

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. ECI/PN/4/2022/Communication

Dated: 14th January, 2022

PRESS NOTE

Sub:-General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh 2022-Allotment of Broadcast/ Telecast time to National/State Political Parties-reg.

Considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and enhanced relevance of non-contact based campaign, Election Commission of India, in consultation with Prasar Bharti Corporation has decided to double the broadcast/telecast time allotted to each National Party and recognized State Party of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh on Doordarshan and All India Radio during the ongoing General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh, 2022.

2. A copy of the Commission's Order No.437/TA-LA/1/2021/Communication, dated 14th January, 2022 regarding allotment of Broadcast/Telecast time to National/State political parties in the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh, 2022 is enclosed for the information of the general public.



(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)
Secretary

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ORDER

At the time of General Elections to the Lok Sabha in 1998, a new initiative for State funding of recognized political parties through free use of the State owned Television and Radio was introduced under directions of the Commission vide its Order, dated 16th January, 1998. The said scheme was subsequently extended in all the General Elections to the State Assemblies held after 1998 and General Elections to the Lok Sabha in 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019.

With the amendments to the Representation of the People Act, 1951 vide "Election and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Act, 2003" and the rules notified there under, equitable time sharing for campaigning by recognized political parties on electronic media now has statutory basis. In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of the Explanation below section 39A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Central Government has notified all such broadcasting media which are owned or controlled or financed wholly or substantially by funds provided to them by the Central Government as the electronic media for the purposes of that section. Therefore, the Commission has decided to extend the said scheme of equitable time sharing on electronic media through Prasar Bharati Corporation to the ensuing General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh, 2022.

Besides, considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and enhanced relevance of non-contact based campaign, the Commission, in consultation with Prasar Bharti Corporation has decided to double the broadcast/telecast time allotted to each National Party and recognized State Party of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh State on Doordarshan and All India Radio during this General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh, 2022.

The facilities of use of broadcast time and telecast time will be available only to 'National Parties' and 'Recognized State Parties' in respect of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh.

THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SCHEME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The facilities will be available from the Regional Kendra of the All India Radio and Doordarshan and relayed by other stations within the Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh.

Time allotted for Telecast/Broadcast:

2. A base time of 90 minutes will be given to each National Party and recognized State Party of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh uniformly on the Regional Kendras of Doordarshan network and All India Radio network in Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh respectively.
3. The additional time to be allotted to the party has been decided on the basis of the poll performance of the party in the last assembly election of Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh, 2017 respectively.
4. In a single session of broadcast, no party will be allocated more than 30 minutes.

Date of Telecast/Broadcast:

5. The period of broadcast and telecast will be between the date of publication of list of contesting candidates for the election and two days before the date of poll in Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh.

6. The Prasar Bharati Corporation in consultation with the Commission will decide the actual date and time for broadcast and telecast. This will be subject to the broad technical constraints governing the actual time of transmission available with the Doordarshan and All India Radio.

Submission of Transcripts in advance:

7. The guidelines prescribed by the Commission for telecast and broadcast will be strictly followed. **The parties will be required to submit transcripts and recording in advance.** The parties can get this recorded at their own cost in studios, which meet the technical standards prescribed by the PrasarBharati Corporation or at the Doordarshan/All India Radio Kendra. They can, in the alternative, have these recorded in the studios of Doordarshan and All India Radio by advance requests. In such cases, the recordings may be done at timings indicated by Doordarshan/All India Radio in advance.

Panel Discussions and Debate:

8. In addition to the broadcast by parties, the Prasar Bharati Corporation will organize a maximum of four panel discussions and/or debates on the Kendra/Station of Doordarshan/All India Radio. Each eligible party can nominate one representative to such a programme.
9. The Election Commission of India will approve the names of coordinators for such panel discussions and debates in consultation with the Prasar Bharati Corporation.

Guidelines for observance in Telecasts/Broadcasts:

10. The telecasts/broadcasts on Doordarshan/AIR will not permit:
- a) criticism of other countries;
 - b) attack on religions or communities;
 - c) anything obscene or defamatory;
 - d) incitement of violence;
 - e) anything amounting to contempt of court;
 - f) aspersion against the integrity of the President and Judiciary;
 - g) anything affecting the unity, sovereignty and integrity of the Nation;
 - h) any criticism by name of any person;

Time Vouchers for Parties: -

11. It will be available in the denomination of 5 minutes with one voucher having time allotment from 1 to 4 minutes and the parties will be free to combine them suitably. The allotment of time to different political parties is given in a statement enclosed herewith.

