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State Party Status by Election Commission of India

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Recently, the **Jannayak Janta Party of Haryana** has been granted the status of a **recognised State party** and has been allotted the **symbol of “key”** by **Election Commission of India**.

Other two recognised state parties of Haryana are **Haryana Janhit Congress** and **Indian National Lok Dal**.

Key Points

- Political parties are registered by the election commission for the purpose of elections and granted recognition as national or state parties **on the basis of their poll performance**.
The other parties are simply declared as **registered-unrecognised parties**.
- The recognition determines their **right to certain privileges** like allocation of the party **symbols**, provision of time for **political broadcasts** on television and radio stations and access to electoral rolls.
- Every national party and every state party is allotted a symbol exclusively reserved for its use throughout the country and the states respectively. In other words, the Commission specifies certain symbols as **‘reserved symbols’** which are meant for the candidates set up by the recognised parties.

Conditions for Recognition as a State Party

A party is recognised as a state party in a state if any of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- If it **secures 6% of the valid votes polled** in the state at a general election to the legislative assembly of the state concerned and in **addition, it wins 2 seats** in the assembly of the state concerned or
- If it secures 6% of the valid votes polled in the state at a general election to the Lok Sabha from the state concerned and in addition, it wins 1 seat in the Lok Sabha from the state concerned or

- If it wins 3% of seats in the legislative assembly at a general election to the legislative assembly of the state concerned or 3 seats in the assembly, whichever is more or
- If it wins 1 seat in the Lok Sabha for every 25 seats or any fraction thereof allotted to the state at a general election to the Lok Sabha from the state concerned or
- If it secures 8% of the total valid votes polled in the state at a General Election to the Lok Sabha from the state or to the legislative assembly of the state. This condition was added in 2011.

Conditions for Recognition as a National Party

A party is recognised as a national party if any of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- If it **secures 6% of valid votes polled** in any **four or more states** at a general election to the Lok Sabha or to the legislative assembly and in addition, it wins four seats in the Lok Sabha from any state or states, or
- If it **wins 2% of seats in the Lok Sabha** at a general election and these candidates are elected from three states, or
- If it is recognised as a **state party in four states**.

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