



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
BALUWAKHANI, GANGTOK - SIKKIM**

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Dated: 24.04.2025

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas, the registration of an Association/Body of individual citizens of India as a political party is governed by the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951; and

Whereas, the purpose of registration of an association as a political party with the Election Commission under the aforesaid Section 29A is stated in that Section itself, i.e. to avail of the provisions of that part for the purposes of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which means participation in elections conducted by the Commission under the said Act; and

Whereas, "Sikkim United Front" was registered as a political party under the said Section 29A, on an application made by the party under the said Section; and

Whereas, the Commission, in exercise of powers vested under Article 324 of the Constitution of India and Section 29 A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 has issued Guidelines for Registration of Political Parties that are binding on all political parties; and

Whereas, para 3 (six) of the Guidelines for Registration of Political Parties mandates that the applicant for registration as a political party, undertakes that it must declare in the party constitution that the party shall submit its Annual Audited Accounts to the Commission; and

Whereas, as per the records of the Commission, the "Sikkim United Front" did not submit its Annual Audited Accounts for the financial year 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 within the stipulated time period; and

Whereas, the Commission has issued guidelines on transparency and accountability in party funds and election expenditure in pursuance of the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of Common Cause vs Union of India & Others (AIR 1996 SC 3081), mandating all political parties to submit the statement of all the Election Expenditure incurred by the party from date of announcement of election to the date of completion of election. The Statement has to be submitted in the proforma specified by the Commission within 75 days of completion of election in the case of General Election to the Legislative Assembly and within 90 days of completion of election in the case of General Election to the House of the People; and

Whereas, as per the records of the Commission, the “**Sikkim United Front** ” has contested General Election but did not submit in the proforma specified by the Commission, the statement of all the Election Expenditure incurred by them within the stipulated time period; and

Whereas, in the above circumstances, the Commission, in exercise of its powers under Article 324 of the Constitution of India and Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, proposes to delist the Political Party “**Sikkim United Front**” from the list of registered parties and

Whereas, before taking action as proposed above, the Commission has decided to provide to the said party an opportunity of making a representation/showing cause, if any, as to why the proposed action may not be taken;

Now, therefore, the Political Party “**Sikkim United Front**” is called upon to make a written representation to the undersigned in this behalf if it so desires. The representation, if any, should be duly accompanied by an affidavit from the President or General Secretary of the party, and all supporting documents on which the party proposes to rely, and should reach the undersigned latest by **8th October, 2025** .

It is also stated that the date of hearing for the party has been scheduled on **10th of October, 2025**. Such hearing should mandatorily be attended by the President/ General Secretary/ Head of the Party. If no reply is received from the party by the aforesaid date, it will be presumed that the party has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will pass appropriate orders without any further reference to the party.

By Order.



(Prabhakar), IAS

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, SIKKIM

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