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## Urgent - complaint against RO Bhadohi's violation of election laws

**Swarna Bharat Party** <info@swarnabharat.in>  
To: schandra@eci.gov.in

Thu, Apr 25, 2019 at 5:05 PM

Dear Mr Chandra, I'm Sanjeev Sabhlok of the IAS 1982 batch (resigned some time ago and associated with India's only liberal party, Swarna Bharat Party).

I'm writing regarding an urgent issue in Bhadohi district where our party's candidate Rabi Kant Bharti's nomination has been rejected by the RO without giving any written reasons for rejection. From the information that's been collected there is one tick box that was not filled. The candidate declared tens of times in a table that he has no criminal case against him but forgot to tick the first "yes/no" box. This is not a substantive error under the ROP Act and in any case our candidate deserves the opportunity to fix it. But the RO does not accept a revised affidavit, nor accepts letters or any correspondence.

The RO's action are in complete violation of the Candidate Handbook. The Handbook also refers to Section 36(4) of the Representation of the People act, 1951 which lays down that the RO shall not reject any nomination paper on the ground of any defect which is not of a substantial character. The actions of the RO are making a farce of democracy and the laws.

Could you please investigate this urgently, please, so our candidate gets a fair hearing under the laws of the land? I'd appreciate urgent action on this.

Regards  
Sanjeev Sabhlok  
Swarna Bharat Party

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From: **Swarna Bharat Party** <info@swarnabharat.in>  
Date: Thu, Apr 25, 2019 at 8:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Urgent - complaint against RO Bhadohi's violation of election laws  
To: <ceo\_uttarpradesh@eci.gov.in>, <ceoup@nic.in>  
Cc: <complaints@eci.gov.in>

Dear CEO Uttar Pradesh

In continuation of my previous email, please find attached the photo of the request our candidate was trying to lodge with RO Bhadohi. Unfortunately, he refused to accept the letter, nor has provided any written reasons for rejection for Rabi Kant Bharti's nomination. **Can you please check this immediately since this is a time bound matter.**

Our candidate needs written reasons plus time to respond. The action of the RO in this case so far have been ultra vires of his powers and in violation of election law.

Regards  
Dipinder Sekhon  
President Swarna Bharat Party

On Thu, Apr 25, 2019 at 8:26 PM Swarna Bharat Party <info@swarnabharat.in> wrote:



Dear Chief Electoral Officer

I would like to report on behalf of the Swarna Bharat Party that the Returning Officer of Bhadohi has rejected our candidate's (Rabi Kant Bharti's) nomination form in Bhadohi.

The RO Bhadohi did not provide any written documentation about the reasons for rejection. He also refused to entertain a revised affidavit that corrected a very minor error in the original one. He has also refused to give time to the party to clarify issues.

This is in direct contravention of the Candidate Handbook issued by the Election Commission and the behaviour of the RO is violative of the basic principles of democracy.

Our candidate Rabi Kant Bharti was also not issued a receipt for the letter he tried to lodge with the RO.

All avenues of redress have been exhausted and we are writing to you to immediately ask the RO for an explanation.

More later. Please intervene immediately.

Regards

Dipinder Sekhon  
President  
Swarna Bharat Party  
<http://swarnabharat.in/>



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