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MOST IMMEDIATE

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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No. 76/EE/96-Jud1.II

Dated 7th April, 1996

To

1. All Recognised National parties
2. All Recognised State parties
3. All Registered-unrecognised parties.

Subject: Supreme Court's Judgement dated 4.4.1996
in Writ Petition No. 24 of 1995 (Common
Cause vs. Union of India and others)
relating to election expenditure.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the full text of judgment dated 4.4.1996 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the above matter.

2. In terms of Article 141 of the Constitution, the pronouncement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court becomes the law of the land and the above judgement is thus binding on every one, without exception.

3. We request you kindly to peruse the whole of the above judgement. Your special attention is invited to the observations of Hon'ble Court from page 18 onwards and the rulings at pages 29-32 of the judgement.

4. You should apprise immediately all candidates and local units of your party of the contents of above judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court for their

information, guidance and strict compliance.

6. The Commission has directed that all political parties, whether recognised as National parties or State parties or registered-unrecognised political parties, should submit to the Commission, for its scrutiny, the details of the expenditure incurred or authorised by them in connection with the election of their respective candidates at the current general elections to the House of the People and State Legislative Assemblies and the

6. The above details of expenditure should be submitted by all political parties as soon as may be after the current elections are over and in, any case, not later than 5.00 p.m. on 31st July, 1996. These details should cover all expenditure incurred or authorised by the parties from 19th March, 1996, i.e., the date on which the Commission announced the programme for the current elections, and till the completion of elections in all the constituencies in which they have set up their candidates.

7. The expenditure should be classified under two main heads, namely, (1) expenditure incurred or authorised on general party propaganda, and (2) expenditure incurred or authorised in connection with the election of individual candidates. The expenditure under the head (2) should give break-up of such

Annexure

Details of Election Expenditure

Name of Party:-

Part I

- (I) Opening balance of party funds
in whatever manner held as on 19.03.1996:
- (II) Total Receipts from all sources
from 19.03.1996 to:
(Completion of
elections)
- (III) Total expenditure from 19.03.1996 to.....:
(Completion of
elections)
- (IV) Closing balance as on:
(Completion of
elections)

Expenditure on General Party Propaganda

- A. Publicity
- (1) Printed materials, like manifesto, pamphlets,
posters, handbills, etc.
- (2) Electronic media
- (3) Advertisements in newspapers, magazines,
souvenirs etc.
- (4) Cut-outs, hoardings, banners, flags, arches,
gates, etc.
- (5) Through any other means.
- B. Travel Expenses of Leaders and workers
- (1) On cars, other four wheelers, three
wheelers and two wheelers
- (2) Trains
- (3) Aircrafts/helicopters/ships, etc.
- (4) Animal transport
- (5) Expenses on accomodation, etc.

- C. Maintenance and running of Party/Campaign offices
- D. Public meetings
- E. Processions
- F. Other Misc. expenses (Please specify):

III. Expenditure on Individual Candidates

Name of the candidate and particulars of his Constituency.....

- A. Publicity
 - (1) Printed materials, like manifesto, pamphlets, posters, handbills, etc.
 - (2) Electronic media
 - (3) Advertisements-in newspapers, magazines, souvenirs etc.
 - (4) Cut-outs, hoardings, banners, flags, arches, gates, etc.
 - (5) Through any other means.

B. Travel Expenses of Leaders and workers

- (1) On cars, other four wheelers, three wheelers and two wheelers
- (2) Trains
- (3) Aircrafts/helicopters/ships, etc.
- (4) Animal transport
- (5) Expenses on accomodation, etc.
- (6) Remuneration/refreshments, etc., given to party workers and agents

- C. Maintenance and running of Party/Campaign offices
- D. Public meetings
- E. Processions
- F. Other Misc. expenses (Please specify):

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