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To

The Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Bhavan,
NEW DELHI

The Chief Election Officer,
Telangana State,
Buddha Bhavan,
Hyderabad.

Respected Sir,

Sub:- Seeking deletion of certain Identical Symbols from the list of Free Symbols as they are similar, identical and look-alike to Election Symbol namely CAR of Telangana Rashtra Samithi, a recognized State Party – Regarding.

Ref:- Approved List of Free Symbols as on 1st October, 2021 which is adopted in 93-Munugode Assembly Constituency with vide Memo No:1992/Elecs.D/2022-22, dated:07.10.2022 which is available on the website of ECI and as well as on the website of CEO Telangana.

This application/representation is submitted to your authority by the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) a recognized State Political Party.

The Election Symbol of the TRS Party is CAR, for the last (2) decades, and fought elections with that symbol. The party has succeeded in forming the government in the State of Telangana twice since its formation on 2nd June 2014.

The TRS Party has been successful in fulfilling the promises made to the voters of the state and thus earned the confidence and affection of the people and voters of the state. This situation made our opponents employ dubious methods to damage our prospects in Elections. In this process, the opponents of our party have taken advantage of Identical Symbols, which are available in the list of FREE SYMBOLS to confuse the voters in choosing and recognizing TRS Symbol CAR on the EVM machines.

Often, these candidates who have contested elections on these identical symbols got votes more than recognized National Political Parties. The pattern of getting votes by these independent candidates in disguise is clearly explained by way of statistic given herein below. Similarly the Identical Symbols which they have used are also arrayed herein below. A look at these symbols with the size in which they are displayed on EVM Machines clearly show the identicalness of these Free Symbols to that CAR, the election symbol of TRS Party.

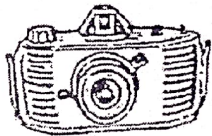
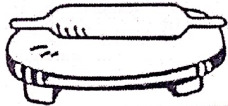
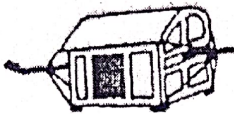
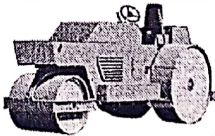

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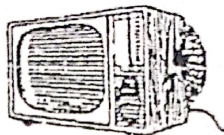
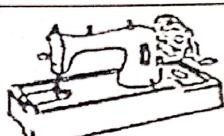
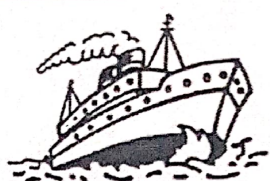
Thus, it can be clearly understood as to how these so-called independent candidates are cutting into TRS Votes and damaging the prospects of TRS Party Candidates in the elections. In this way, thousands of votes of TRS are diverted to these so-called Independent Candidates, who are, obviously, motivated by our politically opposing parties. This kind of getting votes by the so-called independents is totally abnormal and clearly establishes that they have been successful in confusing the voters of the TRS party and get transferred those votes to them by having got allotted identical Symbols from the list of Free Symbols.

Even earlier these issues were brought to the notice of your Honorable authority and the Honorable authority having taken these issues into consideration has been pleased to delete certain identical Symbols to that of the CAR symbol, from the list of Free Symbols. A few of such removed symbols are- 1. Hat, 2. Iron Box, 3. Truck and 4. Auto Rickshaw. The Honorable Commission, having felt that, these Symbols are identical symbols and causing damage to the Election Process in general and to the TRS Party in particular, has pleased to delete them from the Free Symbols.

But, some more identical symbols also have the potential in causing confusion among the voters of the TRS Party and diverted the votes to the so-called independents by using the following Identical symbols from the list of Free Symbols, such identical symbols are as follows:-

LIST OF FREE SYMBOL

Sl.No (AS IN LIST OF FREE SYMBLOS)	Symbol	Image
29	Camera	
38	Chapati Roller	
56	Dolli	
135	Road Roller	
151	Soap Dish	

166	Television	
144	Sewing Machine	
149	Ship	

Because, the size of the above symbols shown on the Electronic Voting Machines EVMs is too small, thus it became very difficult for ill-literate and aged voters, particularly from, rural backgrounds to identify the difference between these symbols and CAR symbol. As a result, the voters favouring the TRS Party are pressing the button against these symbols and thus the independent candidates getting abnormally huge votes than recognized National Parties. Few statistics are given below, as to how the pattern of this grabbing of TRS Party Votes in the past Elections.

