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(DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SOUTH ANDAMN)

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Port Blair, dated OF March, 2024

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This is to bring to kind notice of all concerned that the printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters etc. is governed by the provisions of Section 127A of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 and the said section 127A envisages as follows: -

- 1. No person shall print or publish or cause to be printed or published any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and publishers thereof.
- 2. No person shall print or cause to be printed any election pamphlet or poster
 - a. Unless a declaration as to the identity of the publisher thereof, signed by him and attested by two persons to whom he is personally known, is delivered by him to the printer in duplicate;
 - b. Unless, within a reasonable time after the printing of the documents, one copy of declaration is sent by the printer, together with one copy of the document.
 - i. When it is printed in the capital of the state, to the Chief Electoral Officer and
 - ii. In any other case, to the district magistrate of the district in which it is printed

Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of sub-section (1) of sub-section (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both.

The above restrictions on the printing of election pamphlets, poster etc. have been imposed under the law with view to establishing the identity of publishers and printers of such documents, so that if any such document contains any matter or material which is illegal, offending or objectionable like appeal on ground of religion, race, caste, community or language or character assassination of any opponent etc., necessary punitive or preventive action may be taken against the person concerned. These restrictions also sub-serve the purpose of placing a check on the incurring of unauthorized election expenditure by the political parties, candidates and their supporters on the printing and publication of election pamphlets, posters etc. (See Order No.3/9(ES008)/94-J.S.II dated 02.09.1994 issued by ECI).

In view of the above, all concerned are hereby requested to strictly adhere to the provisions of Section 127A of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 without fail.

ADM/District Nodal Officer (EEM)

Copy to: -

1. The Sr. PS to CEO for kind information of CEO please.

2. The PA to RO for kind information of RO please

3. The Director (IP) with the request to get it published in the DT, DS and local newspapers.

- 4. The Station Director Doordarshan/All India Radio for coverage in the regional news.
- 5. All Printing Press registered in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.