

## Press Release

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### **National and Regional Recognised Parties are equal defaulters in submitting expenditure statements for Assembly Elections**

- ADR requests the Election Commission of India to suspend recognition of those parties who have repeatedly defaulted in submitting election expenditure statements for Assembly Elections
- National and Regional recognised parties, if unrecognised, would not be able to enjoy free airtime and subsidized bungalows among other such facilities

**New Delhi:** Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) lauds the Election Commission of India (ECI) for its [notice dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015](#) suspending the recognition of National Peoples' Party (NPP) for failing to submit its election expenditure report for Lok Sabha elections held in 2014, even after multiple reminders were sent by the ECI. This was a much needed step in order to improve not only financial transparency in political parties during elections but also accountability towards the public.

The election expenditure statements of political parties are required to be submitted **75 days** after the completion of **Assembly elections** and **90 days** from the date of completion of **Lok Sabha elections**. It is to be noted that NPP failed to submit its election expenditure statements to the ECI after repeated reminders while not all National and Regional parties submitted their expenditure statements within the specified time limit of 90 days.

Based on the information on the website of the ECI, ADR analysed availability of statements of election expenditure incurred by political parties during **Assembly Elections held between 2011 and 2015**. For a complete list of recognised parties which contested in the Assembly elections and the status of their submission with the ECI, as on date, kindly refer to the Annexure.

#### **Availability of election expenditure statements of political parties with the Election Commission of India**

- Among the National Parties, **election expenditure statements of BJP and INC** are not available for **5 Assembly elections** held between 2011 and 2015 followed by **CPI** defaulting with its submission for **4 Assembly elections** and **CPI(M)** in **1 Assembly election**.
- The availability of election expenditure statements of Regional Parties is equally worrisome where the statements of JD(U) is unavailable for **15 Assembly Elections** while that of LJP is unavailable for **11 Assembly Elections** and election expenditure statements of **RSP and Shiv Sena are unavailable for 10 Assembly Elections** held between 2011 and 2015.

S. No.	Name of the party	Party code	No. of elections for which the expenditure statements are unavailable
<b>National Parties</b>			
1	Bharatiya Janata Party	BJP	5
2	Communist Party of India	CPI	4
3	Communist Party of India (Marxist)	CPI(M)	1
4	Indian National Congress	INC	5
5	Nationalist Congress Party	NCP	2
<b>Regional Parties</b>			

S. No.	Name of the party	Party code	No. of elections for which the expenditure statements are unavailable
6	Aam Aadmi Party	AAP	2
7	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	AIADMK	1
8	All India Forward Block	AIFB	6
9	All India Trinamool Congress	AITC	8
10	All Jharkhand Students Union Party	AJSUP	2
11	Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam	DMDK	1
12	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	DMK	1
13	Indian National Lok Dal	INLD	2
14	Indian Union Muslim League	IUML	5
15	Janata Dal (Secular)	JD(S)	9
16	Janata Dal (United)	JD(U)	15
17	Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party	JKNPP	8
18	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha	JMM	4
19	Janadhipathya Samrakshana Samithi	JPSS	1
20	Jharkhand Vikas Morcha	JVM	1
21	Kerala Congress (Anri-merger Group)	KC(AMG)	1
22	Lok Janshakti Party	LJP	11
23	Mizoram People's Conference	MPC	1
24	Muslim League Kerala State Committee	MUL	3
25	Naga People's Front	NPF	2
26	National People's Party	NPP	4
27	Pattali Makkal Katchi	PMK	1
28	Rashtriya Janata Dal	RJD	9
29	Rashtriya Lok Dal	RLD	2
30	Revolutionary Socialist Party	RSP	10
31	Shiv Sena	SHS	10
32	Samajwadi Party	SP	9
33	United Democratic Party	UDP	1
34	Uttarakhand Kranti Dal (P)	UKDP	2
35	Zoram Nationalist Party	ZNP	1

### Year-wise list of Assembly Elections held and details of defaulting parties

**Assembly elections held in 2015: Election to the Delhi Assembly** was held in February and a total of 16 National and Regional political parties contested in the elections. Out of the 16 recognised parties, **election expenditure statements of 8 parties are unavailable**. While INLD had requested for more time for auditing the accounts, BJP and INC are the only two National Parties whose expenditure statements are unavailable.

2015- Delhi Assembly Elections	
<b>Defaulting Parties</b>	BJP
	INC
	JDU
	JKNPP
	RJD
	SHS
	INLD
	RLD

**Assembly elections held in 2014:** Apart from the Lok Sabha elections, **elections to 8 Assemblies** were held in 2014. Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim were held along with the General Elections. While Maharashtra and Haryana assembly elections were held in October, Jammu & Kashmir and Jharkhand went for polls in November.

