

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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Press Note

ECI's extensive structured interaction with Political Parties continues

1. ECI during the past six months has addressed the long-felt need for constructive discussions with the National and State Political Parties across all levels, by having several rounds of meetings with the representatives of all recognised Political Parties in a structured manner.
2. These meetings were envisaged by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Shri Gyanesh Kumar in the presence of Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi at the Conference of Chief Election Officers (CEOs) held in March, 2025. Accordingly, 4,719 structured meetings with all political were conducted comprising of 40 meetings by CEOs, 800 by DEOs, and 3,879 by EROs engaging over 28,000 representatives of various political parties.
3. Thereafter, the heads of all 6 recognized National Parties were invited and the Commission has already held meetings with the party heads/ authorized representatives of 5 National parties in May 2025 (details annexed). These meetings provide a platform for Party heads to share their suggestions and concerns directly with the Commission. These meetings are in addition to the meetings of ECI with other delegations of political parties on their request.
4. Subsequently, the Commission has also interacted with 17 recognised State political parties during the months of July and August 2025 (details annexed). The process of meeting with the remaining political parties is underway.
5. These proactive meetings are a new initiative by the Commission and a departure from the earlier mode of interaction with political parties which were prompted solely by the representation from political parties.
6. This initiative aligns with the Commission's broader vision of further strengthening the electoral process in accordance with the existing legal framework with all stakeholders.



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ANNEXURE

Recognised National Party			
Sl. No.	Name of the Political Party	Status of the meeting	Date of meeting convened/invited
1.	Bahujan Samaj Party	Km. Mayawati (National President)	May 06, 2025
2.	Bharatiya Janata Party	Shri. Jagat Prakash Nadda (National President)	May 08, 2025
3.	Communist Party of India (Marxist)	Shri M.A. Baby (General Secretary)	May 10, 2025
4.	National People's Party	Shri Conrad K. Sangma (National President)	May 13, 2025
5.	Aam Aadmi Party	Shri Arvind Kejriwal (National Convenor)	May 15, 2025
6.	Indian National Congress	The Party requested deferral and did not reply to subsequent communications from ECI for rescheduling.	Invite extended to President, INC for May 15, 2025
Recognised State Party			
7.	All India Trinamool Congress	Ms. Chandrima Bhattacharya (Authorised Representative)	July 1, 2025
8.	Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party	Shri Y.V Subba Reddy	July 3, 2025
9.	Samajwadi Party	Shri Ramgopal Yadav (Secretary General and Authorised Representative)	July 3, 2025
10.	All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Party	Shri Asaduddin Owaisi (National President)	July 7, 2025
11.	Telugu Desam Party	Shri Palla Srinivasa Rao (State President)	July 15, 2025
12.	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	Shri N.R. Elango	July 17, 2025
13.	Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation)	Shri Sanjay Sharma (Authorised representative)	July 22, 2025
14.	Tipra Motha Party	Shri. Brishaketu Debbarma (General Secretary)	July 23, 2025
15.	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	Shri. Shanmugam (Authorised Representative)	July 24, 2025
16.	Shiv Sena	Shri. Uday Samant	July 29, 2025
17.	Janata Dal (United)	Mr. Afaqe Ahmad Khan (Authorised Representative)	July 31, 2025
18.	Indigenous People's Front of Tripura	Sh. Prem Kumar Reang (Party President)	August 1, 2025
19.	Bharat Rashtra Samithi	Sh. Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (Working President)	August 5, 2025
20.	Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)	Sh. A.K. Bajpayee (Vice President)	August 7, 2025
21.	Nationalist Congress Party	Shri. Brijmohan Shrivastav (Authorised Representative)	August 12, 2025
22.	Biju Janata Dal	Sh. Debi Prasad Mishra (Sr. Vice-President and Authorised representative)	August 19, 2025
23.	Janata Dal (Secular)	Sh. K.R. Shivakumar (National General Secretary and Authorised Representative)	August 21, 2025