

Cleaning up the Electoral System: ECI Delists 334 RUPPs

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1. Political parties (National/State/RUPPs) in the country are registered with the ECI under the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act 195
2. At present, there are 6 National Parties, 67 State Parties and 2854 Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs) registered with ECI. (*Annexure: List of National & State Parties*)
3. Guidelines for registration of Political Parties mention that if the party does not contest elections continuously for 6 years, the party shall be taken off the list of registered parties.
4. In addition, as per Section 29A of the RP Act 1951, parties at the time of their registration have to give details like name, address, office bearers etc. and any change has to be communicated to the Commission without delay.
5. Earlier, in June 2025, ECI had directed the CEOs of States & UTs to conduct verification enquiries of 345 RUPPs regarding compliance with the above conditions.
6. CEOs conducted enquiries, issued show-cause notices to these RUPPs and provided each party an opportunity to respond and present their case through personal hearings.
7. Thereafter, based on reports of the CEOs, 334 RUPPs out of the total of 345 RUPPs have been found not complying with the above conditions. The remaining cases have been referred back to the CEOs for reverification.
8. **The Commission, after considering all the facts and recommendations of the CEOs, has delisted 334 RUPPs (Link: <https://www.eci.gov.in/list-of-political-parties>). Now, out of the total of 2854 RUPPs, 2520 are remaining. This delisting exercise is part of a comprehensive and continuous strategy of the Election Commission to clean up the electoral system.**
9. These RUPPs will now not be eligible to avail any benefit under the provisions of Section 29B and Section 29C of the RP Act, 1951 read with the relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. Any party aggrieved by this order can appeal to the Commission within 30 days of the order.

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Annexure

Recognized National Parties

S. No.	Name of Political Party
1	Aam Aadmi Party
2	Bahujan Samaj Party
3	Bharatiya Janata Party
4	Communist Party of India (Marxist)
5	Indian National Congress

6	National People's Party
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Recognized State Parties

S. No.	Name of Political Party	S. No.	Name of Political Party
1	AJSU Party	2	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
3	All India Forward Bloc	4	All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen
5	All India N.R. Congress	6	All India Trinamool Congress
7	All India United Democratic Front	8	Apna Dal (Soneylal)
9	Asom Gana Parishad	10	Bharat Adivasi Party

11	Bharat Rashtra Samithi	12	Biju Janata Dal
13	Bodoland Peoples Front	14	Citizen Action Party - Sikkim
15	Communist Party of India	16	Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist) (Liberation)
17	Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam	18	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
19	Goa Forward Party	20	Hill State People's Democratic Party
21	Indian National Lok Dal	22	Indian Union Muslim League
23	Indigenous People's Front of Tripura	24	Jammu & Kashmir National Conference
25	Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party	26	Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party
27	Janasena Party	28	Janata Dal (Secular)
29	Janata Dal (United)	30	Jannayak Janta Party
31	Janta Congress Chhattisgarh(J)	32	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha
33	Kerala Congress	34	Kerala Congress (M)
35	Lok Janshakti Party	36	Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)
37	Maharashtra Navnirman Sena	38	Maharashtrawadi Gomantak
39	Mizo National Front	40	Naam Tamilar Katchi
41	Naga People's Front	42	Nationalist Congress Party
43	Nationalist Congress Party – Sharadchandra Pawar	44	Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party
45	People's Democratic Front	46	People's Party of Arunachal

47	Rashtriya Janata Dal	48	Rashtriya Lok Samta Party
49	Rashtriya Loktantrik Party	50	Republican Party of India (Athawale)

51	Revolutionary Goans Party	52	Revolutionary Socialist Party
53	Samajwadi Party	54	Shiromani Akali Dal
55	Shiv Sena	56	Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackrey)
57	Sikkim Democratic Front	58	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha
59	Telugu Desam Party	60	Tipra Motha Party
61	United Democratic Party	62	United People's Party, Liberal
63	Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi	64	Voice of the People Party
65	Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party	66	Zoram Nationalist Party
67	Zoram People's Movement		

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