1, as the case may be, signed in original must reach to Returning Officer not later than 3 P. M. on the last
**date for making nominations.** The presentation of these Forms to the Commission Office alone will not be treated as compliance with the provisions of the Election Symbols allotment order as stated above. It shall be the responsibility of the candidate or the Political Party concerned to ensure that the documents reach the Returning Officer in time. However, the submission of these Forms to Returning Officer within the prescribed time will be considered as substantial compliance of the legal requirements, even if the same have not reached the Commission.

By Order of the State Election Commissioner

Enclosures:- Annexure-A1, B1, I, II & III.

(T. Majumder)
Secretary
State Election Commission
Tripura, Agartala

Copy to:-
1. The Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Tripura.
2. The Director of Panchayats, Government of Tripura.
3. The District Election Officer (DM & Collector), North/ Unakoti/ Dhalai/ Khowai/ West/ Sepahijala/ Gomati/ South Tripura.

Copy also forwarded to:-
The President/Chairman/General Secretary/Secretary of .........................Political party.

Secretary
State Election Commission
Tripura, Agartala
To
State Election Commissioner
Tripura, Agartala

Sub:- Request for reservation of symbol for use of candidates set up by such Parties which are registered recognized parties in the other States (as per ECI notification) and are having their units in the State.

The (name of party) ...................................................................................................................
Which is recognized as State Party by Election Commission of India in the following States*

a) .................................................................................................................................

b) .................................................................................................................................

c) .................................................................................................................................

d) .................................................................................................................................

e) .................................................................................................................................

The party is having State unit in Tripura with its office at ................................................
party is setting up their candidates for the General Election to Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committees.

It is requested that State Election Commission may reserve the symbol***, as reserved by the Election Commission of India in the other States, for use of the candidates to be set up in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee Constituencies.

The for the purpose of reservation of symbol for its candidates, the party shall also meet the following conditions:

i. The candidate(s) shall make declaration, to the respective Returning Officers, in his/her Nomination paper that he/she is set up by the said party. They shall also indicate the symbol*** which is reserved for their party by ECI.

ii. A notice, regarding names of contesting candidates, in writing shall be submitted in the prescribed Form (Annexure-I) not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations being delivered to the Returning Officer. A copy of this notice shall also be delivered to the concerned District Election Officer (DM & Collector).

iii. The said notice is to be signed by the President, Chairman or General Secretary (or if there is no General Secretary, the Secretary of the State Unit or by any member of such party duly authorized by the President, Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary as the case may be of the concerned political party.
iv. Authorization letter in the prescribed Form (Annexure-II) for authorizing persons to send Notice regarding names of candidates proposed by the Party.

v. Duly attested Specimen signature, as per Sub-Rule (2) of Rule-21 of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, are sent in the prescribed From (Annexure-III) to the respective Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.

Signature of Chairman or
President or General Secretary
Or Secretary of the State unit of the Party

Note:
1. *- names of all the State where Part is recognized.
2. ** Address of the Party in Tripura.
3. *** Symbol as allotted by Election Commission of India Vide Notification No.F.56/2014 for this Party in respective States.
5. The aforesaid request is to reach State Election Commission not later than 3(three) days after date of Notification issued under Rule-4 of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996 regarding the appointed date of Poll.
To,
State Election Commissioner
Tripura, Agartala

Sub:- Request for allotment of symbol for common use of candidates set up by the registered unrecognized political parties having their units in the State.

The Party* which is registered by the Election Commission of India having its office at** party is setting up their candidates for the General Election to Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committees.

It is requested that State Election Commission may give preference in allotment of common symbol.

The symbols (which are listed free symbol in the Notification issued by State Election Commission) for use of its candidates preferred are***

1) First Preference
2) Second Preference
3) Third Preference

Besides meeting the requirement of setting up candidates in at least 10% of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee constituencies, Party shall also meet the following conditions:

i. Candidates set up by these parties have to choose symbols out of the list of free symbols notified by the Commission. The Candidates shall give the first preference to the common symbol preferred by the Party.

ii. The candidate(s) shall make a declaration, to the respective Returning Officers, in his/her Nomination paper that he/she is set up by the said party.

iii. A Notice, regarding names of contesting candidates, in writing shall be submitted in the prescribed Form (Annexure-l) not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations being delivered to the Returning officer. A copy of this notice shall also be delivered to the concerned District Election Officer (DM & Collector).

iv. The said notice is to be signed by the president, Chairman or General Secretary (or if there is no General Secretary, the Secretary of the State Unit or by any member of such party duly authorized by the President,
Chairman, General Secretary or Secretary as the case may be) of the concerned political party.

v. Authorization letter in the prescribed Form (Annexure-II) for authorizing persons to send Notice regarding names of candidates proposed by the Party.

vi. Duly attested Specimen signature, as per sub-Rule (2) of Rule-21 of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committees (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, are to be sent in the prescribed From (Annexure-III) to the respective Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than 3 P.M. on the last date for making nominations.

Signature of Chairman or
President or General Secretary
Or Secretary of the State unit of the Party

Note:
1. *- Registered Name of party
2. ** Address of the Party in Tripura
3. ***Please clearly describe the symbols (in the order of preference) which are preferred out of free symbols (indicate the serial number as in the Notification of the State election commission).
5. The aforesaid request is to reach State Election Commission not later than 3 (three) days after date of Notification issued under Rule-4 of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996 regarding the appointed date of Poll.
GENERAL ELECTION TO TRIPURA TRIBAL AREAS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT
VILLAGE COMMITTEE, 1996.

