

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No.4/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/VOL-I/2017/

Dated: 22nd June, 2017

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer of
all States and Union Territories.



Subject: Affidavit in Form 26-clarification-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that Form 26 appended to the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 have been amended vide Gazette Notification S.O. 1133(E), dated 7th April, 2017 of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. The Amendment Notification has been circulated vide Commission's letter No. 3/4/ECI/ LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/Vol.I/2016 dated 17th May, 2017. By the amendment carried out now, the contact telephone numbers, email id, social media accounts of the candidate and source of income of the candidate and spouse have been incorporated in Form 26.

A clarification has been sought by the CEO, West Bengal as to whether the instructions issued vide the Commission's letter no. 3/ER/2016/SDR dated 31st May, 2016 that "non furnishing of information about Social Media account in Form 26 shall not be treated as a ground for considering the affidavit in Form 26 as incomplete or to reject the nomination paper". still holds good or not in view of the above said amendment.

It is clarified that the instructions in the Commission's above said letter dated 31st May, 2016, was issued prior to the amendments in Form 26. Now that columns for details regarding phone number, email id, social media accounts have been added in Form 26, information in this regard has to be furnished. In the event a candidate does not have any or all of these, he/she should write 'Nil' in these columns. If these columns are left blank, action should be taken as per the instructions in the letter No. 576/3/2013 dated 30th September, 2013 i.e. to ask the candidate to file fresh affidavit with all columns filled up and complete in all respects.

The above clarification may be conveyed to all DEOs/ROs and others concerned. This may also be brought to the notice of all political parties in the State/UT.

Yours faithfully,

(N.T. Bhutia)
Under Secretary

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