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NOTICE TO CANDIDATES RE: SUBMISSION OF ELECTION RETURN

The attention of all candidates is drawn to the provisions of Section 51(1)(b)(iii), 53 and 56 of the Representation of the People Act, which read as follows:

1. **Section 51: AUTHORISED AMOUNT OF ELECTION EXPENDITURE**

- (1)(b) The maximum amount of election expenses to be incurred in respect of a candidature shall be:
- (ii) in respect of a Municipal City Council, Municipal Town Council or Village Council Election 50,000 rupees.

2. **Section 53: EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY CANDIDATE**

- (1) No payment shall be made by any candidate to any person other than his agent in connection with his candidature of any election except:
- (a) expenditure for the candidate's personal living expenses during the period of the election to an amount not exceeding 25,000 rupees; and
 - (b) petty expenditure to an amount not exceeding 2,500 rupees.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a candidate who is his own official agent.

3. **Section 56: RETURN BY ELECTION AGENT**

- (1) Within 6 weeks after the day on which the candidate or candidates returned at an election is or are declared elected, the election agent of every candidate at such election shall make an election return to the returning officer for the electoral area in which he acted as an election agent.
- (2) Every return made under this section shall contain a full statement under the appropriate head specified in the return of all expenditure incurred in connection with the election by or on behalf of the candidate and shall be supported by vouchers for all payments in excess of 30 rupees.
- (3) Every return made under this section shall contain a full statement of all money, securities, or the equivalent of money, received by the election agent from the candidate or from any other person in connection with the election.

- (4) Subject to subsection (6) every return under subsection (1) shall be in the Form K of the schedule (see attached forms) and shall be sworn to before a Magistrate by the agent by whom it is made.
- (5) (a) Every return under this section shall be supported by a declaration sworn to before a Magistrate by the candidate stating:
 - (i) that the return fully and accurately sets out all payments made by the candidate himself; and
 - (ii) that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief the return is a full and accurate return of all expenditure incurred, and of all money, securities or the equivalent of money received by the election agent, in connection with the election.
- (b) Subparagraph (ii) shall not apply where a candidate acts as his own agent.
- (6) Where a candidate acts as his own agent the form referred to in subsection (4) shall be modified in the manner shown on the prescribed form.
- (7)
- (8) Any candidate or election agent who fails to comply with this section shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 1,000 rupees.

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Click on the following link to download the forms needed to meet the requirements of section 56 the Representation of the People Act: [DOWNLOADABLE FORMS FOR ELECTION RETURN](#)

NOTE: The last day to submit the election return is **Monday 27 July, 2015.**