

State Election Commission
Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar

No. AP/SEC-317/2012 (Pt)

Dated Itanagar, the 15th April, 2013

To,

The President
Naga Peoples Front
Nagaland.
Kohima.

Sub:- Regarding registration and recognition of NPF in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

We have perused the letter dated 15/04/2013 submitted by Mr. Huskha Yephthomi, Working President, Central Naga People's Front on the subject mentioned above for contesting the elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Arunachal Pradesh.

The State Election Commissioner has examined your request in light of the provisions made under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order 1968 of the Election Commission of India and decides as under:

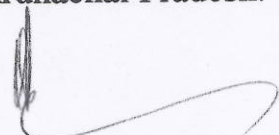
A reading of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order 1968 would make it clear that the said Order contemplates Registration of Political Parties and also Recognition thereof as National or State Parties. Every Political Parties must be a Registered Party but not every Registered Political Party would automatically become either a Recognized National party or State Party. The Recognition would be dependent on the percentage of votes that a Political Party secures in the previous election or the number of returned candidates in a particular State for which it seeks recognition.

The State Election Commission cannot accept any application for registering any Political Party in the State of Arunachal Pradesh under the provisions of Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 and the said power is vested only with the Election Commission of India.

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At this stage, it would be pertinent to recall the Judgement dated 17th November 2005 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in W. P. No. 24228/2005 (Shri C. M. Ibrahim vs. State Election Commission and others), wherein, a categorical finding has been rendered that the State Election Commission is not the competent authority to either allot symbols or to decide disputes relating to recognition of political parties.

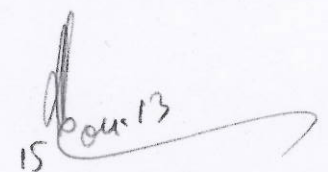
In view of the above stated position of law, facts and circumstances, the State Election Commission would not be in a position to recognize NPF as a State Party in Arunachal Pradesh and allot their Party symbol "Cock" to contest the ensuing General Elections for Panchayati Raj Institutions in Arunachal Pradesh.


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Secretary
State Election Commission
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