TABLE NO:I

VOTES POLLED FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND RECOGNISED NATIONAL PARTIES DURING GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR TELAGANA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN THE YEAR 2018				
Sl.No	Constituency	Votes Polled on Independent Candidates on Symbol Road Roller	Votes Polled for Recognized National Party Candidates	
1	38-Zahirabad	4330	CPM	1036
2	1-Siripur	4039	BSP	5379
3	101-Dornakal	4117	CPM BSP	1361 1245
4	93-Munugodu	3569	BSP	743

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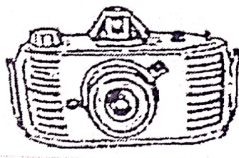
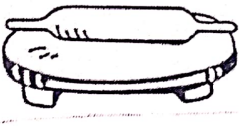
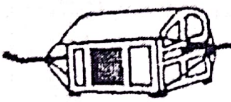
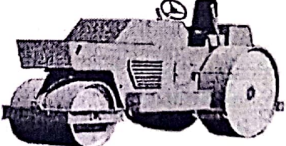
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Sl.No	Constituency	Votes Polled on Independent Candidate on Symbol CAMERA	Votes Polled for Recognized National Party Candidates	
1	103-Narsampet	9052	BJP BSP	1484 1128
2	2-Chennur	6274	BJP BSP	2026 1200
3	41-Dubbak	3822	BSP CPM	964 475
4	33-Siddipet	3206	BSP	718

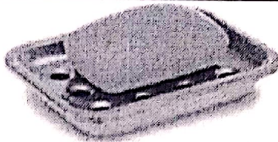
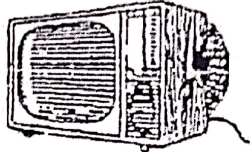
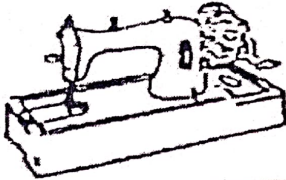
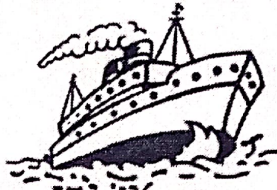
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Sl.No	Constituency	Votes Polled on Independent Candidate on Symbol TELEVISION	Votes Polled for Recognized National Party Candidates	
1	5-Asifabad	3039	BSP	3629
2	14-Banswada	2409	BJP BSP	2998 871
3	87-Nagarjuna Sagar	2338	BJP BSP	2682 962

Information given in the above tables are illustrative not exhaustive, to indicate the impact and damage caused by these symbols mentioned herein above.

It is an undisputed norm, practice and duty of all those involved in an election process i.e., the political parties, voters and the election commission to see that every election is conducted without any confusion and fairly. We have placed before you, through this representation, enough and substantial information regarding the damage being sustained by us on account of these identical symbols. At the cost of repetition we would again place the images of these Identical symbols therein below for your convenience and decision to delete them from list of free symbols in the interest of fair election and fair exercise of voters' right to cast their vote according to their choice without confusion.

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Further, it is not out of the place to bring to your notice, the Hon'ble Election Commission of India by a notification bearing No:56/2011/PPS, dated: 4th November 2011 by exercising his powers under sub para 2 of Paragraph 17 of the election Symbols(Reservation & Allotment)Orders, 1968 deleted "40-Road Roller" from the List of Free Symbols with effect from 08.03.2011.

However to our surprise and dismay the symbol "Road Roller" is continued to be present in table 4 to the list of Free Symbols. This fact is to be taken into consideration and all the 8 symbols above shown including the Road Roller in the list of Free Symbols be deleted for conducting fair elections and in the interest of voters' right to exercise their discretion and choose their choicest of symbol without any confusion.

By doing the above, no prejudice is cast on anybody, and in fact, the chance of causing prejudice can be effectively removed. It is pertinent to bring it to your notice that there are hundreds of symbols available to the Honorable Commission to press them into service in place of the above-mentioned identical symbols.

The Adaptation of the list of Free Symbols is kept on the website of CEO Telangana just on 07th October 2022. 8th and 9th are holidays we could not submit our application on these two days. Now we are submitting the above application and seeking your intervention immediately preferably within 24 hours since the time is essence of the election schedule as per the Gazette Notification. As otherwise we will be put to irreparable loss and damage, which cannot be otherwise compensated. If no response is received by us within 24 to 48 hours we deemed that your are forcing us to seek appropriate remedy before appropriated competent court including moving before the Constitutional Courts.

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Therefore, in view of the facts and circumstances explained above and the continuous damage caused to the TRS Party in particular and also to the fair process of elections in a democracy, we earnestly pray for your authority to immediately delete the above symbols from the List of Free Symbols in-order to prevent using them in the bye election to be held to 93-Munugodu Legislative Assembly Constituency on 3rd November 2022 and also in the elections that are to be taken place in future.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(SOMA BHARATH KUMAR)
GENERAL SECRETARY
TELANGANA RASTHRA SAMITHI PARTY