

what is the need for registering political party with EC. Discuss various recog. accorded by EC

The number of registered unrecognised political parties (RUPP) increased twofold in the last decade. 97.5% of parties registered with election commission are RUPP as reported by Association of Democratic Reforms

Need for registering

Process of registration is governed by sec 29 of RPA, 1951. The registered party candidate is given preference in allotment of free symbols

Based on the performance, the party can be 'accorded the status of national party or a state party -

Recognitions accorded by Supreme Court Commissioner

→ allotment of reserved symbol to the candidate of the party. The parties can reach out to people easily.

- One proposer is enough during the nomination of the candidate.

- Two sets of electoral rolls are given for free of cost to the parties.

- Eligibility for subsidized land for setting up party offices.

- In case of recognized parties -

40 star campaigners are allowed and

20 in case of RUPP.

Thus registering with ECI has myriad of benefits and also it is necessary to weed out the parties that are not contesting for five years