

## **PRESS NOTE**

1. The Election Commission of India has announced the schedules for general election for the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. The notifications will be issued on 24.03.04 (Wednesday) by the Election Commission of India. Proforma of election will be as follows

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Poll Event</b>	<b>Schedule dates</b>
1.	Date of issue of notification	24-03-2004
2.	Last Date for making nomination	31-03-2004
3.	Date of Scrutiny of nomination	01-04-2004
4.	Last date for withdrawal	05-04-2004
5.	Dates of Poll, if necessary	20-04-2004
6.	Date of Counting	13-05-2004

2. Under the provision laid down under rule 3 of Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, the Returning Officer will publish the notice of Election in Form -I. The Returning Officer, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency will receive the nomination papers in his office as specified in the notice of election and not in any other place. In absence of the Returning Officer due to unavoidable/Administrative reason, the Returning Officer may authorize one Assistant Returning Officer for the purpose who may receive the nomination papers at Headquarter in the office of the Returning Officer at Port Blair. Therefore, the place for receiving of nomination papers is fixed at Returning Officer's chamber (Deputy Commissioner (Andamans) Port Blair and not in any other place.

3. Under the amended section 33 of the Representation of People Act, 1951 the nomination .of a candidate at the election shall be required to be subscribed as follows.

(i) One elector of the Constituency as proposer, if the candidate has been set up either by a recognized National party or by a recognized State Party in the State or States in which it is recognized as State Party:

(ii) Ten(10) electors of the Constituency as proposer of the candidates has been set up by a registered unrecognized political parties or if he/she is an independent candidate.

4. The security amount is Rs. 10,000/-, and in case of the Schedule Caste or Schedule Tribes the amount is Rs. 5,000/-.

5. Under amended Rule 90 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 relating to maximum election expenses, the limitation has been increased upto Rs. 17,00,000/- (Rupees seventeen lakhs only) for the Union Territory of A & N Islands Parliamentary Constituency.

6. The Election Commission of India has notified the following 77 free symbols for the U.T of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, besides 6 reserved for the national parties.

### **The National Parties and the Symbols respectively reserved for them**

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>National Parties</b>	<b>Symbol reserved</b>
1.	Bahujan Samaj Party	Elephant
2.	Bhartiya Janata Party	Lotus
3.	Communist Party of India	Ears of corn sickle
4.	Communist Party of India (Marxist)	Hammer, Sickle and Star
5.	Indian National Congress	Hand
6.	National Congress Party	Clock

### **The State Parties in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the symbols respectively reserved**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the State Party in Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands</b>	<b>Symbol reserved</b>
	Nil	Not applicable

**Registered unrecognized parties and postal address of their head quarter in Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Name of the Registered unrecognized Political Party</b>	<b>Headquarters address</b>
1.	Andman Nicobar Vikas Congress	MB – 23, MG Road Middle Point Port Blair – 744101 (A&N Islands)
2.	Swaraj Dal	No. 4 Shop, Pathar Gudda, P.O. Garacharma, Port Blair – 744101 (A&N Islands)

**List of free symbols**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Aeroplane      | 41. Gas Cylinder    |
| 2. Almirah        | 42. Gas Stove       |
| 3. Axe            | 43. Glass Tumbler   |
| 4. Balloon        | 44. Hanger          |
| 5. Banana         | 45. Harmonium       |
| 6. Bangles        | 46. Hat             |
| 7. Basket         | 47. Ice Cream       |
| 8. Bat            | 48. Iron            |
| 9. Batsman        | 49. Jug             |
| 10. Battery Torch | 50. Kettle          |
| 11. Bead Necklace | 51. Kite            |
| 12. Black Board   | 52. Lady Purse      |
| 13. Book          | 53. Letter Box      |
| 14. Bread         | 54. Lock and Key    |
| 15. Brick         | 55. Maze            |
| 16. Bridge        | 56. Nagara          |
| 17. Brief Case    | 57. Neck tie        |
| 18. Brinjal       | 58. Pressure Cooker |
| 19. Brush         | 59. Railway Engine  |
| 20. Bungalow      | 60. Ring            |
| 21. Cake          | 61. Road Roller     |
| 22. Camera        | 62. Saw             |
| 23. Candles       | 63. Scissors        |
| 24. Car           | 64. Sewing machine  |
| 25. Carrom Board  | 65. Shuttle         |
| 26. Carrot        | 66. Slate           |
| 27. Ceiling fan   | 67. Spoon           |
| 28. Coat          | 68. Stool           |
| 29. Coconut       | 69. Table           |
| 30. Comb          | 70. Table lamp      |
| 31. Cot           | 71. Television      |
| 32. Cup & Saucer  | 72. Tent            |
| 33. Dao           | 73. Toffee          |
| 34. Diesel Pump   | 74. Violin          |
| 35. Doll          | 75. Walking Stick   |
| 36. Electric pole | 76. Whistle         |
| 37. Envelope      | 77. Wool            |
| 38. Fork          |                     |
| 39. Frock         |                     |
| 40. Frying Pan    |                     |

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