By order,



(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)
Secretary

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOA 2022**

*Time available to National/State Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State/UT	Name of National/State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		Broadcast	Telecast	Broadcast	Telecast
Goa	AITC	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	BSP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	BJP	465	465	93 (5 minutes each)	93 (5 minutes each)
	CPI	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	CPI (M)	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	INC	418	418	83 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)	83 (5 minutes each) + 1 (3 minutes)
	NCP	116	116	23 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minute)	23 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minute)
	NPP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	MAG	220	220	44 (5 minutes each)	44 (5 minutes each)
	GFP	130	130	26 (5 minutes each)	26 (5 minutes each)
Total		1799	1799	1799	1799

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANIPUR 2022**

*Time available to National/State Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State/UT	Name of National/State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		Broadcast	Telecast	Broadcast	Telecast
Manipur	AITC	106	106	21 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)	21 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)
	BSP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	BJP	489	489	97 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)	97 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)
	CPI	98	98	19 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)	19 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)
	CPI (M)	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	INC	476	476	95 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)	95 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)
	NCP	100	100	20 (5 minutes each)	20 (5 minutes each)
	NPP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	NPF	169	169	33 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)	33 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)
	PDA	92	92	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
Total		1800	1800	1800	1800

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUNJAB 2022**

*Time available to National/State Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State/UT	Name of National/State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		Broadcast	Telecast	Broadcast	Telecast
Punjab	AITC	91	91	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)
	BSP	104	104	20 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)	20 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)
	BJP	141	141	28 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)	28 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)
	CPI	92	92	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
	CPI (M)	91	91	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)
	INC	456	456	91 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minute)	91 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minute)
	NCP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	NPP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	AAP	315	315	63 (5 minutes each)	63 (5 minutes each)
	SAD	330	330	66 (5 minutes each)	66 (5 minutes each)
Total		1800	1800	1800	1800

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF UTTARAKHAND 2022**

*Time available to National/State Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State/UT	Name of National/State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		Broadcast	Telecast	Broadcast	Telecast
Uttarakhand	AITC	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	BSP	148	148	29 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)	29 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)
	BJP	474	474	94 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)	94 (5 minutes each) +1 (4 minutes)
	CPI	91	91	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)
	CPI (M)	91	91	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (1 minute)
	INC	367	367	73 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	73 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	NCP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	NPP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
Total		1441	1441	1441	1441

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF UTTAR PRADESH 2022**

*Time available to National/State Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State/UT	Name of National/State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		Broadcast	Telecast	Broadcast	Telecast
Uttar Pradesh	AITC	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	BSP	307	307	61 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)	61 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
	BJP	478	478	95 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)	95 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)
	CPI	92	92	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)	18 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
	CPI (M)	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	INC	151	151	30 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minute)	30 (5 minutes each) + 1 (1 minute)
	NCP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	NPP	90	90	18 (5 minutes each)	18 (5 minutes each)
	RLD	107	107	21 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	21 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	SP	303	303	60 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)	60 (5 minutes each) +1 (3 minutes)
Total		1798	1798	1798	1798

LIST OF POLITICAL PARTIES

(GOA, PUNJAB, MANIPUR, UTTARAKHAND AND UTTAR PRADESH)

S. No	Abbreviation	Status	Name of Party
1	AITC	National Party	All India Trinamool Congress
2	BSP	National Party	Bahujan Samaj Party
3	BJP	National Party	Bharatiya Janata Party
4	CPI	National Party	Communist Party of India
5	CPI (M)	National Party	Communist Party of India (Marxist)
6	INC	National Party	Indian National Congress
7	NCP	National Party	Nationalist Congress Party
8	NPP	National Party	National People's Party
9	AAP	State Party	Aam Aadmi Party
10	GFP	State Party	Goa Forward Party
11	MAG	State Party	Maharashtrawadi Gomantak
12	NPF	State Party	Naga Peoples Front
13	PDA	State Party	People's Democratic Alliance
14	SAD	State Party	Shiromani Akali Dal
15	RLD	State Party	Rashtriya Lok Dal
16	SP	State Party	Samajwadi Party