Out of 19 recognised parties which contested in **Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections**, election expenditure statements of **8 recognised parties are unavailable**. NCP is the only National Party whose expenditure statement for Andhra Pradesh Assembly is unavailable.

**AAP and NPF** are the only two parties out of 6 contesting recognised parties whose election expenditure statements are unavailable for the **Arunachal Pradesh Assembly elections**.

A total of 14 recognised parties contested in **Odisha Assembly elections** of which the election expenditure statements of **4 regional recognised parties are unavailable**. These include **AITC, AJSUP, RSP and SP**.

**AITC** is the only defaulting party whose election expenditure statement for **Sikkim Assembly elections** is unavailable. A total of 4 recognised parties contested in the Sikkim Assembly elections.

Out of 15 recognised political parties which contested in the **Maharashtra Assembly Elections** held in October, the election expenditure statements of **5 recognised parties are unavailable**. These include the National Parties, BJP, CPI and INC along with the Regional Parties, JD(S) and RLD.

National parties, **BJP, CPI and INC are the only parties** whose election expenditure statements are unavailable for **Haryana Assembly elections** in which 11 recognised parties contested.

Election expenditure of **9 recognised parties** out of 18 parties which contested in the **Jharkhand assembly elections** are unavailable. These include BJP, INC and the Jharkhand State parties, AJSUP and RJD

**INC and BJP** are the only 2 National Parties whose expenditure statements are **unavailable for Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections** apart from **5 regional parties** whose statements of expenditure are not in the public domain. A total of 15 recognised parties contested in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections held in November.

Assembly Elections, 2014								
	Andhra Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	Odisha	Sikkim	Maharashtra	Haryana	Jharkhand	Jammu & Kashmir
Defaulting Parties	NCP	AAP	AITC	AITC	BJP	BJP	BJP	INC
	IUML	NPF	AJSUP		CPI	CPI	INC	BJP
	JD(S)		RSP		INC	INC	AJSUP	JKNPP
	JD(U)		SP		JD(S)		RJD	AIFB
	LJP				RLD		AIFB	AAP
	RJD						AITC	JD(S)
	RSP						LJP	LJP
	SP						RJD	
							RSP	
							SHS	

**Assembly elections held in 2013:** A total of 9 states went for polls in 2013 which include Karnataka, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Delhi.

13 recognised parties contested in the **Karnataka Assembly elections** held in May of which **6 recognised parties'** election expenditure reports are **unavailable**. **NCP** is the only **National Party** whose expenditure statements are unavailable.

Assembly elections in Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura were held in February. 9 recognised parties contested in the **Meghalaya Assembly elections** where the election expenditure statements of **CPI and UDP are unavailable**. Similarly, 6 recognised parties contested in the **Nagaland Assembly elections** where **RJD is the only defaulting party**. **CPI** is the only defaulting party out of 9 recognised parties which contested in the **Tripura Assembly elections**.

Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Delhi went for polls in November and December. Out of 11 recognised parties which contested in the **Chhattisgarh assembly elections**, **JD (U), NPP and SP** are the only defaulting parties.

Out of 15 recognised parties which contested in the **Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections**, the election expenditure statements of 7 recognised parties are not available. These include **AIFB, IUML, JD(S), JD (U), NPP, RSP and SP**.

**MPC and ZNP** are the only two recognised parties out of 6 which contested in **Mizoram Assembly elections** whose expenditure statements are not available.

A total of 16 recognised parties contested in the **Rajasthan Assembly Elections** but the election expenditure statements of **7 recognised parties** are unavailable. These include **AIFB, IUML, JD (S), JD (U), JKNPP, NPP and SP**.

Election expenditure statements of **7 recognised parties** out of 17 parties which contested in the **Delhi Assembly Elections** are unavailable. These include **AIFB, DMDK, INLD, IUML, JD (U), JKNPP and SP**.

Assembly Elections , 2013									
	Karnataka	Meghalaya	Nagaland	Tripura	Chhattisgarh	Madhya Pradesh	Mizoram	Rajasthan	Delhi
Defaulting Parties	NCP	CPI	RJD	CPI	JD(U)	AIFB	MPC	AIFB	AIFB
	JD(S)	UDP			NPP	IUML	ZNP	IUML	DMDK
	ADMK				SP	JD(S)		JD(S)	INLD
	IUML					JD(U)		JD(U)	IUML
	SHS					NPP		JKNPP	JD(U)
	SP					RSP		NPP	JKNPP
						SP		SP	SP

**Assembly elections held in 2012:** Assembly elections were held in a total of 7 states in 2012 which were Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat.

