

Cleaning up of the Electoral System Continues

ECI delists another 474 RUPPs

Starts proceedings to delist 359 more RUPPs

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1. Political Parties (National/State/RUPPs) in the country are registered with the Election Commission India (ECI) under the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act 1951.
2. Under provisions of the Act, any association once registered as a political party, gets certain privileges and advantages such as symbol, tax exemptions amongst others.
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. As part of a comprehensive and continuous strategy to clean up the electoral system, the ECI has been conducting a nationwide exercise to identify and delist Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) which have failed to fulfil the essential condition of contesting even a single election for 6 years continuously, since 2019,
5. In the first phase of this exercise, ECI had delisted 334 RUPPs on August 9, 2025.
6. **In continuation, in the second phase, ECI delisted 474 RUPPs on September 18, 2025** based on non-contestation in elections conducted by ECI continuously for 6 years. Thus, 808 RUPPs have been delisted in the last 2 months. (Annexure-A)
7. To take this initiative further, **359 such RUPPs have been identified**, for having not submitted their Annual Audited Accounts in the last three financial years (i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24) within the stipulated time period and have contested elections but not filed Election Expenditure Reports. These are from 23 different States and UTs across the country. (Annexure-B)
8. In order to ensure that no party is unduly delisted, the CEOs of the respective States/UTs have been directed to issue show-cause notices to these RUPPs following which, the parties will be given an opportunity through a hearing by the concerned CEOs.
9. The ECI takes the final decision on the delisting of any RUPP based on the reports of the CEOs.

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Annexure - A

State-wise distribution of RUPPs delisted in second phase

SI No.	State/UT	No. of RUPPs
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	17
3	Assam	3
4	Bihar	15
5	Chandigarh	1

6	Chhattisgarh	7
7	Delhi	40
8	Goa	4
9	Gujarat	10
10	Haryana	17
11	Himachal Pradesh	2
12	Jammu & Kashmir	12
13	Jharkhand	7
14	Karnataka	10
15	Kerala	11
16	Madhya Pradesh	23
17	Maharashtra	44
18	Manipur	2
19	Meghalaya	3
20	Mizoram	2
21	Nagaland	2
22	Odisha	7
23	Punjab	21
24	Rajasthan	17
25	Tamil Nadu	42
26	Telangana	9
27	Tripura	1
28	Uttar Pradesh	121
29	Uttarakhand	11
30	West Bengal	12
	Total	474

Annexure - B

State-wise distribution of RUPPs identified for third phase of delisting

SI No.	State/UT	No. of RUPPs
1	Andhra Pradesh	8
2	Assam	2
3	Bihar	30
4	Chandigarh	1
5	Chhattisgarh	9
6	Delhi	41
7	Gujarat	9
8	Haryana	11
9	Himachal Pradesh	1

10	Jharkhand	7
11	Karnataka	13
12	Kerala	6
13	Madhya Pradesh	6
14	Maharashtra	1
15	Odisha	6
16	Punjab	11
17	Rajasthan	7
18	Sikkim	1
19	Tamil Nadu	39
20	Telangana	10
21	Uttar Pradesh	127
22	Uttarakhand	2
23	West Bengal	11
	Total	359
