

# *Delhi Election Watch*

a coalition of concerned citizens and civil society groups

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I am writing this on behalf of the Delhi Election Watch which is a coalition of several NGOs in the city. One of the main objectives and programme of the Delhi Election Watch is to help the voters know the background and other relevant information about candidates contesting elections so that they can make a carefully considered choice in casting their vote.

Attached is a letter which we are sending to all the sitting members of the Delhi Assembly. We presume that all or many of them will be contesting the elections again. While disclosure by candidates seeking election to the Parliament and the State Assemblies is now a mandatory requirement, we as citizens of Delhi feel that sooner we get to know the candidates the better and easier it will be for us to make a clear and well thought out choice.

Over the past few months the Press has announced that you will be contesting the elections and in the event of your party winning you will also become the Chief Minister.

We are now making this special request on behalf of the Delhi Election Watch that you as a long standing leader of your party should set the example in providing the information that the citizens are seeking from all the prospective candidates to our State assembly. We believe this will be a strong signal to the public and to those of your party contesting the elections that you and your party stand firmly committed to a process of transparency in elections with effective citizen participation.

The responses received will be studied by a Committee of eminent persons set up by the Election Watch headed by Admiral Tahiliani, former Chief of Naval staff and others with myself as the Convener.

Awaiting your response and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(K C Sivaramakrishnan)

Encl: as above