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NOTIFICATION

No.56/Symbol/2016/PPS-II, the 22nd August, 2016. In exercise of the powers conferred by Article-324 of the Constitution of India read with section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, Rules 5 and 10 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and all other powers enabling the Commission in this behalf, the Election Commission of India hereby makes the following Order to further amend the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, namely :-

1. Short Title and Commencement
 - i. This Order shall be called the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) (Amendment) Order, 2016.
 - ii. It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 1st January, 2014, and shall always be deemed to have been so effective.
2. Amendment of Paragraph-6C.

The existing Paragraph-6C of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 shall be substituted as follows :-

“6C - Conditions for continued recognition as a National or State Party.-(1) Notwithstanding anything in Paragraph 6A and Paragraph 6B, if a political party recognized as a State Party or National Party fails to fulfil the conditions of Paragraph 6A or, as the case may be, Paragraph 6B, at the next general election to the House of the People or, as the case may be, to the Legislative Assembly of the State, following the general election to the House/Assembly concerned on the basis of which it got recognition (hereinafter referred to as “the next election”), it shall continue to be treated as recognized State Party or National Party, as the case may be.

(2) If a recognised political party continues to be treated as recognised National Party or State Party after the next election to the House of the People or, as the case may be, to the Legislative Assembly of the State under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1), the question whether it shall further continue to be so recognised after any subsequent general election to the House of the People or, as the case may be, to the Legislative Assembly of the State concerned, shall be subject to the fulfilment by the party of the conditions specified in Paragraph-6A or 6B, as the case may be.”

By Order,

Varinder Kumar,
Principal Secretary.