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Press Note

Political parties may file their Statement of Election Expenditure on-line

As per the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of Common Cause Vs Union of India and others the Election Commission of India vide its letter No. 76/EE/2012/PPEMS, dated: 21st January, 2013 had prescribed a format for filing Statement of Election Expenditure by the political party within 75 days of Assembly Election or 90 days of Lok Sabha Elections. The Commission has now provided e-filing facility and desires that Political Party should file their Statement of Election Expenditure on-line through internet.

The political party willing to avail e-filing facility may enter information by logging to the ECI website through internet **either directly** or with the help of **Election Commission Return Preparers**.

This facility for e-filing of Election Expenditure can be availed by the political parties, as per the guidelines prescribed. At present e-filing of Election Expenditure is available in English language only. This facility shall also provide on-line help in error-free submission of Statement by the political parties through guided process.

The e-filing has the facility to modify the entries, anytime before its final submission. The e-filed statement of Election Expenditure can be seen by the political parties, before taking print out, of the final copy.

After e-filing is done a print out is to be taken by the party and signed by the President / Secretary, Certified by the Chartered Accountant and sent to ECI or CEO within the due date. Only after the hard copy is sent, procedure of filing will be complete.

The Commission has also launched Election Commission Return Preparers (ECRPs) scheme. As per the scheme the trained ECRPs will render free service to the political parties, in e-filing their statement with ECI and will not charge any amount for the same.

The ECI guidelines on e-filing of Election Expenditure by political parties and step by step instructions are available on CEO website www.ceokarnataka.kar.nic.in

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