Letter No: ADR04/RTI/ECI-EE/01

Date: 03/07/2013

To

Shri Malay Mallick Under Secretary cum PIO Election Commission of India Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir

Sub: Application for Information under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 on Election Expenditure of Political Parties

Kindly provide the following information

- As per the website, BJP contested in all 30 Assembly Elections and the Lok Sabha Elections held between 2008 and 2012 but the election expenditure statements are <u>not available for 5 Assembly</u> <u>Elections</u> (Meghalaya, Tripura and Nagaland Assembly Elections conducted in 2008, Arunachal Pradesh Assembly Elections conducted in 2009 and Bihar Assembly Elections conducted in 2010)
 - a. Has BJP declared its Election Expenditure to the ECI for the above mentioned Assembly Elections?
 - b. If so, kindly provide a copy of the statement submitted by the party
- 2. As per the website, NCP contested in 26 Assembly Elections and the Lok sabha Elections but the election expenditure statements are <u>not available for 6 Assembly Elections</u> (in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Mizoram and J & K held in 2008)
 - a. Has NCP declared its Election Expenditure to the ECI for the above mentioned Assembly Elections?
 - b. If so, kindly provide a copy of the statement submitted by the party
- 3. As per the website, CPI contested in 26 Assembly Elections and the Lok Sabha Elections but the election expenditure statements are <u>not available for 2 Assembly Elections</u> (Orissa and Andra Pradesh Assembly Elections held in 2009)
 - a. Has CPI declared its Election Expenditure to the ECI for the above mentioned Assembly Elections?
 - b. If so, kindly provide a copy of the statement submitted by the party

I have attached a postal order for Rs 10/- (bearing number: 11F 063178) towards payment of application fees as prescribed. Kindly intimate me the additional fees payable, if any. I would like to receive the aforesaid information by registered post on my office address given below.

Yours sincerely

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Anil Bairwal

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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

No. 4/RTI/14/ 2013/PPEMS/

Dated: 31st July 2013

To

Sh. Anil Bairwal, Association for Democratic Reforms, B 1/6, Upper Ground Floor, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016

Sub: Right to Information Act, 2005 – Regarding.

Sir,

With reference to your two RTI applications both dated 03.07.2013 received by the CPIO on 05.07.2013, I am to state that the expenditure statements received from the political parties are posted on the Commission's website. The link is http://eci.gov.in/eci_main1/political_parties.aspx.

- 2. On scrutiny of the old files it has been noticed that the expenditure statements received from RJD and BJP for Bihar Assembly Election 2010 had inadvertently not been posted on the Commission's website. These are being posted shortly.
- 3. Except the above mentioned two expenditure statements, all other expenditure statements received from the political parties in connection with the elections mentioned in your RTI applications are posted on the Commission's website. Hence, it is clarified that, in case expenditure statement of a political party is not available on the website, that means either the party has not submitted its election expenditure statements in the for that election or the party has not contested that election.
- 4. As far as issue of submitting the Expenditure statements in "stipulated time" is concerned, it is stated that the information is not available in compilation.
- 5. The expenditure statements referred to at para 2 above which are yet to be posted on the website runs to 235 pages. You may obtain the requisite documents by depositing copying charges of Rs. 470/- (Rupees Four Hundred Seventy Only) @ Rs. 2/- per page as per Rule 4 of the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee & Cost) Rules, 2005. You may deposit the said amount by way of cash against proper receipt or by Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque in favour of Under Secretary/Account

Officer, Election Commission of India and in the case of the payment by Indian Postal Order, it must also be made payable at 'Post Office, Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi".

6. If you wish you may also inspect the relevant files for any further details/information with 3 days prior information on any working day.

The details of the First Appellate Authority are as under:-

Sh. K.F. Wilfred Secretary & First Appellate Authority, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001, Contact Nos. 011-23052026

Yours faithfully,

MALAY MALLICK UNDER SECRETARY & PCPIO

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- 1. RTI Section
- 2. Guard File