

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, TELANGANA**  
**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT**  
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**Memo No. 7144 /Elections.D/2024-2**

**Dated:23.10.2024.**

Sub:- Elections - Election Commission of India – Merger of the “Bharatiya Jantantra Morcha” with the “Janata Dal ( United)” – Communicated – Regarding.

Ref:- ECI, Letter No.56/47/2021/PPS- III, dt.16.10.2024.

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A copy of the reference cited is enclosed herewith wherein the Election Commission of India directed to forward an order that Merger of the “ Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha “ With the “Janata Dal (United)”, the BJM has ceased to exist as a separate political party and the name of the “Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha” be removed from the list of political parties.as contained in the Commission’s Notification No.56/2024/PPS-III, dated. 27.03.2024.and the election Symbol “Gas Cylinder”, allotted to the “Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha” vide commission letter dated 14.08.2024, under para 10(B) of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order,1968, for the upcoming General Election to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Jharkhand, 2024 is hereby withdrawn.

**Yours faithfully,**

**Sd/-**

**C.SUDHARSAN REDDY**  
**CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &**  
**E.O. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To**

The Commissioner, GHMC & District Election Officer, Hyderabad. (w.e)

All the Collectors & District Election Officers in the state (w.e)

**Copy to:**

All the Returning Officers of 119 Assembly Constituencies and 17 Parliamentary Constituencies (through the Collectors & District Election Officers concerned) (w.es.)

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**SECTION OFFICER**



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SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 56/47/2021/PPS-III

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

To

The President, <b>Janata Dal (United),</b> 7, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi-110 001.	The President/General Secretary, <b>Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha,</b> Khata No. 80, Plot No.-528, Village-Sidraul, Yugantar Bharti, P.S.-Namkum, Distt.- Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002.
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**Sub: Merger of the 'Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha' with the 'Janata Dal (United)' – Reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Commission's Order dated 16.10.2024 (copy enclosed), on the subject cited above.

Yours faithfully,

*(Jusmeet Kaur)*  
16/10/2024  
(Jusmeet Kaur)  
Under Secretary

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- The Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories.
- The State Election Commissioners of all States and Union Territories.
- Political Parties Section – III, ECI.

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No. 56/47/2021/PPS-III

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

**ORDER**

**Subject:- Merger of Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha with Janata Dal (United).**

1. The Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha, hereinafter referred to as BJM, is a registered unrecognized political party under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Sh. Dharmendra Tiwari, President of the Party, as per records of the Commission, vide his letter dated 12.10.2024, intimated that BJM has merged with the Janata Dal (United), hereafter referred to as JD(U), a State Party in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar & Manipur, as per the decision taken in the National Executive meeting held on 27.09.2024. The copy of resolution dated 27.09.2024 of the National Executive meeting of BJM was forwarded to the Commission. The JD(U) vide its letter dated 01.10.2024, has also intimated the Commission that the merger of BJM with JD(U) has been accepted by the JD(U).

2. The Matter has been duly considered by the Commission. The relevant provision in the Constitution of BJM regarding merger given in Article-X(A), are as under: -

*"In special circumstances the Party may merge with any other political party with similar aims and objectives. The decision of merger will have to be taken by two-third majority of the State Council and State Executive Committee after circulating the resolution of merger to all District Council and extensive discussion in these bodies. The resolution of merger will be placed in State Executive Committee and State Council only after concurrence from two thirds of the District Council."*

3. The Commission vide its letter dated 14.10.2024, sought clarification from the BJM whether the procedure laid down in the Article-X(A) of the Party Constitution, has been followed. The BJM vide its letter dated 15.10.2024, has stated that out of twenty- four districts of Jharkhand, the Party has organization in ten districts. After concurrence from two-thirds of the District Council, the resolution for merger with JD(U) was passed by two-thirds of the District Units. The resolution was ratified by two-thirds of the members of the State Council on 27.09.2024. Subsequently, the same resolution was ratified by two-thirds of the State Executive on 27.09.2024. It is seen that the decision taken on 27.09.2024, regarding the merger of the BJM with JD(U) is in consonance with the above referred provisions of the Party Constitution.

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There is no contrary claim brought before the Commission in this regard and the Chief Electoral Officer of the State has confirmed that there is no information of any group representing to exist as BJM.

4. Taking into consideration all the documents on record, the Commission is satisfied that BJM has merged with the JD(U), a recognized Party in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar & Manipur. Accordingly, the Commission has decided under the provisions of Para 16 of the Symbols Order, that on its merger with the JD(U), the BJM has ceased to exist as a separate political party and the name of the 'Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha' be removed from the list of political parties. as contained in the Commission's Notification No. 56/2024/PPS-III, dated 27.03.2024. Further, the election symbol 'Gas Cylinder', allotted to the 'Bhartiya Jantantra Morcha' vide Commission letter dated 14.08.2024, under Para 10(B) of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, for the upcoming General Election to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Jharkhand, 2024 is hereby withdrawn.

By Order,



**JAYDEB LAHIRI**  
**SECRETARY**