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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Ashok Road,
New Delhi — 1.
Dated 26 April, 1982
Vaisakha 6, 1904 (S).

NOTIFICATION

S. O. Whereas a representation has been made by the Bharatiya Janata Party, a recognised National Party that free symbol 'FLOWER' resembles that party's reserved symbol 'LOTUS' and allotment of 'Flower' symbol to the independent candidates will cause confusion in the minds of voters and therefore that party has requested that the symbol 'Flower' be deleted from the list of free symbols all over the country;

And whereas the Commission is satisfied that the said request of Bharatiya Janata Party is reasonable;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Article 324 of the Constitution read with rule 5 and rule 10 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, paragraphs 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 18 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Election Commission hereby directs that for the purposes of the general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Kerala now in progress, the symbol 'Flower' shall be deleted from the list of free symbols in the States of Haryana and Kerala.

2. In pursuance of clause (d) of sub-paragraph (1) and sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 17 and paragraph 18 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) order, 1968, the Election Commission hereby makes the following further amendments to its notification No. 56/'82, dated the 8th. April, 1982 as amended vide notification No. 56/'82 — I, dated 23rd. April, 1982 which shall be deemed to have been made with effect from the 17th. April, 1982 namely --

In Table 4 of the said notification --

- (a) Against item No. 5. Haryana under column 2, the entry "8 Flower" shall be deleted;
- (b) the existing entries 9 to 20 shall be renumbered as 8 to 19;
- (c) against item 9. Kerala under column 2, the entry "5. Flower" shall be deleted; and
- (d) the existing entries 6 to 15 shall be renumbered as 5 to 14.

The above amendments shall remain in force only in respect of Assembly elections to Haryana and Kerala which are being held in pursuance of notifications issued on 17 April, 1982.

(56/82 — 11)
By order,
(K. Ganasan)
Secretary.