

ELECTION COMMISSION

NOTICE

Notice under Section 7 (4) (a) of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981

01. Applications to be considered as a recognized political party for election purposes as per Section 7 (4) (a) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 58 of 2009 will be accepted from 24.01.2022 to 3.00 p.m. on 25.02.2022. The applications can be sent by registered post or handed over to the Commissioner General of Elections by the Secretary of the relevant party in person. In Submitting those applications, the top left of the envelope should state as "Application for Recognition of Political Parties-2022". Applications sent by registered post should be addressed to "The Commissioner General of Elections, Election Commission, Elections Secretariat, Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya (10107)".
02. No applications received after the closing date and time for receiving applications will be entertained.
03. The application to be treated as a political party should be signed by the Secretary of the party and submitted to the Commission.
04. Application form can be downloaded from the official website of the Election Commission (www.elections.gov.lk) and the relevant application form can also be obtained from the District Election Offices and the Election Secretariat.
05. If the party is recognized, the request should specify which of the approved symbols mentioned in Schedule (b) of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2263/24 dated 2022.01.21 is expected to be reserved for that party.
06. Certified photocopies of the following documents should be submitted to the Commission along with the application. Originals will be checked if necessary.
 - I. Party Constitution
 - II. List of office-bearers of the party (Be sure to include at least one woman in the list of office-bearers of the party)
 - III. Audited Statements of Accounts of the Party (for four years immediately preceding the year applied)
 - IV. Current policy statement of the party
 - V. All the documents that can be submitted to prove that it continued to function as a political party for at least four years immediately preceding and a report on it.
07. Orders in Section 7 (5), (6), and (7) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 58 of 2009, is final and conclusive in relation to a request to be recognized as a recognized political party.
08. Compliance to criteria specified in the Gazette No.2263/23 dated 2022.01.21 issued regarding the registration of political parties should be established.

On the Order of the Election Commission

Saman Sri Ratnayake
Commissioner General of Elections
Election Commission.

Election Commission,
Elections Secretariat,
Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya. (10107)
January 24, 2022

Note: It is advisable to refer to the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 in this regard.

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