

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
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No.576/3/2009/SDR

Dated : 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2009

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of  
All States/Union Territories.

**Sub: Supply of copy of electoral roll to candidates of recognized political parties-clarification.**

Sir/Madam,

Under Rule 85D of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, copies of finally published electoral rolls are to be supplied to candidates of recognized political parties free of cost. In its letter No 3/1/2003/JS-II , dated 13-11-2003, the Commission has directed that one copy of the electoral roll of the constituency concerned should be supplied free of cost to the candidates of the recognized parties contesting from that constituency. The copy has to be furnished within three days after the list of contesting candidates is prepared. While furnishing the copy, it should be ensured that the supplement of continuous updating and copy of the polling station-wise sub-lists of classified service voters, is also supplied. It is reiterated that only the candidates of the National parties and the candidates of the State parties when contesting elections from the State in which the State parties are recognized, are eligible for such free supply of the copy of electoral roll that too in general elections only.

In the constituencies in which electoral rolls are printed in more than one language, it is not necessary to supply copies in all such languages. Copy to be supplied to candidates of recognized parties in such cases shall be of the same language as the one which will be used as marked copy of the electoral roll in the polling stations.

Yours faithfully,

(K.F.WILFRED)  
SECRETARY