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Election Commission
Parliamentary Elections-2020



Request for Political Parties and Independent Groups

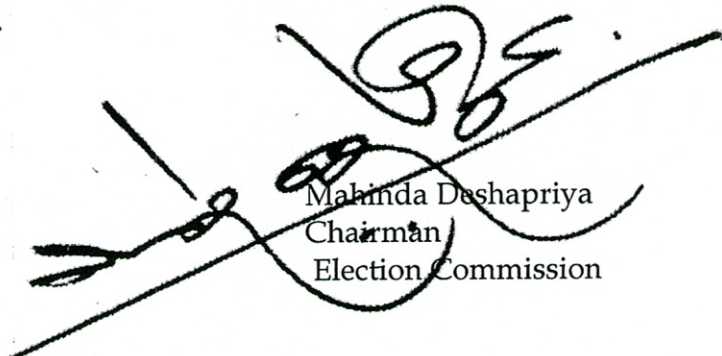
Let's Not Leave Room For COVID 19

The Election Commission requests the Secretaries and Authorized Agents of Political Parties and Leaders of Independent Groups to send in or nominate only the persons authorized in law to be present at nomination halls to submit their nominations on 17th, 18th and 19th of March 2020.

The Secretary, Authorized Agent or Independent Group Leader and the person whose name appears second on the nomination paper may enter the nomination hall and if required only one assistant may also be brought in to the nomination hall. However, it would be greatly appreciated if the person who delivers the nomination paper and one other person only enter the nomination hall refraining from bringing in the maximum number of persons allowed.

Since conducting of any procession and election rallies is prohibited under the election law and since it is important to be protected from COVID 19 or corona virus, which poses a threat to our country, I urge you to refrain from gathering, amassing your supporters and conducting processions in the vicinity of the nomination hall.

The Elections Commission also urges all political party leaders, candidates and political activists to refrain from holding public rallies and election campaigns pulling large crowds not only during these few days but also for at least 10 more days, if at all possible.



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