

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All States & Union Territories.

Sub: Biennial Election to the Council of States, 2013 from Tamil Nadu Appointment of
Authorised Agents in Form 22A - Clarification -reg.

Sir,

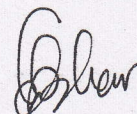
I am directed to state the Chief Electoral Officer of Tamil Nadu vide his letter No. 2610/2013-21, dated 11.06.2013, on the subject cited above, has sought clarification regarding appointment of MLAs and Ministers as Authorised Agents for the election to the Council of States.

In this regard it is mentioned that Rule 39AA (2) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 does not specify who shall be the authorised agents of the Party, and apart from that the election to the Council of States has a system of 'Open Ballot Paper'. Hence, an MLA or Minister can also be appointed as the Authorised Agent of the political party in respect of election to the Council of States, provided that they have no security cover given by the State or Central Government/ Security Agencies. An MLA or Minister having security cover will not be allowed to surrender his security cover to act as such agent of a candidate/Party.

Also, any other person having security cover will not be allowed to surrender his security cover to act as such agent of a candidate or Party.

This instruction shall also be applicable to the appointment of polling agents/counting agents/election agents in respect of election to the Council of States/Legislative Council.

Yours faithfully,



(K N BHAR)
SECRETARY