Elections in Manipur, Punjab and Uttarakhand were held in January. A total of 13 recognised parties contested in the **Manipur Assembly Elections** of which the election expenditure statements of **NPP, AITC, JD (S), JD (U) and LJP** are unavailable. Similarly, out of 10 recognised parties which contested in the Punjab Assembly Elections, the expenditure statements of **LJP, RJD and Shiv Sena** are unavailable.

**A total of 9 recognised parties'** expenditure statements are not available for **Uttarakhand Assembly Elections**. A total of 16 recognised parties contested in the elections.

**Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh** were held in February in which a total of 19 recognised parties contested. But the election expenditure statements of **11 recognised parties are unavailable**.

Out of the 10 recognised parties which contested in the Goa Assembly elections held in March, **AITC, JD (U) and Shiv Sena** are the only parties whose election expenditure statements are unavailable.

**Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections** were held in November in which 10 recognised parties contested but the expenditure statements of **AITC and SP** are unavailable.

Assembly Elections , 2012							
Defaulting Parties	Goa	Manipur	Punjab	Uttarakhand	Uttar Pradesh	Gujarat	Himachal Pradesh
	AITC	NPP	LJP	UKDP	AIFB	SP*	AITC
	JD(U)	AITC	RJD	AITC	AITC		SP*
	SHS	JD(S)	SHS	JD(S)	JD(S)		
		JD(U)		JD(U)	JD(U)		
		LJP		JKNPP	JKNPP		
		NPF		LJP	JMM		
		SHS		MUL	LJP		
				SHS	MUL		
					RJD		
					SHS		
				UKDP			

\* The donations report of SP is uploaded on the website of the ECI in place of the party's election expenditure report

**Assembly elections held in 2011:** A total of 5 assembly elections were held in 2011 which include Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal and we held in 5 phases between April and May.

Out of 16 recognised parties which contested in the **Assam Assembly Elections**, the election expenditure statements of 6 recognised parties are unavailable and these include **JD(U), JKNPP, JMM, RSP, Shiv Sena and SP**.

Regional parties of **Kerala** whose expenditure statements are not yet available include **JPSS and KC(AMG)** apart from **JD(U), LJP, RSP and Shiv Sena**. A total of 16 recognised parties contested in the Kerala Assembly Elections.

Out of 16 recognised parties which contested in the **Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections**, the expenditure statements of **7 recognised parties** are unavailable. Similarly, **5 recognised parties** have defaulted in submitting their expenditure statements for **Puducherry Assembly Elections** in which 11 recognised parties contested.

**West Bengal Assembly elections** were contested by 17 recognised parties but the election expenditure statements of 7 parties are not available.

Assembly Elections , 2011					
Defaulting Parties	Assam	Kerala	Tamil Nadu	West Bengal	Puducherry
	JD(U)	JPSS	JD(U)	JD(U)	DMK
	JKNPP	KC(AMG)	JKNPP	JMM	JD(U)
	JMM	JD(U)	JMM	JVM	LJP
	RSP	LJP	LJP	LJP	PMK
	SHS	RSP	RJD	MUL	RSP
	SP	SHS	RSP	RJD	
			SHS	SP	

## **Recommendations of ADR**

While it is crucial for political parties to submit their expenditure statements for greater financial transparency, it is equally important to file the same within the time limit set by the ECI and endorsed by the Supreme Court of India. The National and Regional Parties should, ideally, lead by example by filing complete and correct statements of expenditure to the ECI well in time for public scrutiny so as to encourage financial transparency.

ADR requests the ECI to issue show-cause notices to those recognised parties which have defaulted in filing their election expenditure statements incurred during Assembly Elections held in the last 5 years.

For an earlier press release on reminders sent by the ECI to political parties defaulting on submission of election expenditure statements, please refer: <http://goo.gl/NUAaKS>

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## ANNEXURE

### List of contesting recognised parties and their status of submission of expenditure reports

#### Assembly Elections – 2015

Delhi	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
BJP	BSP
INC	CPI
JDU	CPI(M)
JKNPP	NCP
RJD	AAP
SHS	AIFB
INLD	IUML
RLD	SAD

#### Assembly Elections - 2014

Andhra Pradesh	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
NCP	BJP
IUML	BSP
JD(S)	CPI
JD(U)	CPI(M)
LJP	INC
RJD	TDP
RSP	TRS
SP	AAP
	AIFB
	RLD
	SHS

Arunachal Pradesh	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
AAP	BJP
NPF	INC
	NCP
	PPA

Odisha	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
AITC	BJP
AJSUP	BSP
RSP	CPI
SP	CPI(M)
	INC
	NCP
	BJD
	AAP
	AIFB
	JMM

Sikkim	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
AITC	BJP
	INC
	SDF

Maharashtra	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
BJP	BSP
CPI	CPI(M)
INC	NCP
JD(S)	MNS
RLD	SHS
	AIFB
	AIMIM
	IUML
	JD(U)
	SP

