ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001

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Dated: 20th February, 2022

То

The President/General Secretary of The recognized National/State Political Parties

Subject:- Revised norms concerning Star Campaigners - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No.4/2020/SDR/Vol-I dated 09.10.2020 regarding Campaign during the period of pandemic COVID -19 and to state that the Election Commission in its endeavor to conduct free, fair, ethical and safe elections had vide the said letter, inter-alia, prescribed revised norms concerning Star Campaigners.

2. Now, that the numbers of both active and new COVID-19 cases are receding and the restrictions put in place both by the Central Government and State Governments to check the spread of pandemic are being lifted/relaxed gradually.

3. The Election Commission after due deliberation has decided to restore the maximum limit on number of Star Campaigners as specified u/s 77 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the time period for submission of the list of Star Campaigners for all ongoing and future elections, with immediate effect, as under:-

(i) The maximum limit on the number of Star Campaigners for recognized National/State political parties shall be 40 (forty) and for other than recognized political party it shall be 20 (twenty). The list of Star Campaigners shall be communicated within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of the notification.

(ii) For the ongoing General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Manipur (both phases) and Uttar Pradesh (for phase V, VI and VII) and bye election to 99-Majuli (ST) Assembly Constituency of Assam, the list of additional Star Campaigners, if any, can be submitted with the Election Commission or the concerned Chief Electoral Officer latest by <u>05:00PM on 23.02.2022 (Wednesday)</u>.

Yours faithfully,

(ASHWANI KUMAR MOHAL) SECRETARY

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The Chief Electoral Officers of all states and Union Territories for information and for immediately bringing it to the notice of all recognized National/State political parties in their respective State/UT.