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To,

Secretary,
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Bhavan, NEW DELHI.

Subject: Publication of Election Manifestos of Political
Parties FOR States in Official Language of concerned States

Through-e-mail

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Dear Sir,

The Election Commission of India has written letter dated 17.12.2018 to all Political Parties, that they should send three copies of their Election Manifestos to concerned Chief Electoral Officers of the State, **with its English/Hindi version. In my humble opinion, these instructions are inadequate. I have therefore, to submit as under:-**

1. That all Political Parties are publishing their separate election manifestos for all States. For instance, Punjab Pardesh Congress published its separate election manifesto exclusively during 2014, and 2017 elections (2017-2022).
2. That the Election Commission of India has the responsibility to conduct free and fair elections. The voters have the right to know, which includes the right to have manifestos published in the language they understand, so that they may exercise their right to vote as informed citizens/voters.

Thus, political parties must publish the manifestos in Official Language of the State. For instance, in Punjab, all political parties, who publish separate election manifesto for Punjab elections, must be required to publish a separate manifesto in Punjabi, since Punjabi is the Official Language of the State of Punjab. Such manifestos must be uploaded by the political parties on the websites of their State Offices also.

I would, therefore, call upon Election Commission of India to issue requisite instructions in the matter to all Chief Electoral Officers, and all recognized political parties.

Soliciting justice.

Yours Sincerely,

(HARI CHAND ARORA)