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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110001.

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7 Magha, 1918(SAKA)

NOTIFICATION

No. 56/97(2).— WHEREAS, the 'Indian National Congress' is a recognised National Party and the symbol 'Hand' is reserved for it under the provisions of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968;

2. AND WHEREAS, the 'Karnataka Congress Party' is a recognised State party in the State of Karnataka under the provisions of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968;

3. AND WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Commission that the aforesaid 'Karnataka Congress Party' has merged with the 'Indian National Congress', a recognised National Party;

4. AND WHEREAS, the Commission is satisfied, on information and records in its possession and after taking into account all the available facts and circumstances, that the said 'Karnataka Congress Party' has merged with the 'Indian National Congress', and is no longer in existence as a separate party;

5. AND WHEREAS, the Commission has directed under paragraph 18 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 that the name of 'Karnataka Congress' shall be removed from the list of recognised State political parties;

6. NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-paragraph (1) and sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 17 of Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, the Election Commission hereby makes the following further amendment to its Notification No. 56/96/JUD-II, dated 05.02.1996, as amended, namely :—

IN TABLE-II appended to the said Notification, -

the existing entries in columns (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) relating to "Karnataka Congress Party" appearing against Serial No. 7 shall be **DELETED**.

By order,

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EX-OFFICIO PRINCIPAL SECRETARY