

**GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
ALTINHO, PANAJI-GOA.**

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Sub: Clarification regarding allotment of Symbol to a candidate sponsored by a registered unrecognized party in Zilla Panchayat election.

The issue regarding allotment of symbol to the candidates sponsored by the registered unrecognized parties having reserved symbol or otherwise has been brought to the notice of the Commission for issue of suitable clarifications. The Commission has examined the matter and further clarifications are issued for the guidance of the ROs as per the illustrations given below:

Illustration 1: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is a registered recognized party in the state of Punjab and Delhi. However, the same party i.e AAP is a registered and unrecognized party in the state of Goa. The Election Commission of India has kept the symbol "Broom" as a reserved symbol for the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Therefore, if any candidate of AAP (i.e; candidate sponsored by the Aam Aadmi Party) files a nomination by enclosing FORM A /B , then the RO is required to allot " Broom" as a reserved symbol to such a candidate and the party name as Aam Aadmi Party should be put in Form No 4 ,5 and Form 6 i.e; Ballot paper against the name of the contesting candidate. Further, as far as the number of Proposers is concerned, the candidate of Aam Aadmi Party is required to furnish names of minimum five proposers along with the nomination form in support of his nomination .

Same principle will apply in case of a candidate sponsored by the political party Shiv Sena which is not a recognized party in Goa .

Illustration 2: If a candidate sponsored by the Goa Suraksha Manch (GSM) party files a nomination then the RO should keep in mind that the said party is a registered unrecognized party. Election Commission of India has not reserved any symbol for the said party, therefore, status of the candidate of such party will be considered to be an Independent and that the candidate will be allotted a

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free symbol in accordance with the provision as contained in the Rule 20 of the Goa Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 1996.

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