

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS  
(SYMBOLS AND TIME OFF)  
REGULATIONS**

*S.I. 20 of 2002*

(SECTION 113)

*[Commencement 1st February, 2002]*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Symbols and Time Off) Regulations. Citation.

2. In these Regulations — Interpretation.

“independent candidate” means a candidate in an election who does not claim or acknowledge membership of any party or group taking part in that election;

“prescribed symbols” means the symbols shown in the Schedule.

3. (1) Not later than seven days after the public notice of elections under section 35 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1992 any party or group desirous of using at an election the same symbol for all of its candidates at such election shall forward to the Parliamentary Registrar an application in writing requesting that it be allocated one of three of the prescribed symbols (being three symbols numbered 16-40 in the Schedule), which it shall specify in the application in the order of its preference, and the Parliamentary Registrar may, in his absolute discretion, assign to such a party or group one of the prescribed symbols so numbered but so that the symbol so assigned may or may not be one of the three symbols specified in the application, and such symbol shall thereupon become the symbol of such party or group for such election. Party symbols.  
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(2) Where a party is desirous of using at an election any symbol other than the prescribed symbols he shall not later than five days after the public notice of elections under section 35 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1992, forward to the Parliamentary Registrar an application in writing requesting the use of a symbol specified in the application, and the Parliamentary Registrar may, in his absolute discretion assign to such party or group that symbol, and such symbol shall thereupon become the symbol of such party or group.

Symbols for independent candidates.

**4.** (1) There shall be printed upon every ballot paper opposite the name of each independent candidate one of the prescribed symbols numbered 1-15 in the Schedule.

(2) The order in which such symbols are assigned to the names of such candidates shall correspond with the order in which the names of the candidates appear on the ballot paper.

(3) Where an independent candidate is desirous of using at an election any symbol other than the prescribed symbols he shall not later than five days after the public notice of elections under section 35 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1992, forward to the Parliamentary Registrar an application in writing requesting the use of a symbol specified in the application, and the Parliamentary Registrar may, in his absolute discretion assign to such candidate that symbol, and such symbol shall thereupon become the symbol of such candidate.

Printing of symbols.

**5.** (1) The symbol assigned to a candidate of a party or group or an independent candidate by the Parliamentary Registrar under regulations 3 and 4 shall be printed upon every ballot paper opposite the name of each candidate.

Publication of symbols.

**6.** The Parliamentary Registrar shall cause the symbols assigned under regulations 3 and 4 to be published in the *Gazette* as soon as possible after such symbols have been so assigned.

Symbols for independent candidates

**7.** A returning officer shall not recognise a candidate as a candidate of a party or group unless he has been informed on nomination day by the candidate in writing that he is a member of the party or group and his membership is confirmed by the inclusion of his name in a list of candidates supplied to the returning officer by a responsible officer of the party or group of which he claims membership not later than nomination day.

Employees shall be granted time off for voting.

**8.** (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation, every employer shall permit each of his employees who is registered as a voter to be absent from his work on polling day during the hours of the poll for two hours in addition to the normal meal hour, for the purpose of voting.

(2) The provision of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply to any employee whose work on polling day commences at or after ten o'clock in the morning or concludes at or before four o'clock in the afternoon.

(3) No employer shall make any deduction from the pay or other remuneration of any employee or impose upon or extract from him any penalty by reason of his absence from his work during the period specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation.

(4) Any employer who contravenes any of the provisions of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months.

**SCHEDULE (Regulations 3 and 4)**

**SYMBOLS**