Haryana	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
BJP	BSP
CPI	CPI(M)
INC	HJC(BL)
	INLD
	AIFB
	JD(U)

Haryana	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
	SAD
	SP

Jharkhand	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not available	Available
BJP	BSP
INC	CPI
AJSUP	CPI(M)
RJD	NCP
AIFB	JMM
AITC	JVM
LJP	IUML
RJD	JD(U)
RSP	SP
SHS	

Jammu & Kashmir	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
INC	JKNC
BJP	JKPDP
JKNPP	BSP
AIFB	NCP
AAP	SP
JD(S)	CPI
LJP	CPI(M)
	JD(U)

## Assembly Elections - 2013

Karnataka	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
NCP	BJP
JD(S)	BSP
ADMK	CPI
IUML	CPI(M)
SHS	INC
SP	JD(U)
	LJP

Meghalaya	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
CPI	BJP
UDP	INC
	NCP
	HSPDP



Meghalaya	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
	LJP
	NPP
	SP

Nagaland	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
RJD	BJP
	INC
	NCP
	NPF
	JD(U)

Tripura	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
CPI	BJP
	CPI(M)
	INC
	NCP
	AIFB
	JD(U)
	RSP
	SP

Chhattisgarh	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
JD(U)	BJP
NPP	BSP
SP	CPI(M)
	CPI
	INC
	NCP
	LJP
	SHS

Madhya Pradesh	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
AIFB	BJP
IUML	BSP
JD(S)	CPI
JD(U)	CPI(M)
NPP	INC
RSP	NCP
SP	LJP
	SHS

Mizoram	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
MPC	BJP
ZNP	INC
	NCP
	MNF

Rajasthan	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
AIFB	BJP
IUML	BSP
JD(S)	CPI
JD(U)	CPI(M)
JKNPP	INC
NPP	NCP
SP	LJP
	RLD
	SHS

Delhi	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
AIFB	BJP
DMDK	BSP
INLD	CPI
IUML	CPI(M)
JD(U)	INC
JKNPP	NCP
SP	LJP
	RLD
	SAD
	SHS
	AAP

## Assembly Elections - 2012

Goa	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
AITC	BJP
JD(U)	CPI
SHS	CPI(M)
	INC
	NCP
	MAG
	SP

<b>Manipur</b>	
<b>Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties</b>	
<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
NPP	BJP
AITC	CPI
JD(S)	CPI(M)
JD(U)	INC
LJP	NCP
NPF	MPP
SHS	

<b>Punjab</b>	
<b>Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties</b>	
<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
LJP	BJP
RJD	BSP
SHS	CPI
	CPI(M)
	INC
	NCP
	SAD

<b>Uttarakhand</b>	
<b>Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties</b>	
<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
UKDP	BJP
AITC	BSP
JD(S)	CPI
JD(U)	CPI(M)
JKNPP	INC
LJP	NCP
MUL	RLD
SHS	SP

<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	
<b>Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties</b>	
<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
AIFB	BJP
AITC	BSP
JD(S)	CPI
JD(U)	CPI(M)
JKNPP	INC
JMM	NCP
LJP	RLD
MUL	SP
RJD	
SHS	
UKDP	

Gujarat	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
SP*	BJP
	BSP
	CPI
	CPI(M)
	INC
	NCP
	JD(U)
	LJP
	RLD

Himachal Pradesh	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
AITC	BJP
SP*	BSP
	CPI
	CPI(M)
	INC
	NCP
	LJP
	SHS

#### Assembly Elections – 2011

Assam	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
JD(U)	BJP
JKNPP	CPI
JMM	CPI(M)
RSP	INC
SHS	NCP
SP	AGP
	AIUDF
	BOPF
	AIFB
	AITC

Kerala	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
JPSS	BJP
KC(AMG)	BSP
JD(U)	CPI
LJP	CPI(M)
RSP	INC
SHS	NCP
	JD(S)
	KEC(M)
	MUL
	AIADMK

Tamil Nadu	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
JD(U)	BJP
JKNPP	BSP
JMM	CPI
LJP	CPI(M)
RJD	INC
RSP	AIADMK
SHS	DMK
	PMK
	AIFB

West Bengal	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
JD(U)	BJP
JMM	BSP
JVM	CPI
LJP	CPI(M)
MUL	INC
RJD	NCP
SP	AIFB
	AITC
	RSP
	JD(S)

Puducherry	
Availability of Expenditure statements of Contesting recognised parties	
Not Available	Available
DMK	BJP
JD(U)	BSP
LJP	CPI
PMK	CPI(M)
RSP	INC
	AIADMK