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PRESS NOTE

Sub: -General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir, 2024-Allotment of Broadcast/ Telecast time to National/State Political Parties-reg.

A copy of the Commission's Order No.437/TA-LA/1/2024/Communication, dated 28th August, 2024 regarding allotment of Broadcast/Telecast time to National/State political parties in the General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir, 2024 is enclosed for the information of the general public.

(Rajesh Kumar Singh)
Under Secretary



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ORDER

At the time of General Elections to the Lok Sabha in 1998, a new initiative for State funding of recognized political parties through free use of the State-owned Television and Radio was introduced under directions of the Commission vide its Order, dated 16th January, 1998. The said scheme was subsequently extended in all General Elections to the State Assemblies held after 1998 and General Elections to the Lok Sabha in 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019 and 2024.

With the amendments to the Representation of the People Act, 1951 vide "Election and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Act, 2003" and the rules notified there under, equitable time sharing for campaigning by recognized political parties on electronic media now has statutory basis. In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of the Explanation below section 39A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Central Government has notified all such broadcasting media which are owned or controlled or financed wholly or substantially by funds provided to them by the Central Government as the electronic media for the purposes of that section. Therefore, the Commission has decided to extend the said scheme of equitable time sharing on electronic media through Prasar Bharati Corporation to the ensuing General Election to the Legislative Assemblies of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir, 2024.

The facility of use of broadcast time and telecast time is available only to 'National Parties' and respective 'Recognized State Parties' in Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir.

THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SCHEME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The facilities will be available from the Regional Kendra of the All India Radio and Doordarshan and relayed by other stations within Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir.

Time allotted for Telecast/Broadcast:

2. A base time of 45 minutes is given to each National Party and respective 'Recognized State Parties' in Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir, uniformly on the Regional Kendras of Doordarshan network and All India Radio network in Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir.

3. The additional time to be allotted to the party has been decided on the basis of the poll performance of the party in the last assembly election of Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir.
4. In a single session of broadcast, no party will be allocated more than 15 minutes.

Date of Telecast/Broadcast:

5. **The period of broadcast and telecast will be between the date of publication of list of contesting candidates for the election (in each phase) and two days before the date of poll in Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir.**
6. The Prasar Bharati Corporation in consultation with the Commission will decide the actual date and time for broadcast and telecast. This will be subject to the broad technical constraints governing the actual time of transmission available with the Doordarshan and All India Radio.

Submission of Transcripts in advance:

7. The guidelines prescribed by the Commission for telecast and broadcast will be strictly followed. **The parties will be required to submit transcripts and recording in advance.** The parties can get this recorded at their own cost in studios, which meet the technical standards prescribed by the Prasar Bharati Corporation or at the Doordarshan/All India Radio Kendra. They can, in the alternative, have these recorded in the studios of Doordarshan and All India Radio by advance requests. In such cases, the recordings may be done at timings indicated by Doordarshan/All India Radio in advance.

Panel Discussions and Debate:

8. In addition to the broadcast by parties, the Prasar Bharati Corporation will organize a maximum of two panel discussions and/or debates on the Kendra/Station of Doordarshan & All India Radio. Each eligible party can nominate one representative to such a programme.
9. The Election Commission of India will approve the names of coordinators for such panel discussions and debates in consultation with the Prasar Bharati Corporation.

Guidelines for observance in Telecasts/Broadcasts:

10. The telecasts/broadcasts on Doordarshan/AIR will not permit:
 - a) criticism of other countries;
 - b) attack on religions or communities;
 - c) anything obscene or defamatory;



- d) incitement of violence;
- e) anything amounting to contempt of court;
- f) aspersion against the integrity of the President and Judiciary;
- g) anything affecting the unity, sovereignty and integrity of the Nation;
- h) any criticism by name of any person;

Digital Time Vouchers for Parties: -

11. Attention is highlighted to ECI order no. 437/TA-LA/1/2023/Communication dated 18th July, 2023, whereby ECI has amended the existing scheme for the use of Government-owned electronic media by political parties by introducing a provision to issue digital time vouchers through an Information Technology (IT) platform.
12. Digital time vouchers will be available in the denomination of 5 minutes with one voucher having time allotment of 1 to 4 minutes and the parties will be free to combine them suitably. The allotment of time to different political parties is given in a statement enclosed herewith.

By order,



(Rajesh Kumar Singh)
Under Secretary

**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF HARYANA, 2024**

*Time available to National/State Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State/UT	Name of National/State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		Broadcast (AIR)	Telecast (DD)	Broadcast (AIR)	Telecast (DD)
Haryana	AAP	47	47	9(5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	9(5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	BSP	62	62	12 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	12 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	BJP	197	197	39 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	39 (5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	CPI (M)	45	45	9(5 minutes each)	9(5 minutes each)
	INC	162	162	32(5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	32(5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
	NPP	45	45	9(5 minutes each)	9(5 minutes each)
	INLD	55	55	11(5 minutes each)	11(5 minutes each)
	JNJP	107	107	21(5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)	21(5 minutes each) + 1 (2 minutes)
TOTAL		720	720	720	720



**GENERAL ELECTION TO
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR, 2024**

*Time available to National/State Parties on
Regional Kendras/State Capital Kendras of Doordarshan/All India Radio*

Name of State/UT	Name of National/ State Party	Total time allotted in minutes for		No. of Time Vouchers issued for	
		<i>Broadcast (AIR)</i>	<i>Telecast (DD)</i>	<i>Broadcast (AIR)</i>	<i>Telecast (DD)</i>
Jammu & Kashmir	AAP	45	45	9(5 minutes each)	9(5 minutes each)
	BSP	52	52	10(5 minutes each) + 1(2 minutes)	10(5 minutes each) + 1(2 minutes)
	BJP	162	162	32 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)	32 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
	CPM	48	48	9(5 minutes each) + 1(3 minutes)	9(5 minutes each) + 1(3 minutes)
	INC	137	137	27 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)	27 (5 minutes each) +1 (2 minutes)
	NPP	45	45	9(5 minutes each)	9(5 minutes each)
	JKN	151	151	30 (5 minutes each) + 1(1 minute)	30 (5 minutes each) + 1(1 minute)
	JKPDP	160	160	32 (5 minutes each)	32 (5 minutes each)
	JKNPP (Bhim)	50	50	10(5 minutes each)	10(5 minutes each)
	JKNPP (India)	50	50	10(5 minutes each)	10(5 minutes each)
TOTAL		900	900	900	900



LIST OF POLITICAL PARTIES

National Parties: -

S. No	Abbreviation	Name of Party
1	AAP	Aam Aadmi Party
2	BSP	Bahujan Samaj Party
3	BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
4	CPI (M)	Communist Party of India (Marxist)
5	INC	Indian National Congress
6	NPP	National People's Party

State Parties: -

S. No	State	Abbreviation	Name of Party
1	Haryana	INLD	Indian National Lok Dal
2	Haryana	JNJP	Jannayak Janta Party
3	Jammu & Kashmir	JKN	Jammu & Kashmir National Conference
4	Jammu & Kashmir	JKNPP (Bhim)	Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party (Bhim)
5	Jammu & Kashmir	JKNPP (India)	Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party (India)
6	Jammu & Kashmir	JKPDP	Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party

