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Ques) What is the need for registering a political party with the election commission? Discuss the various recognitions accorded by the election commission. (200)

Ans) The election commission is responsible for the conduction of National and state elections and it becomes the body to register the eligible political parties for efficient conduction of elections.

Any individual or organisation willing to form a ~~an~~ political party ~~or~~ and register the same needs to follow a set of procedure and provide relevant documents to the commission.

Registration of parties is not compulsory but admirable as-

- ① While registering, the formation documents, affidavits of members and other documents are submitted. It ensures transparency and accountability of the concerned party.
- ② The parties registering must have a proper internal election system which prevents arbitrariness and concentration of power.

③ It is required for the registering party to present a rulebook and memorandum to be duly submitted which further enforces them to be disciplined

④ Registered political parties get advantage in allotment of free symbols as compared to independent ones.

⑤ They can avail the provisions of Representation of People's Act (regulation of parties provisions)

⑥ They can further be recognised as state / National parties after fulfilling and maintaining certain criteria. This provides them with further facilities.

election commission recognises registered parties as

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State Party

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National Party

(On getting 8% valid votes from the state election the party gets all the seats in Legislative Assembly or

6% valid votes and in Lok Sabha elections at least 1 seat in Lok Sabha

or
3% or 3 seats in state Legislative Assembly

or
8% of the valid votes in the general election of Lok Sabha

if the party gets

6% of the valid votes from 4 or more states in Lok Sabha elections and 4 seats in Lok Sabha

or
2% seats are won by it and candidates must be elected from 3 or more states

or
if it is recognised as a state party in 4 or more states.

conditions :

A recognised political party will get provisions like official workspace in capital city, free utilities, subsidies, an exclusive symbol, funding etc. The management of election can become more efficient by proper registration and recognition of parties and add up to transparency and accountability.