

# **Parliamentary Elections (Posters and Banners) Regulations 1996**

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**THE SCHEDULE Permit to Display Posters and Banners**

**No. S 527**

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT  
(CHAPTER 218)**

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (POSTERS AND BANNERS) REGULATIONS  
1996**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 78 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, the Prime Minister hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Posters and Banners) Regulations 1996 and shall come into operation on 13th December 1996.

**Display of posters and banners without permit prohibited**

**2.** Subject to these Regulations, no person shall, between the day of nomination and polling day of an election, display or cause to be displayed any poster or banner relating to any candidate or group of candidates in that election unless the person is authorised to do so under a permit issued under regulation 3.

**Permits for display of posters and banners**

**3.—(1)** As soon as possible after the day of nomination, the Returning Officer shall issue to every candidate or group of candidates or his or their election agents a permit substantially in the form set out in the Schedule authorising the display of posters and banners in the electoral division in which the candidate or group of candidates seek election.

(2) The Returning Officer may, in issuing a permit, impose such terms and conditions as he may think fit, including conditions as to —

- (a) the places where, or the objects or things on which, posters and banners may not be displayed;
- (b) the manner in which posters and banners may or may not be displayed; and
- (c) the maximum number of posters and banners to be displayed in the electoral division.

### **Number of posters and banners to be displayed**

4.—(1) The Returning Officer shall, for any election, determine the number of posters and banners which may be displayed between the day of nomination and polling day in respect of any candidate or group of candidates in the electoral division in which the candidate or group of candidates seek election, and shall allot equally among the candidates or groups of candidates in any electoral division the number of posters and banners which may be so displayed.

(2) In determining the number of posters and banners which may be displayed in any electoral division, the Returning Officer may have regard to the area of the electoral division and the number of electors therein.

### **Other forms of display prohibited**

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall, between the day of nomination and polling day of an election, display or cause to be displayed any poster or banner relating to any candidate or group of candidates in that election or the contents of any such poster or banner —

- (a) by means of any television broadcast for reception by the public or any section thereof (whether on payment or otherwise);
- (b) by means of electronic transmissions on the Internet for immediate or future retrieval or access by the public or any section thereof (whether on payment or otherwise);
- (c) by exhibiting the poster or banner or its contents in, or in a manner so as to be visible from, any place to which the public (or any section thereof) have or are permitted to have access (whether on payment or otherwise); or
- (d) by publishing the poster or banner or its contents in any newspaper, magazine or periodical,

unless the person is authorised to do so by and does so in accordance with the directions of the Returning Officer.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall prohibit the broadcast or publication (including publication on the Internet) of any item of news or current affairs which contains any reference to a poster or banner relating to a candidate or group of candidates in an election.

### **Posters and banners to bear official stamp**

6.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), no person shall display or cause to be displayed in any public place any poster or banner unless there is affixed to the poster or banner a stamp issued by the Returning Officer bearing his official mark.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the display of any poster or banner on the day and at the site of any election rally held by a candidate or group of candidates.

(3) Paragraph (1) shall also not apply to the display of any poster or banner or its contents by means of —

- (a) television broadcasting;
- (b) electronic transmissions on the Internet;
- (c) exhibiting a film or photograph of the poster or banner or its contents; or
- (d) publication in any newspaper, magazine or periodical.

### **Copy of poster or banner to be lodged with Returning Officer**

7. No person shall display or cause to be displayed by any means any poster or banner unless —

- (a) a copy of the poster or a detailed diagram or drawing of the banner has previously been lodged with the Returning Officer by a candidate or group of candidates or his or their election agents; and
- (b) he is in possession of a written authority to conduct election activity signed by a candidate or his election agent in accordance with section 83(2) of the Act.

### **Size of posters and banners**

8.—(1) The size of a poster shall not exceed —

- (a) 1,750 millimetres by 1,200 millimetres for display in a group representation constituency; or
- (b) 850 millimetres by 600 millimetres for display in any constituency, other than a group representation constituency.