

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, ASHOKA ROAD NEW DELHI -110001

F.No. 4/RTI/2018/IFD 333

Dated: 14/09/2018

To



Sub :- Right to information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your application No.2943 dated 31/08/2018 filed online on the RTI web portal of DoPT on the subject cited. The same was received by the CPIO on 10/09/2018. In this regard, information is as under:

As per instruction/guidelines issued by the Ministry of Law & justice vide its letter No. G. 27031(11)/77-B & A, dated 26.10.1979 (copy enclosed), entire expenditure on actual conduct of elections to Lok Sabha is to be borne by the Government of India and such expenditure on conduct of election to State Legislatures, by the respective State Governments, when such elections are held independently. Further, in case these elections are held simultaneously, the expenditure is borne by the concerned State Government and the Central Government on 50:50 basis. The Commission bears only expenditure on honorarium to observers deployed during elections.

Information sought by the applicant is not available in the Commission. However, Commission has obtained figures regarding expenditure incurred for conduct of Lok Sabha general election which is re below:

Year of Election	Expenditure incurred (Provisional) (in Rs.)	Year of Election	Expenditure incurred (Provisional) (in Rs.)
1952	10,45,00,000	1989	154,22,00,000
1957	5,90,00,000	1991-92	359,10,24,679
1962	7,32,00,000	1996	597,34,41,000
1967	10,79,69,000	1998	666,22,16,000
1971	11,60,87,450	1999	947,68,31,000
1977	23,03,68,000	2004*	1,016,08,69,000
1980	54,77,39,000	2009#	1,114,38,45,000
1984-85	81,51,34,000	2014	3,87,034,56,024

\*The expenditure also includes the Govt. of India's share paid to the respective State Govt. by Govt. of India in connection with the election to the 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha. The figures of '2004' also includes expenditure incurred on State/UT Legislative Assemblies elections which were held with '2004' Lok Sabha elections.

# Figures relates to demand received from State/UTs for conducting of general election 2009 of Lok Sabha.

The figures mentioned in the table above, are tentative. For authentic figures of expenditure, you are requested to approach to the Ministry of Law & Justice and the concerned state Governments.

Since the matter is concerned with more than one public authority, the application cannot be transferred u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act.

First appeal, if any, may be filed within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter. The details of the First Appellate Authority are as under:-

Sh. Bernard John,  
Principal Secretary & FAA,  
Election Commission of India,  
Room No. 708, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nirvachan Sadan,  
New Delhi-110001  
E-mail: [bjohn@eci.gov.in](mailto:bjohn@eci.gov.in)

Yours faithfully,



(MOHAMMED UMAR)

SECRETARY &

CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Contact no. 23052066,

E-mail: [mohammed.umar@eci.gov.in](mailto:mohammed.umar@eci.gov.in)



COPY

No. G. 27031 (11)/77-B & A  
Government of India  
Ministry of Law, Justice & Co. Affairs  
(Legislative Department,  
Budget and Account Unit

To

The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Madras

New Delhi, the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1979.

Subject General Election to Lok Sabha, 1977- Apportionment of expenditure incurred on purchase of election material between the Central and the State Governments.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. 19480/78-1, dated the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1973, on the above subject and to say that the entire expenditure on actual conduct of elections to Lok Sabha is to be borne by the Government of India and such expenditure on conduct of election to State Legislatures by the respective State Governments, when such elections are held independently. The expression expenditure on actual conduct of election will cover items of expenditure on -

- (i) Setting up of polling stations and making necessary arrangements at polling booths/counting centres.
- (ii) Payment of T.A/D.A. etc., to polling personnel/counting staff.
- (iii) Making transport arrangements for carrying polling and counting staff to the polling and counting centres and for the movement of election material and ballot boxes.
- (iv) Making temporary telephone facilities and electrical fittings etc to the polling booths/counting centres.
- (v) Purchase of election material like indelible ink, Ammonia paper etc. which are exclusively utilized for that particular election and
- (vi) Miscellaneous expenditure for the purpose of smooth conduct of polling and counting.

Expenditure incurred on items of common concern to the Central and State Governments, like expenditure on the regular election establishment, preparation and revision of electoral rolls, purchase of steel/ballot boxes, is to be shared on 50:50 basis irrespective of whether such expenditure is incurred in connection with the elections to Lok Sabha or State Legislatures. In this connection your attention is invited to our letter no. F. 2/51-C, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1951 and no. 2 (7)/52-C dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1952 (copy enclosed) which would show that expenditure on almirahs, steel boxes, steel racks etc. which are required for storage and preservation of electoral rolls, ballot papers, and other records of election will be shared between the Centre and the State on 50:50 basis. It will, therefore, not be correct to debit the entire expenditure on the purchase of election material of common concern to the Central and State Governments to the accounts of Central Government merely because they were purchased during the Lok Sabha Elections, 1977, which were held independently of the elections to the State Legislative Assembly.

2. In these circumstances, the Government of India regrets the inability to accept the State Governments proposal. The expenditure under consideration is accordingly to be included in the divisible pool of election expenditure.

Yours faithfully,

Sd-

(V. Ramachandran)  
Deputy secretary to the Govt. of India

//P V Durga, Pragada Rao//

27 08 1979

Admissible items of expenditure

- 1 Pay of regular skeleton staff (exclusively for election work)
- 2 Printing/Publication of Electoral rolls
- 3 Expenditure on salaries etc. of temporary staff engaged for election work
- 4 Honorarium/allowances to Govt

Non-admissible items of expenditure

- 1 Constructions of buildings, garages and godowns
- 2 Purchase/replacement of Staff, Car, Photocopier Machines and Duplicating Machines and Computer etc, without specific approval of the Govt. of India
- 3 Hiring of Aircraft/Ship or Helicopter without specific approval of Government

staff deployed for preparations and Arrangements for the conduct of elections

5. Payment of TA/DA to polling and Counting Personnel.

6. Light refreshments to Counting staff

7. Expenditure on setting up of Polling Stations/Counting Booths

8. Expenditure on ballot boxes.

9. Ballot paper (cost of paper and printing)

10. Indelible Ink

11. Transport Arrangements (including repairs/hire charges of vehicles, Petrol, Oil and Lubricants etc.)

12. Miscellaneous expenditure (procurement of other election material Arrow seals, packing material etc.)

13. Training of Poll Personnel and Training material

of India

4. Video Films, without approval of this Ministry

5. Advertisements.

6. Hot lines/Phone

7. Typewriters

8. Capital expenditure of any kind.

www.factly.in