

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**CIRCULAR**

**No. 441/SEC-F1/2014**

**Date: 18.03.2014**

Sub: State Election Commission – Ordinary elections to Municipal bodies –  
Withdrawal of candidature – Certain clarification issued – Reg.

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As per the election programme notified for ordinary elections to Municipal bodies, the last date for withdrawal of candidatures is up to 3:00 PM on 18.03.2014.

As per the election law, there shall be one entry only in respect of each validly nominated candidate in the list of validly nominated candidates although more nomination papers than one in respect of such candidate may have been accepted as valid.

Therefore, when such validly nominated candidate submits notice of withdrawal to the Election Officer / Returning Officer in prescribed form, he shall be considered as withdrawn his candidature and his name shall not figure in the list of contesting candidates for that seat. He will not remain in the contest for that seat.

This position may be brought to the notice of all the contesting candidates in general and particularly to those who intend to withdraw their candidature on the presumption that they filed more than one nomination which were found to be valid and as such they have to withdraw all but one nomination. This presumption is wrong and it should be noted that once a candidate submits the notice of withdrawal of candidature, he will not remain in the contest for that seat.

**Sd/- Navin Mittal**  
**SECRETARY**

To  
All the Collectors & District Election Authorities.  
All the Municipal Commissioners concerned.  
All the Returning Officers / Election Officers (through Municipal Commissioners concerned)

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**Joint Secretary**