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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL
Government Notifications

**UNDER SECTION 03 OF THE REGULATION OF ELECTION EXPENDITURE ACT,
No. 3 OF 2023**

THE authorized amount that could be incurred by recognized political parties, independent groups and other candidates contesting the Local Authorities Election – 2024 to elect members to the Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha established under the written law, in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) as amended by Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act. No.24 of 1977, for election propaganda activities within each electoral area, as fixed by the Election Commission, in consultation with recognized political parties, independent groups and other candidates contesting the Election, in accordance with Section 03 of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023, is indicated in the Schedule below.

R. M. A. L. RATHNAYAKE,
Chairman,
Election Commission.

M. A. P. C. PERERA,
Member,
Election Commission.

AMEER FAAIZ,
Member,
Election Commission.

A. SHANMUGANATHAN,
Member,
Election Commission.

Prof. LAKSHMAN DISSANAYAKE,
Member,
Election Commission.

At the Election Commission,
Sarana Mawatha,
Rajagiriya,
14th September, 2024.



The schedule above referred to

01. A candidate contesting the Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha election may incur not more than Rs.20/- per elector registered in the valid electoral register of his ward as his campaign expenses in the ward in which he is contesting. Accordingly, the maximum limit of expenditure that could be incurred by a candidate contesting each ward is shown below. (The relevant authorized amount is given in Annexure – 01)
02. According to the section 3(4) of the Election Expenditure Act No. 3 of 2023, a recognized political party, an independent group and candidates in second nomination list may incur campaign expenses as listed below.
 - I. A recognized political party or an independent group contesting Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha election may incur a sum of 60% of the amount resulting from the multiplication of the total number of registered voters in the electoral area for the current year by Rs.20/-, the sum fixed that could be incurred per elector registered in the valid electoral register, by each candidate contesting the election, as campaign expenses for contesting that local authority. (The relevant authorized amount is given in Annexure – 01)
 - II. A sum of 40% of the amount resulting from the multiplication of the total number of registered voters in the electoral area by Rs.20/-, the sum that could be incurred per elector registered in the valid electoral register by each candidate contesting the election, divided by the total number of candidates in second nomination list, shall be the authorized amount to be incurred by an additional candidate. (The relevant authorized amount is given in Annexure – 01)
03. The election expenditure reports should be prepared, audited and handed over to the Election Commission by the political party or the candidate, as the case may be, with attestation of the signature of the candidate by Commissioner of Oaths or Justice of the Peace within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of declaration of results of the election.

This report should include,

- i. an estimated cost of all donations and contributions, accepted or received in cash or kind by such recognized or other political party or candidate, stating whether they are donations, loans, advances or deposits,
- ii. name, address and number of NIC, TIN of the IRD or the registration number of the donor, contributor, or the institution incorporated or non-incorporated, who made the donation or contribution.

This report should include expenditure on

- a. all media activities (propaganda notices, handbills, posters, banners, pictures, photographs, advertisements etc.),
- b. radio and television programs,
- c. news bulletins, magazines, periodicals, social media, digital exposes or any other digital media or publications, and
- d. supply of fuel to vehicles;

with the information whether payments were made or not, if paid, the bills, if not paid, the name, NIC number and address of the person who provided the particular service/ donations

This report should not include the expenditure on

- a. transport costs of the candidate
- b. costs on stationery, telephone charges or any other communication mode

04. The Election Commission or Returning Officer will publish a notice within 10 days of the receipt of such report in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages, at least in one national newspaper, informing the date, time and place where the report could be scrutinized.

05. Any person is allowed to obtain a copy of such report after making the payments prescribed by the Election Commission. Relevant rates can be obtained from the Returning Officers.
06. Failure to submit the reports before the stipulated date, and submission of defective reports, is an offence, by the recognized political party or independent group or candidate in terms of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) as amended by Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act. No.24 of 1977 and will be subject to penalties thereunder.
07. (1). In the Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha 2024, any recognized political party or independent group or candidate should not solicit or accept directly or indirectly any donation, contribution in cash or kind for the purpose of promotion or accommodation of any party or candidate from
- any government department, public corporation or company incorporated under the Companies Act No 7 of 2007 or any Act prior to the promulgation of this Act;
 - any foreign state, international organization, or a body incorporated outside Sri Lanka;
 - any company incorporated in Sri Lanka under the Companies Act No7 of 2007 or under any previous law where fifty or more shares held directly or indirectly by foreign ownership; or
 - any person whose identity is not established;
- (2)/(1) Any candidate who violates the provisions of the Subsection (1) commits an offence of an illegal practice within the meaning of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) as amended by Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act. No.24 of 1977 and is subject to the penalties thereunder.

Annex 01

<i>Administrative District</i>	<i>Local Government</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Number of registered voters</i>	<i>Amount determined (Rs.)</i>	<i>Maximum expenditure limit per candidate (Rs.)</i>
Galle	Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha	Awiththawa	3066	20	61,320.00
		Omaththa	4244	20	84,880.00
		Metiviliya	2186	20	43,720.00
		Idipalegoda	2620	20	52,400.00
		Amugoda	3265	20	65,300.00
		Ketandola	2800	20	56,000.00
		Elpitiya	3604	20	72,080.00
		Nawadagala	3594	20	71,880.00
		Batuwanhena	4475	20	89,500.00
		Thalawa	3894	20	77,880.00
		Kudagala Kadirandola	4658	20	93,160.00
		Wallabagala	2536	20	50,720.00
		Pituwala	2780	20	55,600.00
		Ella	3360	20	67,200.00
		Ambana Kahadoowa	3133	20	62,660.00
		Pinikahana	3043	20	60,860.00
		Thibbotuwawa	2385	20	47,700.00
		TOTAL			55643

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Maximum expenditure limit for Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha that could be incurred by a political party or an independent group	667,716.00
Maximum expenditure limit that could be incurred by one candidate in the supplementary list for Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha	31,796.00

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