NOTICE AS TO THE NAMES OF CANDIDATE SETUP BY A RECOGNIZED
POLITICAL PARTY

To
The Returning Officer
______________________ Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee
Constituency No._______ Seat No. _________

Subject: - General Election to Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee 2016 - Setting up of Candidates by Political Party.

Sir,

In pursuance of the provisions of Clause (b) of Sub Rule (1) of Rule 21 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, I, on behalf of _____________________ (Party) give notice.

i) That the person whose particulars are furnished in Columns (2) to (4) below is the approved Candidate of the party above named and,

ii) The persons whose particulars are mentioned in Columns (5) to (7) below is the substitute candidate of the party who will step in on the approved candidate’s nomination being rejected on scrutiny or on his/her withdrawing from contest, if the substitute candidate is still a contesting candidate at the ensuing General Election to Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee, 2016 from this constituency.

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<tr>
<th>Village Committee Constituency Number</th>
<th>Name of the approved candidate</th>
<th>Father’s/Mother’s/Husband’s name of the approved candidate</th>
<th>Postal Address of the approved candidate</th>
<th>Name of the substitute candidate who will step in on the approved candidate’s nomination being rejected on scrutiny or on his withdrawing from the contest if substitute candidate is still a contesting candidate</th>
<th>Father’s/Mother’s/Husband’s name of the substitute candidate</th>
<th>Postal address of substitute candidate</th>
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(2) The Notice given earlier in favour of Shri/Smt_______________________________ as Party’s approved candidate. Shri/Smt_______________________________ as Party’s substitute candidate is hereby rescinded.

Yours faithfully,

Name and Signature of * President/Chairman/
General Secretary/Secretary/Authorized Person.
Place__________
Date__________ 2016.

*Score off if not applicable.

* Delete the inappropriate alternative.

N.B.
1. This must be delivered to the Returning Officer of the constituency so as to reach him not later than the closing time of making nomination with a copy to the District Election Officer (DM & Collector) of the Concerned District.
2. This notice is to be signed by the President/Chairman/General Secretary/Secretary of the concerned recognized Political Parties or by any member of such recognized political party duly authorized by such President/Chairman/General Secretary or Secretary, as the case may be.
3. No Facsimile Signature or Signature by means of rubber stamp etc. of any of the above or authorized person shall be accepted.
4. No Form transmitted by Fax shall be accepted.
ANNEXURE II.

GENERAL ELECTION TO TRIPURA TRIBAL AREAS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT VILLAGE COMMITTEES, 2016.

COMMUNICATION WITH REGARD TO AUTHORIZATION OF MEMBER OF POLITICAL PARTY TO INTIMATE NAMES OF CANDIDATES SET UP BY RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTY.

To
The Returning Officer of
_________________________ Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee
Constituencies under
_________________________ R. D. Block.

Subject: Authorization of persons to intimate Name of candidates.

Sir,

I hereby communicate that the following person(s) has/have been authorized in pursuance of Clause (c) of Sub rule (1) of Rule 21 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996 to sign the notice regarding the names of candidates proposed to be set up by the..................... party at the elections cited above.

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<th>Name of person authorized to send notice</th>
<th>Name of office held in the Party</th>
<th>District(s)/area(s), constituency in respect of which he/she has been authorized</th>
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2. The specimen signature of the above mentioned person(s) so authorized are given below:

(1) Specimen signature of Sri/Smt .................................................................
   i) ........................................................................................................
   ii) ........................................................................................................
   iii) ........................................................................................................

(2) Specimen signature of Sri/Smt .................................................................
   i) ........................................................................................................
   ii) ........................................................................................................
   iii) ........................................................................................................

(3) Specimen signature of Sri/Smt .................................................................
   i) ........................................................................................................
   ii) ........................................................................................................
   iii) ........................................................................................................

Date ____________________
Place ____________________

President/Chairman/
General Secretary/
Secretary.
Seal of the Party.
GENERAL ELECTION TO TRIPURA TRIBAL AREAS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT
VILLAGE COMMITTEES, 2016

To
The Returning Officer
.......................................................................................................................... Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee Constituencies under .................................. R. D. Block
.......................................................................................................................... District.

Subject: General Election Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committees, 2016.

Sir,

I am to state that I am the * President/Chairman/General Secretary/ Secretary of the State Unit/Authorized member of ________________ Party.

As required under Sub rule (2) of Rule 21 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996, I am giving below my specimen signature duly attested.

Yours faithfully,

Name & Signature of * President/
Chairman/General Secretary/Secretary/
Authorized Member

Place ________________
Date ________________

Specimen Signature of Sri ________________
The * President / Chairman / General Secretary / Secretary / Authorized Member of ________________ Party.

1.
2.
3.

Attested by me.
Signature of the attesting person.
Delete the inappropriate alternative.

N.B.
1. This must be sent to the respective Returning Officer so as to reach him not later than closing time of making of nomination.
2. The Forms are to be signed by the President/Chairman/General Secretary/Secretary/ Authorized Member of the Party.
3. No facsimile signature by means of rubber stamp etc. of any of the above or authorized person shall be accepted.
4. No Form transmitted by Fax shall be accepted.
5. Specimen signature of President/Chairman/General Secretary / Secretary / Authorized Member must be attested as required by Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 21 of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Village Committee (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1996.